

Minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on Monday, April 19, 2010. The president called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The recording secretary called the roll. Present were: Conley, Hicks, Boehne, Ottengheime, Konen, Foster. Absent: Palombo.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Conley to approve the minutes of the special board of education meeting on March 11, 2010; regular board of education meeting on March 15, 2010; and the special board of education meetings on March 23, 2010 and March 26, 2010 with the following correction: that the minutes of the March 23, 2010 meeting of the Board of Education will reflect that the termination of Tracey Mishler approved by the Board of Education on March 23, 2010 is hereby affirmed and that the March 23, 2010 Resolution For Honorable Dismissal of Educational Support Personnel is rescinded as applied to Tracey Mishler. The minutes of the March 23, 2010 meeting of the Board of Education shall now reflect that Tracey Mishler as named in the Resolution as read has been removed from the list of employees honorably dismissed from employment in the district.

COMMUNICATIONS

Julianne Hogan, Advisor, and the following FCCLA members (Rachel Foster, Alex Dolister, Emilee Myers, Cameron Wallace, Anna Ostrander, and Megan Drendel) told about the activities of the FCCLA group and the recent state conference that they had attended.

Mrs. Montgomery had no additions to the high school principal's report.

Mrs. Kennedy said there had been no roof leaks at the middle school. Thirty-three students had essays submitted to the DeKalb County Keys book.

Mrs. Darlinger had no additions to her report. Numbers of special education students are on the rise due to the spring evaluations. There are a total of eighteen pre-school children who will be tested over a two day period.

Mr. Mantzke and Mr. Simpson gave the elementary principals' reports. Both Waterman and Shabbona Elementary Schools had students place in the 2010 "Food for Thought" placemat design contest sponsored by the DeKalb County Farm Bureau. Several placed in the top three. Ms. Pardridge received a grant for a presentation of a nutrition play by a national touring company. Both Shabbona and Waterman Elementary students enjoyed the play. Waterman Elementary and Shabbona Elementary fifth graders were involved in team building. Kindergarten round-up will be held next week. Mr. Simpson showed the board a book on "Child Becomes a Reader" which is given to the kindergarteners in their registration packets. It is a free publication from the national clearinghouse and focuses on literacy skills.

Mr. Foster asked if anyone in the audience had anything that they wished to present to the board. He gave the guidelines of identifying yourself, limiting comments, and not repeating what others have said, to be respectful, and not to name any names. If the board doesn't respond to comments, it is not for lack of caring.

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Deanna Frances, sophomore at Indian Creek High School, wanted to verify that choir and theater were cut at the March 15, 2010 board meeting by a vote by the board members. She presented a petition to the board, asking for reconsideration.

Mr. Foster said that classes were looked at for the feasibility of continuing classes based on class size and that no votes had been taken.

Melissa Muetze, Geri Korhnak, Lizzie Oleson, Nitza Gleason, Dria Cross, Kathleen Chester, Brittany Watne, Joanne Burton, Seth Miller, and Brenda Chester spoke on behalf of the theater class and some spoke on behalf of choir class.

Mr. Foster said that it is unfortunate due to the state that the district has to make decisions such as this. All board of education members value the arts. He applauded the students for their courage and fortitude and thanked them for their comments. The board has to make decisions that are tough with the least amount of impact that still provide opportunities for students. Everything is flexible and could change next year. There are concerns with the state of Illinois funding. We don't know yet what that will look like as far as local, state, and national finances.

BUSINESS

Mr. Foster said there was a correction in the treasurer's report. It should have read that the CD at the Waterman State Bank has 1.85% interest instead of 2.94%. It was moved by Conley, seconded by Konen to approve the bills for the month of April accounts payable checks numbers 61201 to 61338 in the amount of \$253,104.23; payroll checks numbers 44627 to 44731 and 3184d to 3598d in the amount of \$447,422.71; treasurer's report with correction; imprest fund, and community school fund reports. Roll call vote: Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Foster, yes. 6 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 7:45 p.m.

It was moved by Conley, 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 8:23 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 Boehne, seconded by Konen to accept the resignation of Linda Peaslee effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year. Roll call vote: Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Foster, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Boehne to accept the resignation of Thomas Luttmann effective April 30, 2010. Roll call vote: Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Foster, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Foster, seconded by Konen to approve the FMLA request of Sarah Montgomery as per new regulations. Roll call vote: Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Foster, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Ottengheime, seconded by Boehne to approve Post Mowing for summer of 2010. Roll call vote: Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Foster, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

