

Minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on Monday, February 15, 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, Palombo, Foster. Absent: Konen.

It was moved by Hicks, seconded by Boehne to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2010 board meeting. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

Mr. Foster announced that an addition of probable and/or imminent litigation would be added to closed session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.

#### Communications

Ms. Rockwood announced that there were two FOIA requests from the Indian Creek Education Association and that they were both replied to.

Joanne Burton and Julie Frankel talked about the middle school play, "Beauty and the Beast" which will be presented on Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the middle school auditorium.

Mr. Mantzke and Mr. Simpson gave the elementary principals' reports. Mr. Hicks asked Mr. Mantzke about selection on the Pre-K program and if there were any IEP students. The internet safety presentation for 3-5 graders by Anne Matalonis was a success. Mr. Mantzke thanked Mrs. Konen for the recommendation. The parent component in the evening was not as well as attended as they had hoped. Both libraries received the book "The Fox Behind the Chatterbox". Both elementary E.P.C. groups were thanked as well as Mrs. Hogan's FCCLA group for babysitting services at the evening presentation. Shabbona Elementary E.P.C. will be hosting a family movie night this Friday night and the families from Waterman Elementary were invited to attend.

Mrs. Kennedy gave the middle school principal's report. She congratulated Katie Cantrell and Jonathan Farnsworth for winning the "Going Green Essay Contest". She also reported a hole in the north parking lot that just occurred. It has been barricaded and there is the possibility of a broken water main. Mrs. Kennedy will be talking with the village officials tomorrow to see what can be done about it.

Mrs. Montgomery gave the high school principal's report. There will be an assembly on Wednesday regarding teen issues that CCC is funding. No one expressed interest in an ACT prep program held at the high school by N.I.U. Course registration is underway with schedules being aligned.

The president asked if anyone in the audience had anything that they wished to present to the board. He outlined the guidelines for addressing the board of being respectful, refrain from using names, trying not to repeat what another person has said, limiting comments from 3 to 5 minutes, and stating your name and relationship to the district.

The following people spoke to the board either with concerns or in favor of the proposed school calendar: Debra Wild, Brenda Chester, Geri Korhnak, Duane Farnsworth, Joanne Burton, Jennifer Russell, Vicki Drendel, Diane Sanderson, Kenlyn Bialis, and Kim Freund. Ms. Rockwood shared the process for the creation of the proposed calendar. As per the collective bargaining unit, there was one representative from each building who met with Ms. Rockwood and Mrs. Montgomery on the proposed calendar. Input was taken from each building representative, the survey results, and the Board of Education's wishes. The proposed calendar is a compromise and the result of the committee process. She also explained that the high school has semester classes and the number of days in each semester needs to be equal as per best practice and per the thoughts of those staff who teach semester classes.

#### Business

It was moved by Hicks, seconded by Boehne to approve the bills for the month of February accounts payable checks numbers 60988 to 61092 in the amount of \$171,432.01; payroll checks numbers 44354 to 44449 and 2952d to 3165d in the amount of \$447,160.96; the treasurer's report; the imprest fund report; and the community school fund report. Roll call vote: Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Foster, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Hicks, seconded by Palombo that the meeting be adjourned into executive session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, and/or probable or imminent litigation. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:38 p.m.

It was moved by Palombo, 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 8:25 p.m.

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

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

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

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Boehne to approve the resolution pertaining to copy cost at 9 cents per copy. Roll call vote: Palombo, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Foster, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Conley to approve the amended 2009-2010 school calendar due to snow days. The last student attendance day will be June 2 and June 3 will be a teacher institute. Roll call vote: Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Foster, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Ottengheime to approve the 2010-2011 school calendar as recommended by the calendar committee. Roll call vote: Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Conley, yes; Foster, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Palombo to approve the curriculum changes for 2010-2011. Roll call vote: Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Foster, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

Ms. Rockwood handed out the four year prioritized plan for life safety work. The Finance Committee met with our architect. They recommend bidding the high school roof north wing, janitor closet, band area, and alternate A for the south wing. The bidding climate is good now so it was suggested to bid out more than was originally planned. The old air conditioner (1983) will be removed from the roof and may be relocated on the ground and new air conditioning will be part of the bid. The total of the base bid should be somewhere around \$257,301 with an estimate of \$9 per square foot including the architect's fees. It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Boehne to approve the architect work for and letting of bid documents for life safety roof replacement work. Roll call vote: Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Foster, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Palombo to make a partial payment of 25% regarding the roof payment request from the Glenbrook Group. Roll call vote: Palombo, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Foster, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

