

Minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on Monday, October 18, 2010. The meeting was called to order by the president at 6:30 p.m. The recording secretary called the roll. Present were: Conley, Hicks, Boehne, Ottengheime, Konen, Foster. Absent: Palombo.

The board toured the middle school. The board left the middle school and began a tour of Waterman Elementary at approximately 6:55 p.m. The president reconvened the meeting at 7:20 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 Ottengheime to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2010 budget hearing and the September 20, 2010 regular board meeting. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Hicks to approve the bills for the month of October accounts payable checks numbers 61885 to 61993 in the amount of \$196,070.30; payroll checks numbers 45196 to 45283 and 4610d to 4816d in the amount of \$433,500.64; the treasurer's report, and the imprest 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

Gloria Tyler, Student Council Advisor, introduced Co-Advisor Stephanie Snider and the following members of the high school student council: Megan Flewellyn, Nolan Hickey, Taylor Johnson, Alexandria Courriveau, Khloe Gordon, Kalia Foster, Sydney Bend, Kathleen Chester, Anna Stiker, and Josh Johnson. They spoke about the beginning of the year activities, elections, and homecoming activities. Upcoming events are the Christmas door decorating contest, a food collection for the NICE Center, and a winter dance. There is a project to purchase new floor mats for the high school.

Don Rose and David Books with CALLTELE gave a presentation on a new telephone system. This would be based on a data center model. The district will subsidize the planned network hardware upgrade through the network savings generated by the proposal. Currently the network is connected through the high school, creating a slowness for users trying to access the internet. The recommendations will help improve the current performance of the network by each of the schools in the district having their own T1 directly to the Illinois Century Network. This will increase the capacity for internet and voice services. CALLTELE has worked with Frontier to get state pricing for the district and reduce T1 costs. Shared services are also accessible once connected to the ICN. Then the district can share services such voice network, fax server, E911, caller I.D., etc. A pool of 24 lines would be available to all four schools. Each teacher would have a voice mail box but not all will have a phone. The messages could be delivered to their email as a private message coming in on a wave file. FAXES would also be delivered to the work station as a electronic document. There would be a fixed cost for unlimited calling on local, toll, and long distance calls. International calls are not included. Hinckley-Big Rock and Sandwich have purchased this system and

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CALLTELE is working with four other districts that may be interested in this system. The proposal will pay for itself in five years. The system could be installed over winter break.

Mrs. Montgomery had one addition to the high school principal's report. The National Honor Society will sponsor a blood drive on November 2.

Mrs. Darlinger had no additions to the special education director's report.

Mrs. Kennedy invited the board to participate in "Feed the Starving Children" project on November 19 at Cornerstone from 10:30 to 1:00 p.m. The middle school students, faculty, and staff will attend, along with several community members to package food for starving children in foreign countries. There will be a community meeting on November 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the middle school on "40 Ways to Build Assets to Help Our Youth Succeed", sponsored by KEYS (DeKalb County Keep Encouraging Youth to Succeed Initiative). Mrs. Kennedy is applying for national board certification for principalship and handed out a survey to board members to fill out if they choose to do so.

Mr. Mantzke and Mr. Simpson reported that they have utilized early dismissals to get both elementary buildings together for various professional development activities. Mr. Simpson thanked the community for their support for the pork chop bar-b-cue to raise money for new playground equipment at Waterman Elementary. Mr. Mantzke thanked the community for their support at the E.P.C. resale event. He told of plans for the Halloween parade at the assisted living facility and the nursing home.

Mr. Simpson and Mr. Mantzke presented the elementary school improvement plan. In the spring of 2010, both elementary schools were again awarded the state's Academic Excellence designation for having completed a series of three consecutive years in a row in which 90% or more of our students met or exceeded state standards. These two schools were the only two in DeKalb County to have earned this distinction for two years in a row. Both buildings will form and implement building-level whole faculty study groups developed to the following prioritized goal areas:

- Social Emotional Learning: Develop a plan for implementation of HOWL (Honor Safe Behavior, Outstanding Respect, Well Prepared, Lead With Responsible Choices)
- Academic – Enrichment
- Academic – Writing strategies
- Academic – Reading Comprehension strategies
- Assessment – New Kindergarten report card

Mrs. Kennedy gave a powerpoint presentation on the middle school school improvement plan. Objectives from last year were met in reading, math, and science. They were not

met in writing. Implementing improvement goals for 2010-2011 at the middle school will be done by analyzing ISAT, NWEA, AIMSweb and local assessment data, researching best practices in curriculum and instruction, and utilizing the most efficient and effective evaluation tools. She also spoke on the reading, writing, mathematics, science, social studies, music, wellness, and social/emotional goals.

