

Minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on Monday, April 18, 2011. The president called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The recording secretary called the roll. Present were: Martenson, Hicks, Ottengheime, Boehne. Absent: Conley, Konen, Palombo.

It was moved by Ottengheime, seconded by Hicks to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2011 board meeting. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Julianne Hogan and members of FCCLA talked about their activities throughout the year. They have six officers and attended a leadership meeting in Springfield in the fall. The annual Santa's workshop was another success with 35 children attending. Fundraisers were "food for finals" in which breakfast items and juice were sold during finals; concession stand at games, and selling carnations for Valentine's Day.

Ms. Palombo arrived at 7:04 p.m.

On April 7-9 members of the FCCLA attended the state convention. They toured the capital and met with Senator Christine Johnson and Representative Robert Pritchard. The girls reported on their medals in the different categories in which they competed. They did very well in the competition and came home with a majority of gold medals and two silver medals. The FCCLA had 24 members last year and has 53 members this year.

Mrs. Kennedy handed out materials and gave a presentation on "MAP" testing data.

There were no additions to the high school principal's report.

Mrs. Darlinger had one addition to her report. The Illinois State Board of Education rated the district 4.0 out of 4.0 for meeting all state and federal goals. The Pre-K compliance visit went well. There will be another Pre-K screening on April 21 and there may be another alternate half-day for additional screening. Twenty students are currently in the Pre-K program, there are five on a waiting list, ten children have been screened are four on the waiting list to be screened.

Mrs. Kennedy had no additions to the middle school principal's report.

Mr. Mantzke and Mr. Simpson gave the elementary principals' reports. There were a large number of students from the district recognized this year for their "food for thought" designs sponsored by the DeKalb County Farm Bureau. They complimented Mrs. Thuestad and the art program.

Mr. Mantzke shared articles that were in the newspapers about the "Feed Our Starving Children Project", collection for Japan earthquake victims, and Grandparents Day. Mrs. Jacobson was commended on her outstanding work for this program.

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Mr. Simpson said that on Thursday “Staley the Bear”, the mascot from the Chicago Bears, will be featured at an assembly “Bear Down on Bullies”. Kindergarten round-ups will be on April 27 at Waterman Elementary and April 28 at Shabbona Elementary. Grandparents Day will be April 29. The fifth grade bands will be performing at the middle school concert on April 20 at 7 p.m.

The president asked if anyone in the audience had anything that they wished to present to the board. Stacey Moore, Darryl Beach, and Beverly Larson, all of Waterman, had concerns reading the starting date of school in August.

BUSINESS

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Ottengheime to approve the bills for the month of April accounts payable checks numbers 62463 to 62556 in the amount of \$217,320.24, payroll checks numbers 45735 to 45821 and 5648d to 6065d in the amount of \$433,361.75; the treasurer’s report, imprest fund report, and community school fund report. Roll call vote: Martenson, yes; Hicks, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Boehne, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Ottengheime that the meeting adjourn into executive session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, and collective bargaining matters. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:45 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 Palombo, seconded by Hicks to accept the resignation of Duane Farnsworth as NHS sponsor. Roll call vote: Martenson, yes; Hicks, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Boehne, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Hicks, seconded by Palombo to accept the resignation of Ron Craig effective April 21, 2011. Roll call vote: Hicks, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Martenson, yes; Boehne, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Palombo to approve Katie Hunt as volunteer high school soccer coach. Roll call vote: Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Martenson, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Boehne to approve Seger Larson as volunteer high school track coach. Roll call vote: Palombo, yes; Martenson, yes; Hicks, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Boehne, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

