

Minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on Monday, August 17, 2009. The meeting was called to order by the president at 7:00 p.m. The recording secretary called the roll. Present were: Boehne, Ottengheime, Konen, Foster. Absent: Palombo, Hicks

It was moved by Ottengheime, seconded by Konen to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2009 board of education meeting. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

### Communications

The president asked if anyone in the audience had anything that they wished to present to the board. No one responded.

Mr. Mantzke gave the Shabbona Elementary principal's report. There are 243 total students with pre-K (15 a.m. and 15 p.m.) and 213 students just in grades K-5. The total is up 7 students from last year. Preschool screening has taken place.

Mr. Hicks arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Simpson gave the Waterman Elementary principal's report. The roof replacement has taken place and there were leaks in two classrooms. There was no damage to materials. There was also a leak in the primary hallway from a portion of the roof that hadn't been worked on yet. Ms. Rockwood spoke to the architect, the roofing company owner, and Mr. Simpson about the glass blocking. The leak was due to no trim being up yet.

Mrs. Kennedy gave the middle school principal's report. The middle school has eight leaks between the gym and the locker room and a new leak in the science room and on the third floor. The leaks have been from not yet having the gutters put back on.

Ms. Rockwood said that before the gutters are put on the architect has to approve drawings. The architect asked for the drawings from the roofing company in April. The architect was given one sheet last week and it wasn't approved. There have been many weather difficulties during this project. There is a fifteen year warranty from the manufacturer who will inspect the roof when it is completed. The first round of leaks were fixed and those have not leaked again. As of this time, the district has submitted a \$24,000 claim to the roofer's insurance agent.

Mr. Foster asked Mrs. Kennedy what needs to be finished in the office. Mrs. Kennedy explained that it just looks ugly. It just needs to be tiled and drywalled and then it should be good to go.

Mrs. Darlinger handed out the special education report. The number of special education students is down from last year. There will be CPI training by two certified trainers from our district with our end result being that there will be 60 staff members trained and certified in handling a non-violent crisis. This training will occur during the teacher institute day on Thursday and be completed during our September early dismissal. Five percent of the IDEA money must be spent every year on professional development and those dollars will be used to pay for the training.

Mrs. Montgomery gave the high school principal's report. Power Adventures will be doing a team-building training with all staff focusing on our work in the areas of socio/emotional and Rti. The teachers will then be able to use teaming strategies to work with the students.

#### BUSINESS

Mrs. Ottengheime had a question on the computer loan bill. It was explained that it was the payment and interest and the board had acted on taking out the loan at a past board meeting. Mr. Foster said the roofer bill was for the portion of work that was completed and approved by our architect before any of the leaks had occurred. It was moved by Konen, seconded by Boehne to approve the bills for the month of August accounts payable checks numbers 60206 to 60333 in the amount of \$400,427.04; payroll checks numbers 43751 to 43834 and 1696d to 1881d in the amount of \$389,081.82; and the treasurer's report, imprest fund report, and community school fund report. Roll call vote: Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Foster, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Ottengheime, seconded by Konen to pay \$815 to Francesca's as the bill came in after the board packet was sent. Roll call vote: Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Hicks, yes; Foster, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Boehne that the meeting adjourn into executive session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:32 p.m.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Boehne that the meeting reconvene into regular session. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting reconvened into regular session at 8:28 p.m.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Boehne that the executive session minutes be approved as reviewed. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

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It was moved by Konen, seconded by Boehne to accept the resignation of Lisa Fleming as junior class sponsor effective immediately. Roll call vote: Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Foster, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Boehne to accept the resignation of Mary Bail as school nurse effective immediately. Roll call vote: Konen, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Foster, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Konen to accept the resignation of Stephanie Snider as assistant high school softball coach effective immediately. Roll call vote: Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Foster, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Foster, seconded by Boehne to accept the resignation of Abiah Schrader as cheerleading sponsor effective immediately. Roll call vote: Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Hicks, yes; Foster, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Boehne to approve Andrew Novak as junior class sponsor. Roll call vote: Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Foster, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Boehne to approve Erin Cronin Runkle as social worker. Roll call vote: Konen, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Foster, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Konen to approve Linda Peaslee as school nurse. Roll call vote: Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Foster, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Boehne to approve Emily Zuege as paraprofessional. Roll call vote: Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Hicks, yes; Foster, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Konen to approve Michelle Petragallo as paraprofessional. Roll call vote: Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Foster, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Boehne to approve Cheri Ballard as paraprofessional. Roll call vote: Konen, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Foster, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Konen to approve Tracy Mishler as paraprofessional. Roll call vote: Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Foster, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Konen to approve William Smith as part-time custodian at Waterman Elementary School. Roll call vote: Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Hicks, yes; Foster, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Konen to approve Monica Berryhill as Indian Creek Middle School student council sponsor. Roll call vote: Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Foster, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Hicks to approve the FMLA request of Lauren Buenzow as per new federal regulations. Roll call vote: Konen, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Foster, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Foster, seconded by Boehne to accept the resignation of Daniel Cribben as board of education member. Roll call vote: Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Foster, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Ottengheime to approve the 2009-10 overnight trips as presented. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. Mrs. Ottengheime suggested that it was time to change the location and time of the senior class trip.

It was moved by Hicks, seconded by Konen to approve the alteration of grounds. The Meredith family would like to plant a tree at Waterman Elementary in their mother's memory. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Konen to approve the disposal of school property which is bus #7. Roll call vote: Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Hicks, yes; Foster, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

#### REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Ms. Rockwood handed out an overview of the budget. The total of funds was \$9,497,602 and last year it was \$8,428,673 for an increase of \$1,068,929. State aid is estimated at \$990,000. The state is supplanting state aid with ARRA money. Corporate personal property tax is at 74% with the norm being 99%. The state is behind in payments by two quarters from last year. Revenues are projected at 97% and only include two quarters of FY 09 and one quarter of this year. Special education costs have doubled in the last five years. There are additional expenditures in assuming the possible purchase of a new bus, and the possibility of running another shuttle from Waterman for an

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additional \$10,544 in salary, benefits, and bus costs. The revenues no longer include the ADA grant as it does not exist. Due to the dissolution of DCSEA, we already know that we will have to file a waiver regarding an increase of more than 5% in the administrative costs area. The legal ad pertaining to the budget being on display was published in the Daily Chronicle on August 10, 2009. The proposed revenues and expenditures show negative spending in almost every category for 2009-2010 dollars only. O & M has expenditures that include the repair of the gym partition doors, the repair of the hole in the floor at the middle school, and the rest of our current roofing projects.

There was no IVVC report.

The Finance Committee met before the board meeting and reviewed the budget, discussed the middle school office, buses, roof work, and number comparison from years' past.

Ms. Rockwood gave the superintendent's report. New teacher orientation will be tomorrow. We are ready for the opening of school. The high school parking lot is being cold patched and the entire parking lot needs to be redone next year. Ms. Rockwood asked for the board's input on a letter regarding support of a proposed fiber optic network. The board agreed to Ms. Rockwood sending a letter to the ROE supporting the fiber optic network support.

A special board meeting will be held on September 3 at 6 p.m. to interview a potential new board of education member. A new board member should be appointed by September 17, 2009.

A thank you note was read from the family of Audrey Cocking.

It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Konen that the meeting be adjourned. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Ottengheime, Secretary