Ms. Rockwood said that as a result of listening to comments about the calendar some adjustments were being proposed. She spoke to each calendar committee member and they and the staff were supportive in making the following changes to the 2010-2011 calendar: The start dates will remain the same and finals will be before Christmas; the teacher institute on December 23 will be moved to January 5; Good Friday is April 22 and it will be a non-student and non-teacher attendance day; May 19 will be the last day of student attendance; and the teacher institute will be May 20. It was moved by Conley, seconded by Konen to approve the calendar adjustments for the 2010-2011 school calendar. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Boehne to approve the I.H.S.A. membership. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

It was moved by Conley, seconded by Boehne to approve the I.E.S.A. membership. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Conley to approve the Title I summer school. Roll call vote: Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Foster, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

There was first reading on all high school handbooks. Mrs. Ottengheime had a question on the athletic handbook. She asked what occurs if a student wants to take two sports during a season. Mrs. Montgomery said if a student wanted to be in more than one sport that the requirements would be weighed. Some coaches are more flexible than others. It should be handled between the coaches. Mrs. Ottengheime asked if something could be put in the handbook.

There was a first reading of Shabbona Elementary and Waterman Elementary handbooks.

After a second reading, it was moved by Ottengheime, seconded by Konen to approve the middle school handbook. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Ms. Rockwood gave the superintendent's report. She had spoken to an I.A.S.B.O. representative on the state budget. It is looking like the state may skip the second and third quarter payments and pay the fourth quarter for the 2008-2009 school year reimbursements out of special set-aside dollars. The "special payment" won't be until the end of June, if we see it. She also spoke to P.M.A. and there is rumor that the legislators could simply give I.S.B.E. a six months budget and I.S.B.E. is to determine the appropriation. Representative Pritchard stopped in the office and Ms. Rockwood talked with him about certain mandates being taken away as well as other mandates and their cost, particularly if we never see any reimbursement.

Student summer worker applications have been returned and will be on the May agenda.

Ms. Rockwood attended the I.V.V.C. meeting at which the Skills U.S.A. competition winners were announced. Mrs. Conley will report on this during her report.

DeKalb County received a federal grant on fiber optics and there is potential that it will be installed in the southern part of the county by the fall of 2011.

Ms. Rockwood and Ms. Palombo attended the National School Board Convention in Chicago. It was a very worthwhile meeting.

The board was informed of a \$2,400 repair that needs to be made in the Shabbona Elementary gym floor. There are spots with cracks and a gouge in it.

A request was made to have weekly church services in one of our buildings. Regarding previous requests of this nature, the district's attorney has indicated that they were not comfortable with this.

Mrs. Conley gave the I.V.V.C. report. There are enrollment issues and the welding and drafting programs will now be part-time. The cosmetology program will offer a second alternative at a new school in DeKalb, and students can now choose to attend it.

The Skills U.S.A. competition results were announced. Indian Creek students Norman Kowalczyk and Trenton Nielson received first place in quiz bowl and Dean Duriavich and Norman Kowalczyk received third place for crime scene investigation.

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Mrs. Ottengheime gave the DCP/SAFE report. The Waterman, Shabbona, and Lee Fire Departments will be helping in a DUI simulation on April 30 at the high school parking lot to promote a safe prom. St. Anthony's Hospital will show slides of accidents involving drinking and driving.

Regular summer school was discussed. Special education summer school has been approved. Title I summer school was approved since there were federal grant dollars left over. In the past, the district has served regular education students. A state audit stated that the district could only service Title I students with Title I funds. There is a suggestion to have the regular summer school be fee-based, with a potential fee of \$289 that is based upon preliminary numbers provided by the principals as of this time. The board verbally asked the administrators to put together a fee-based regular summer school proposal for discussion in May. The proposal will look at no funding, partial funding, and full funding of the program.

Mrs. Kennedy, Mr. Mertz, and Mrs. Montgomery put together a chart showing the past three years history of the cost per athlete, per season, and per sport. The cost per athlete per season for 2009-10 is \$314.33. If a student athlete played in three sports, the cost for each sport that he/she participated in would be \$595.37 on average. This included the stipend, TRS, benefits, mileage, officials, and bussing. The gate receipts were not included.

There were no suggestions for IASB delegate assembly resolutions.

Summer roof work was discussed. The request to the Village of Waterman was received but was not placed on their agenda. They will consider the release of funds at their May meeting unless our board of education requests a special meeting. The board of education by consensus agreed to wait until the regular May meeting. Work on the bid specs for the high school roof was approved previously but the bids have not yet been let out. There are some leaks at the high school. The consensus from the board of education was to wait until more is known about state funding before committing to a roofing project.

Mrs. Ottengheime read a thank you note from Su Cox and from the family of Joe Malm on memorials sent by the board.

It was moved by Conley, seconded by Konen that the meeting be adjourned. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Ottengheime, Secretary

