

Minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on Monday, October 19, 2009. The meeting was called to order by the president at 7:00 p.m. The recording secretary called the roll. Present were: Conley, Boehne, Ottengheime, Palombo, Konen, Foster. Absent: Hicks.

Mr. Hicks arrived at 7:01 p.m.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Konen to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2009 budget hearing. Roll call vote: Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Foster, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Palombo to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on September 21, 2009. Roll call vote: Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Foster, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

Mr. Foster said that item VII.D. on the agenda may be moved up during the meeting in the interest of time.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Palombo to approve the bills for the month of October accounts payable checks numbers 60514 to 60623 and 60630 to 60641 in the amount of \$337,724.83; payroll checks numbers 43931 to 44030 and 2091d to 2302d in the amount of \$452,575.95; the treasurer's report, imprest fund report, and community school fund report. Roll call vote: Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Foster, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

Ms. Rockwood said that there were late bills that were given to the board members. Mr. Foster asked if there was any discussion on the late bills. Mr. Hicks asked what the Scariano \$13,362.30 bill was for. Ms. Rockwood said that she anticipated that question and broke down the bill for personnel, special education, roof repair, and work in terms of the village of Shabbona growing and annexation.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Boehne to approve the late bills accounts payable checks numbers 60624 to 60629 in the amount of \$99,907.00. Roll call vote: Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, no; Boehne, yes; Foster, yes. 6 yes, 1 no. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Farnsworth and Mrs. Tyler, Student Council Advisors, and high school student council members Seth Miller, Holly Gleason, Kathleen Chester, and Anna Stiker gave a report on their recent and upcoming activities.

Mrs. Pace introduced Mrs. Susan Anderson, Waterman Elementary library aide, who spoke on the activities in the library. She presented books to the board on behalf of Altrusa.

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Mr. Mantzke had an addition to his written principal's report. Whole faculty study groups will be discussing social/emotional learning and continue to challenge the meet and exceeds categories on the state report card. They will also address having more meets and exceeds in writing. Shabbona Elementary's test scores continue to be above state average.

Mr. Simpson said that Waterman Elementary had similar trends. Students are doing well in math and reading but the state writing scores are not included in AYP. Writing will be addressed at Waterman Elementary.

Mrs. Ottengheime questioned the scores being down from the previous year. It was explained that the percentage numbers should be viewed cautiously. In a class of 20 students, one student counts as 5%. As a whole, ISAT scores are well above the state average.

Mr. Malm said the middle school met AYP and the students are higher than the state average in meets and exceeds categories. The middle school is always looking for ways to improve and will be concentrating on writing across the curriculum.

Mr. Foster asked Mr. Malm how things were going at the middle school. Mr. Malm responded that he and Mr. Littlefield are working well together. There are no more roof leaks.

Mrs. Montgomery gave a handout to the board on AYP. She also thanked the Shabbona Fire Department for their donation of actars for the first aid class. The 4-H group planted an Autumn Blaze maple tree in front of the high school. The high school will be concentrating on increasing reading comprehension. A VALEES work keys grant will be used to help with the initiatives of social/emotional learning aligned with the state goals.

Ms. Rockwood spoke on the district report card demographics. The district is above the state average in all categories and has made AYP in all areas.

Mr. Foster had a concern on the instructional time at the middle school. The minutes in math and science was lower than the state average. Mr. Malm said that had been addressed in the past and the schedule will be studied to increase the time. The middle school is on a flexible block schedule so sometimes the time is flexed so as to increase it in a particular subject area.

Mrs. Darlinger gave the special education report. Four students have been discharged from special education services. A grant of \$16,000 was given to the district by ISBE for audio books and equipment. They are presently being incorporated into the libraries.

