

Minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on Monday, January 18, 2010. The president called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The recording secretary called the roll. Present were: Conley, Hicks, Boehne, Palombo, Konen, Foster. Absent; Ottengheime.

Mr. Foster appointed Cheryl Palombo as secretary pro-tem. It was moved by Konen, seconded by Boehne to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2009 board of education meeting. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Loren Goodrich and Erica Arends spoke about DCP/SAFE. It is the second largest club in the school with 49 members who must sign an oath before they become a member. The group focuses on alcohol, drug use, bullying, violence, safety in driving and at home. Monthly meetings are held with other schools in the county. The group also works with elementary and middle school students. There will be a D.U.I. simulation before prom this year.

Mrs. Montgomery handed out information on ACT prep programs. Ten students are needed for a program to be held. The information has been placed in the written announcements and online. It can't be placed in the newsletter because it is a for profit organization. It was suggested that this information also be placed in student registration documents.

Mrs. Kennedy said that the 7th grade girls placed second in the Amy Todd Fleming basketball tournament. Ms. Palombo commented that the Holocaust speaker was fantastic and very moving. Mr. Hicks asked about the roof leaks. Mrs. Kennedy said that they were in similar spots but it is something new and coming in at too many places.

Mr. Mantzke and Mr. Simpson spoke on the civil rights speaker that came to the elementary schools today in honor of Martin Luther King Day. A few parents were also in attendance. Dr. Bower, from N.I.U., spoke on eight different activists. In February there will be a speaker on internet safety during the day for all elementary children at Shabbona Elementary and at night for parents at Waterman Elementary.

The president asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the board. No one responded.

BUSINESS

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Konen to approve the bills for the month of January accounts payable checks numbers 60875 to 60987 in the amount of \$215,435.46; payroll checks numbers 44254 to 43553 and 2340d-2951d in the amount of \$442,395.61; the treasurer's report, imprest fund report, and community school fund report. Roll call vote: Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Foster, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Conley that the meeting adjourn into executive session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance,

or dismissal of specific employees, and discussion of minutes lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for the purpose of approval by the body of the minutes or the semi-annual review of the minutes. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:33 p.m.

It was moved by Hicks, seconded by Konen 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 8:32 p.m.

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

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Hicks to accept the resignation of Deborah Bruno. Roll call vote: Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Foster, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Boehne to approve Thomas Luttmann as part-time bookkeeper. Roll call vote: Boehne, yes; Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Foster, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Hicks to approve Adam Lindley as head bass fishing coach with a 2.75% of the base supplemental salary. Roll call vote: Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Foster, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Konen to approve Eric Schrader as assistant bass fishing coach with a 1.35% of the base supplemental salary. Roll call vote: Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Palombo, yes; Foster, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

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

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

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

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Boehne to approve the review and release of the executive session minutes from January 26, 2009 to June 15, 2009. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Hicks to approve the destruction of the verbatim executive session tapes from December 17, 2007 to July 21, 2008 with the exception of January 21, 2008; February 28, 2008; and March 3, 2008. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Conley to approve the middle school graduation date of May 27, 2010. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Palombo to approve the amended 2009-2010 school calendar due to a snow day. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Boehne to approve the authorization of the final payment for roofing costs. Discussion occurred on the leaks. The roofs are under warranty. Mr. Simpson said that Waterman Elementary had leaks and the company had been back but they can't be permanently fixed until summer. There are no more skylight issues at the middle school that Ms. Rockwood knows of and the architect has certified the final payment. It was moved by Conley, seconded by Konen to table the approval of authorization of the final payment for roofing costs until the next meeting. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

There was a first reading of policies 2:20; 2:40; 2:70-E; 2:110; 2:200; 2:250; 2:250-AP1; 2:250-e1; 2:250-E2; 3:40; 4:30; 4:40; 4:100; 4:110; 4:110-AP2; 4:120; 4:120-AP; 2:130; 4:140; 4:140-E1; 4:150; 4:160; 4:160-AP; 5:10; 5:30; 5:90; 5:100; 5:120; 5:120-AP2; 5:280; 5:330; 6:20; 6:50; 6:60; 6:60-AP; 6:110; 6:300; 6:300-E1; 6:340; 7:a0; 7:20; 7:100; 7:180; 7:240; 7:300; 8:100; and 8:70.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Ms. Rockwood gave the superintendent's report. The calendar committee met. Ms. Rockwood handed out a draft of the 2010-2011 calendar to the board members. This calendar draft is a compromise between the survey results and the notion of having finals before the winter holiday break. The consensus of the board was that they liked the draft. The calendar will be placed on the agenda for the February board meeting.

The insurance committee will be meeting on January 19. There is an overall 3% increase. Ms. Rockwood thanked the policy committee for their review of 47 policies. The first-ever community progress report was mailed on January 11. Ms. Rockwood

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attended a meeting on economic development in Shabbona. There were two speakers from N.I.U. and one from DeKalb County. The village board members are to be commended for their commitment to pursuing economic development. Their heart is really in economic recovery. The impact won't be felt until three to four years. There may be more wind farm opportunities. There is a grant for small wind towers that Lee is investigating. There was discussion on whether the village of Shabbona should have a website. The parent notification system is being explored. Ms. Rockwood attended the spaghetti supper and reminded the board about the upcoming Scariano workshop. Anyone interested in attending should notify Gail.

Ms. Rockwood gave the I.V.V.C. report. There was a special meeting regarding the payment for the IVVC attorney's performance gave during the grant writer trial. The IVVC governing board agreed to make a partial payment of what the attorney asked for and to write a letter.

There was no report on intergovernmental communication.

Mr. Foster spoke on investments. There was a \$2,000,000 CD that was due at the Waterman State Bank. Past practice has been to keep the money locally and split it among the two local banks. The Waterman State Bank couldn't hold the amount since it was too large and they couldn't insure that amount of money. Farmers & Traders State Bank was contacted. Farmers and Traders would split the amount of the CD into \$250,000 blocks and farm it out to other banks. This is known as the Cedars Program. Mr. Foster asked the board's input as to an investment strategy. The money could continue to be at Farmers & Traders State Bank, the district could find other banks (however past practice has been to balance it between the two banks in the school district). With the changes in the banking industry, the Waterman State Bank can't pledge enough securities and the Farmers & Traders State Bank has the Cedars Program. Discussion was held on the benefits to the local banks and local taxpayers, farming out the CD's within the county, and possibly going to PMA. The Finance Committee will meet to discuss these options.

Ms. Palombo read a thank you note from the family of Paul Nolan.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Boehne that the meeting be adjourned. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Palombo, Secretary Pro-tem