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It was moved by Hicks, seconded by Palombo to approve Brittany Day as paraprofessional. Roll call vote: Martenson, yes; Hicks, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Boehne, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Boehne to approve the FMLA leave request of Joe Malm. Roll call vote: Hicks, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Martenson, yes; Boehne, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Hicks to approve the FMLA leave request of Sue Cox. Roll call vote: Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Martenson, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Boehne to approve the FMLA leave request of Tina Smith. Roll call vote: Palombo, yes; Martenson, yes; Hicks, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Boehne, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Boehne to approve the FMLA leave request of Jennifer Darlinger to comply with Illinois law. Roll call vote: Martenson, yes; Hicks, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Boehne, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Palombo to approve Cal Herrmann, Kirsten Herrmann, Amanda Woodbury, Stephen Dodd, and Emily Rueff as summer workers for 2011. Roll call vote: Hicks, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Martenson, yes; Boehne, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Palombo to approve Corinne Wengelewski as vocational agriculture instructor. Roll call vote: Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Martenson, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

The reorganizational meeting of the board of education will be on Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Indian Creek High School media center.

There was a second reading and discussion on the high school athletic handbook. Mr. Martenson pointed out that there is a wrong date on the certificate of waiver in both the athletic and high school handbooks. Mrs. Montgomery noted that will be corrected and she briefly explained the clarification on what will be done in the case of injuries following IHSA guidelines. It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Ottengheime to approve all high school handbooks with corrections. Roll call vote: Palombo, yes; Martenson, yes; Hicks, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Boehne, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

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There was first reading of the middle school handbook. There was a change in the sexual harassment piece, to include sexting.

There was a first reading of Shabbona and Waterman Elementary handbooks.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Ottengheime to approve special education summer school. Roll call vote: Martenson, yes; Hicks, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Boehne, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Ottengheime, seconded by Palombo to approve Title I summer school. Roll call vote: Hicks, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Martenson, yes; Boehne, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Boehne to approve the high school roof bid of Sterling Commercial Roofing at \$185,700. Roll call vote: Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Martenson, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Boehne to approve the fuel bid of Conserve FS for the 2011-12 school year at the high OPIS cost. Roll call vote: Palombo, yes; Martenson, yes; Hicks, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Boehne, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Ottengheime to approve the IESA membership. Roll call vote: Martenson, yes; Hicks, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Boehne, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Ottengheime to approve the IESA membership. Roll call vote: Martenson, yes; Boehne, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

Pamela Ottengheime was approved as the delegate for the IASB assembly.

#### REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Dr. Rockwood gave the superintendent's report. She asked the board's input on field trips for the 2011-12 school year. This year each class was limited to one academic field trip and competitions were allowed to go. Discussion occurred on how far trips were going, that F.F.A. and F.C.C.L.A. were impacted, if grades could combine from both schools on one field trip, and efficiency of bus capacity and use. The general consensus was to limit to two academic field trips per grade level. Dr. Rockwood attended grandparent's day at Shabbona Elementary. She attended the roof bid opening. May 23 will be the end-of-the-year luncheon and a noon meal will be provided to which the board members are invited. The budget process has been started. Mr. Simpson volunteered to

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coordinate efforts on an education chapter for volume 2 of "From Oxen to Jets". Sherrie and Terry Martin, from our district, are collecting information for this project. The 2011-12 calendar that was approved by the board in February was discussed. Dr. Rockwood reminded the board that they had requested finals be held before Christmas. The teacher's committee as per the collective bargaining agreement met with Dr. Rockwood and determined a calendar for 2011-12 that respected this request. Even semesters were used as they are a best practice in education, and to not have them would impact the semester long classes at the high school. The teacher's committee received input from others and selected the days off. The teachers also felt it was important to start school on a Friday so that students would have a chance to get used to their schedule and to have all supplies in place. A short survey taken by students showed that the majority were supportive of having finals before Christmas. The calendar was very clear, being built on best practice, and it was taken back to the buildings by teacher members of the calendar committee. In a straw poll, the board agreed that the calendar that was approved in February, 2011 should be distributed.

No one attended the IVVC meeting so there was no report. Karissa Paku was the student of the month in culinary arts.

Mrs. Ottengheime read a thank you note from Robyn Sturk.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Ottengheime that the meeting be adjourned. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Ottengheime, Secretary