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It was moved by Ottengheime, seconded by Palombo that the meeting adjourn into executive session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, and probable or imminent litigation. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:52 p.m.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Palombo 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 8:44 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.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Boehne to approve Stephanie Crutcher as 9th grade girls' basketball coach. Roll call vote: Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Foster, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Ottengheime, seconded by Konen to approve the alterations of buildings and grounds by the request of the cub scouts to plant a tree at Waterman Elementary. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Palombo to approve the interagency governmental agreement with the Fairbanks Group. Roll call vote: Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Foster, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Ottengheime, seconded by Boehne to approve snow removal for 2009-2010 for Dave Erickson for the Shabbona side of the district and Jim Stahl for the Waterman side of the district. Roll call vote: Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Foster, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

There was first reading of policies 2:70-E; 2:100; 2:240; 2:260; 2:260-AP2; 5:180; 5:220; 4:170-AP5; 6:15; 6:15AP; 6:15AP1; 6:15AP2, 6:15AP3; 6:15AP4; 6:15E; 6:15E2; 6:15E3; 6:15E4; 6:170-AP3; 7:70; 5:250; and 5:330.

It was moved by Ottengheime, seconded by Palombo to approve the addition of bass fishing as an extracurricular sport. Roll call vote: Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Foster, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

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It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Hicks to approve the draft of IASB Kishwaukee Division by-laws. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Palombo to set November 2 as a special board of education meeting beginning at 6 p.m. with building tours. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Ms. Rockwood handed out the proposed schedule for the special board meeting on November 2. It will begin with building tours starting at Waterman Elementary at 6:00 p.m.; the middle school at 6:30 p.m.; Shabbona Elementary at 7:15 p.m. and the high school at 7:45 p.m. After the tours, there will be an informational session for the Board and public on tax increment financing districts to be held in the high school library at 8:15 p.m.

All the roof work has substantially been completed. The warranty inspections will be tomorrow. There is a 15 year warranty on the roofs except for the rubber roof at the middle school which has a 5 year materials warranty and a 2 year warranty from the contractor. The contractors will not receive their final payment until everything is completed at the middle school.

Ms. Rockwood enjoyed attending the homecoming activities. The "A" list of the life safety work is almost fully completed and the "B" list of life safety work is ready to begin. DeKalb and Lee Counties have sent their estimated E.A.V. information so that preliminary work can begin on the tax levy. The administrative team is working on a community progress report that they hope to send out to district patrons in January of 2010.

Mrs. Conley gave the I.V.V.C. report. I.V.V.C. is struggling with funding, in particular, the CTEI line items may be cut next year by the state. This could mean a \$300,000 cost which would be passed on to all the districts in the I.V.V.C. cooperative.

Mrs. Konen said the policy committee met and most of the changes were legislative updates and footnotes changes. There was a new policy on how to appoint a board of education member which our district has recently followed.

Mr. Foster, Ms. Rockwood, Mr. Bosworth and Mayor Ekle, both of Waterman, met to begin regular dialogue about the village and the school district. Mr. Foster attended a Shabbona Business Association meeting regarding the annexation of land into the village of Shabbona and a possible T.I.F. district. The district attorneys received information today from the village, and they have not yet had a chance to study that information. On

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November 2 George Attaway will be in the high school library to conduct a presentation and to discuss various impacts that a Village of Shabbona T.I.F. district might have on the school district. Our school district hopes to open up dialogue with the Village of Shabbona. Mayor Richard Boris of Lee will be meeting with Ms. Rockwood also to begin a regular dialogue. Ms. Rockwood said that at the Shabbona Village board meeting she recently attended, Pam Blickem was present and spoke about T.I.F.'s in general. Ms. Blickem worked with the P.G.A.V. firm in St. Louis to put together Waterman's T.I.F. Mr. Foster explained that the idea is to have open dialogue with all the communities in the school district so as to work as best as we can with each village.

Mrs. Ottengheime read thank you notes from the Bill Hartman family and Cheryl Palombo.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Palombo that the meeting be adjourned. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Ottengheime, Secretary