The president asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the board. Cheryl Simpson introduced Brenda Chester, CCC president; Kim Freund, Shabbona EPC president; and Stacey Moore, Jenny Kaus, and herself as Waterman EPC officers. She read a letter about keeping their promise regarding gift giving to the district, about concerns with field trips, and about board policy 8:80.

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, collective negotiating matters, and the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned into executive session at 8:37 p.m.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Boehne that the meeting reconvene into regular session. Roll call vote: Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Foster, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried. The meeting reconvened into regular session at 9:58 p.m.

It was moved by Konen, 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 Foster, seconded by Boehne to approve Stewart Ogilvie as play director for the 2010-2011 school year, provided there are enough students to have a play. 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 approve the FMLA request of Michelle Kula. 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 Hicks, seconded by Boehne to approve the agreement with CALLTELE. Roll call vote: Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Foster, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

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It was moved by Conley, seconded by Hicks to approve snow removal for 2010-2011. 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 Ottengheime, seconded by Konen to approve the opening of student activities account for Drama Club. Roll call vote: Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Foster, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

There was a first reading of policies 2:70-E, 2:200-AP, 2:260-AP1, 4:60-E, 4:110-AP1, 4:140, 4:140-AP, 4:140-E1, 5:250, 5:280, 6:120-AP3, 6:120-AP3E1, 6:140-AP, 6:300-E2, 7:50-AP, 7:90, 7:240-AP1, 8:30-E1, 7:285, 2:100, 2:110, 4:50, 4:110-AP2, 6:320, 7:20, 7:180, 7:190, 7:190-AP5, 7:190-AP6, 7:190-E2, and 7:200.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Ms. Rockwood gave the superintendent's report. Things have been active since the last meeting. There was a good teacher institute Friday on differentiated instruction with practical applications to take into the classroom. There was also free training for staff provided by Attorney John Fester on the bullying law. Ms. Rockwood attended the Lake County Superintendent's Conference. International speaker Ian Jukes spoke on preparing our students for jobs that don't exist today by focusing on skills such as creativity, problem-solving, etc. He has an excellent website including lesson plans for jobs for the 21st Century. She also attended a meeting where Paul Green, law professor and political pundit, also spoke on the upcoming election and what it may mean to school districts. Ms. Rockwood met with CALLTELE, the Finance and Policy Committees. She thanked the Student Council and the administration for planning the homecoming activities. It was a great job and the community really pulled together. The Finance Committee agreed to a proposal from Ekle Heating and Air Conditioning to put air conditioning in the Waterman Elementary library as it is currently the only building in the district that does not have an air conditioned computer lab. The quote came in under \$10,000 so the board doesn't need to act on it. Tentative reservations have been made at Shulas for the school board convention in November. The facility study was discussed. Ms. Rockwood called the state five times to see if the school construction grant could be used for handicapped accessibility and received no answer or return call. Ms. Rockwood has a meeting with First Midstate on Thursday to see about a rate since interest rates on bonds are going down. Ms. Rockwood handed out a sheet from our architects to show how many facility studies they had done for other school districts. The four year program to complete remaining life safety work was prioritized. There is approximately \$160,000 to \$161,000 left in the middle school life/safety work. The architect of record does not necessarily need to be used to do a facility study. Several architects have contacted Ms. Rockwood and she asked for a straw poll of the board as to what they

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preferred. The majority of the board agreed to contact our current architect about a feasibility study.

Mrs. Conley gave the IVVC report. The 35th anniversary open house was a success with about 500 people attending. Financially IVVC is in a good position and they hope state funds are released soon. The IVVC board approved rental of the Sandwich fire station for the fire science program for \$3,000 a year. Overall, enrollment in the fire science program is growing.

There was nothing new to discuss from the Policy and Finance Committees that hadn't been discussed previously in the meeting.

Mrs. Ottengheime read thank you notes from the Gene Loes family, Dubuque Hospice, and Sue Jacobson and family.

It was moved by Conley, seconded by Konen that the meeting be adjourned. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Ottengheime, Secretary