

Minutes of the special Board of Education meeting held on Thursday, March 11, 2010. The meeting was called to order by the president at 6:00 p.m. The recording secretary called the roll. Present were: Conley, Hicks, Ottengheime, Palombo, Konen, Foster. Absent: Boehne

Mr. Foster asked if anyone had anything that they wished to add to the agenda. Cheryl Palombo asked to be added under Item IV. E. report on the Kishwaukee Division meeting.

It was moved by Hicks, seconded by Konen to approve the agenda as modified. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Foster asked if anyone from the audience wished to address the board. No one responded.

#### BUSINESS

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Palombo that the meeting adjourn into executive session regarding the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students and a student disciplinary case. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting reconvened into executive session at 6:01 p.m.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Konen that the meeting reconvene into regular session. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned into regular session at 7:14 p.m.

It was moved by Palombo, 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 Palombo, seconded by Konen to expel student #12010 for a term of two calendar years; however, the expulsion is held in abeyance providing that he attends and successfully completes an alternative education program that includes regular drug testing and counseling for the student at the student's expense. The alternative education program will be established with the provider by the Indian Creek School District. If the student is removed from the alternative education program by the provider or if he chooses to drop out from this program, the expulsion shall take immediate effect. This expulsion shall also take immediate effect if the student engages in, encourages, or causes, directly or through others, any form of retaliation against District 425 students and/or staff involved in reporting, investigating, or processing the student's misconduct. Roll call vote: Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Foster, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

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Ms. Rockwood presented an overview of the 2010-2011 budget and state funding. She had also given this presentation at the March 11, 2010 special board meeting but some things had changed since then. We do know that everything is “on the table” for consideration by the legislature (even taking away money from districts who have worked hard to create fund balances). The governor’s proposed budget does not “match” what ISBE has proposed and it reduces dollars to education by about 1.3 billion, with a 15%+ reduction in categorical reimbursements. There is a good chance that the foundation level per student will drop from \$6119 to anywhere from \$5669 to \$5519, and may drop as low as the 2006 funding level of \$5164 per student. We know that our district’s enrollment is dropping. While we currently do not qualify for hold harmless funding, we would next year; but we have been told that no new hold harmless districts will be likely be allowed for next year. There is also strong potential for our state aid to be funded through the alternative funding formula next year, as opposed to the foundation level per student. Interest rates are at a historic low and CPPRT taxes are less. Due to the low CPI we have very few new tax dollars for 2010-2011. The state is behind three quarters of reimbursement payments for special education and transportation services in FY 09, payable in FY 10. We hope to receive one more 2008-09 categorical reimbursement payment during this fiscal year. There are no more ARRA dollars to replace state aid. Many of the state grants (CTEI, Ag. Incentive, Early Childhood, Reading Improvement, ADA) will not be fully funded and we don’t know what the state eventually is going to do and we don’t know when we will know.

The assumptions for the 2010-2011 budget are based on Governor Quinn’s budget numbers. Our revenue assumptions are based on: \$5669 per student or interest income of 1%, our current level of receipt of property taxes received in May/June 2011 is stable, assumes that people will pay 100% of their property taxes, the state will still owe us for at least two quarters of 2008-09 categorical reimbursements that won’t get paid until 2010-2011; a p.e. retirement position was attritioned; state grants of early childhood, reading improvement, and ADA are included at a total of \$60,000; federal title grant dollars are equal to 2009-2010 amounts; and all staff contributions to insurance remain “as is”.

At this point, our expenditure assumptions are: mandated life safety work of \$265,304; health insurance increase of 15% for six months (Jan.-June, 2011); utilities/fuel increase of 20%; outsourced special education costs increase by 10%; includes all projected contracted non-administrative salaries and stipends; includes purchase rotations of one new bus; one driver’s ed. car, computers, uniforms, and textbooks; includes a continuation of all day early childhood and 2010 regular education summer school; education supplies are decreased by 2% In terms of 2010-2011 revenues and expenditures only, we are looking at a deficit range of \$618,000-\$983,000 dependent upon what the state does. As a result, almost every school district in the state is struggling with this and we have some very difficult decisions that need to be made.

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Mrs. Conley left at 7:39 p.m.

It was moved by Hicks, seconded by Konen 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 7:43 p.m.

It was moved by Hicks, 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 8:59 p.m.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Konen 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 Konen that the meeting be adjourned. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Ottengheime, Secretary

Charles Foster, President