

Minutes of the special Board of Education meeting held on Tuesday, March 23, 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, Boehne, Ottengheime, Konen, Foster. Absent: Palombo

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Rockwood gave an overview of information regarding the lack of 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 state funding and its potential impacts on the district budget.

The president asked if anyone in the audience had anything that they wished to present to the board.

Mr. Curt Foster of Rollo had a concern over budget cuts and hoped that no staff would be cut. He was also concerned about a 54% rise in administrative costs.

Mr. Charlie Foster explained that the rise was due to the reorganization and dissolution of the DeKalb County Special Education Association and that our district had to hire a director of special education.

Chandra Senkowski and Kim Freund, both of Shabbona, had concerns about the budget and possible staff cuts.

BUSINESS

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 collective bargaining. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned into executive session at 6:34 p.m.

It was moved by Boehne, 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 8:17 p.m.

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

Mr. Charlie Foster explained that the board had made some difficult decisions. No sports or programs were eliminated. The board took the scenarios from the principals and the superintendent and seriously considered each one. He explained that the board members are taxpayers also and many are parents of students in the district or they have had students in the district previously. The board will be taking a gamble on state funding and may have to dip in the fund reserves this year. Some steps have been taken such as freezing administrative salaries and reducing the dean of students at the middle school and high school. Mr. Foster appreciated the public's comments and the board's obligation for the long-term is strategically doing what is best for the students.

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Mrs. Ottengheime, board secretary, read a resolution regarding first year teachers. (attachment I to these minutes). It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Konen to honorably dismiss the following first year teachers and not re-employ them for the 2010-2011 school term: Suzie Gross, Laura Fassig, Sarah Keely, and Andrew Novak. Roll call vote: Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Foster, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

Mrs Ottengheime, board secretary, read a resolution regarding third year teachers (attachment II to these minutes). It was moved by Konen, seconded by Boehne to honorably dismiss the following third year teachers and not re-employ them for the 2010-2011 school term: Jennifer Miller and Roderick Moore. Roll call vote: Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Foster, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

Mrs. Ottengheime, board secretary, read a resolution regarding education support personnel (attachment III to these minutes). It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Conley to honorably dismiss the following educational support personnel and to not re-employ them for the 2010-2011 school term by reason of the decision of this Board of Education to decrease the number of educational support personnel employed by the Board and to discontinue some particular types of educational support service: Donna Stanley, Cheri Ballard, Kathleen Salame-Barnhill, Jodi Bradford, Bonnie Conery, Mary Lou Gorman, Kelsey Hart, Becky Hatfield, Lisa Headon, Suzanne James, Simone Johnson, Tammy Johnson, Geri Korhnak, Tracey Mishler, Carol Peterson, Michelle Petragallo, Sue Rood, Chandra Senkowski, Courtney Stryker, and Emily Zuege. 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 Konen, seconded by Conley to accept the resignation of Carrie Cruz effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year. 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 Conley, seconded by Konen to accept the resignation of Denise Houghtby effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year. Roll call vote: Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Foster, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Konen to not retain Tracey Mishler for the 2010-2011 school year. Roll call vote: Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Foster, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

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It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Foster to re-employ the following principals for the 2010-2011 school year: Steven Simpson, Sarah Montgomery, Dave Mantzke, and Paula Kennedy. 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 Conley to re-employ Jennifer Darlinger as Director of Special Education for the 2010-2011 school year. 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 Konen, seconded by Conley that the meeting be adjourned. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Ottengheime, Secretary

Charles Foster, President