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A second reading was held on policies. It was moved by Hicks, seconded by Palombo to approve policies 2:20, 2:40, 2:70-E, 2:110, 3:40, 4:30, 4:40, 4:100, 4:140, 4:140-E1, 5:30, 5:90, 5:100, 5:120, 5:120-AP2, 5:250, 5:280, 5:330, 6:110, 6:300, 6:300-E1, 6:340, 7:100, 7:240, 7:300, 8:100, 4:120, 4:120-AP, 4:130, 4:150, 4:160, 4:160-AP, 6:20, 6:50, 8:70, 2:200, 2:250, 2:250-AP1, 2:250-E1, 2:250-E2, 4:110, 4:110-AP2, 5:10, 6:60, 6:60-AP, 7:10, 7:20, and 7:180. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

### Reports and Discussion

Ms. Rockwood gave the superintendent's report. The life safety plan has been prioritized and a timeline and a financial strategy has been put in place to get the work done. The education committee met on curriculum changes. Ms. Rockwood gave an update on money that has been received and what is still owed by the state. Attendance is decreasing and the value on property is going up but the tax rate levied by the school district is going down.

Summer school discussion occurred. Last year summer school was paid for out of grant money which can't be used anymore. It is not anticipated that any ARRA money will be received during the next fiscal year. A discussion will be held at the next Finance Committee meeting regarding financing summer school. The Policy Committee will be revisiting the building use policy.

Ms. Rockwood attended a quarterly meeting of the superintendent's round table. Joe Anderson, senior advisor to Arne Duncan, was the speaker. He spoke on topics such as AYP assessments such as MAP in an effort to push for all districts to make AYP. Rerouting money is being discussed. Indian Creek has made AYP and there is a new push for college ready or career ready.

A parent notification system, Alert Now, will be implemented beginning in August. It will cost \$1,450 a year and the district received a three year deal. The system will alert parents via email, text message, and phone contact regarding early dismissal, bad weather, any emergency, etc. The registration packets will be redesigned to include information for parents to fill out for the notification system to contact them.

There were no bids on the proofers that were placed on Ebay. Perhaps they could be auctioned at the CCC auction?

Ms. Rockwood also shared a newspaper article with the board on moral victory about the high school boys basketball team.

Mrs. Conley gave the IVVC report. The IVVC calendar will be the same as Indian Creek's next year. Some CTI money was received. Mr. Foster spoke with Mr. Pieper about promoting a manufacturing skills certificate that is available that would be recognized nationally for certification. There would be a benefit to making students more employable. There are grants available for this and there would be no cost to IVVC. The manufacturing industry is pushing this.

Mr. Hicks gave the Education Committee's report. There was a recommendation to hold changing the credits of physical education from .25 a semester to .50 a semester and making p.e. count towards a student's g.p.a. at the high school until further information is received. As a result of this, it was also recommended to hold increasing graduation requirements to 26 from the current 24. It was recommended to change the course name from "Behavioral Social Science" to "Psychology" at the high school. It was recommended to offer a keyboarding proficiency exam to students who want to opt out of keyboarding class to take more advanced classes at the high school. In March the board will look to approve purchasing texts/supplementals for careers class "Preparing for Success". The cost would be approximately \$900 and would be covered by a mini grant. Also in March the board will approve for the high school: purchasing an Office 2007 textbook for informational processing class to correlate with software purchased last year, approve purchasing new textbooks for Calculus, and upgrading the Adobe software programs to CS4 and purchasing textbooks for new software.

Ms. Palombo gave the Finance Committee report. The committee discussed life safety work, the roofing work at the middle school and holding back part of the final payment, and investments. The CDARS program is being investigated. The district could choose where the monies should be placed and where not to invest. The money would be invested in chunks of \$250,000 and would be insured. No decision has been made and other options are being explored. Discussion occurred on purchasing one bus and one driver's ed. car for next year. Two buses were purchased this year.

Mr. Foster spoke on investments. The Finance Committee met with Farmers & Traders State Bank. Past practice has been that the district worked with Farmers & Traders and Waterman State Bank and kept the money locally in the district. P.M.A. is also a board-approved financial institution. Since there has been a change in the banking industry, banks must purchase securities since the F.D.I.C. can only insure up to \$250,000. This is expensive for the banks. The Waterman State Bank doesn't participate in the CDARS program so would not be able to secure the amount of money that the district had in CD's. The CD's that were placed in Waterman were moved to the Shabbona bank for a short term until a long-term decision is made. Mr. Foster had concerns with protection of the taxpayer money, and competition. Investments may be explored outside of the district based on what would be best for the taxpayers. The CDARS program allows

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investors to say who they don't want to use. More information will be given to the Finance Committee on the CDARS program.

Mrs. Ottengheime read a thank you note from Lisa Hauck on the donation made in her father's memory. The money will be given back to the Indian Creek F.F.A. Chapter. A thank you note was read from Steven Simpson on the donation made in his mother's memory. The money will be given to the Waterman E.P.C. playground fund.

It was moved by Ottengheime, seconded by Palombo that the meeting be adjourned. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Ottengheime, Secretary