

Minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on Monday, January 17, 2011. The president called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. The recording secretary called the roll. Present were: Konen, Ottengheime, Hicks, Boehne. Absent: Palombo, Conley

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Hicks to approve the minutes of the truth in taxation hearing held on December 20, 2010 and the minutes of the regular board of education meeting held on December 20, 2010. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

Due to the weather, it was decided to postpone the convention highlights to the February board meeting. No policy committee report will be given since there is first reading on the policies tonight and there weren't any significant changes to the policies.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Mantzke and Mr. Simpson gave the elementary principals' reports. Dr. J.D. Bowers, a professor from N.I.U., spoke at both elementary schools today on civil rights, Martin Luther King, and children who were involved in the civil rights movement.

Mrs. Kennedy said there have been no new leaks at the middle school. The 7th grade girls basketball team received first place in the Amy Todd Fleming Tournament held at the middle school last week.

Mrs. Montgomery announced that the high school band was selected to play at March Madness. It is a real honor since they have been selected twice in the past three years. The F.F.A. pork chop supper went well.

Mrs. Darlinger had no additions to her report. Mrs. Ottengheime asked if the numbers were going down. Mrs. Darlinger said the numbers are remaining steady. There are quite a few students in the evaluation process.

Mrs. Montgomery gave the DCP/SAFE report. They have focused on tobacco use. Facts about tobacco use have been read in the daily announcements and there is a poster in the display case by the faculty room showing tobacco-related deaths of family members and friends of students, faculty, and staff. DCP/SAFE is working with the FCCLA in a project that will involve the other buildings in the district.

The president asked if anyone in the audience had anything that they wished to present to the board. No one responded.

BUSINESS

It was moved by Hicks, seconded by Ottengheime to approve the bills for the month of January accounts payable checks numbers 62200 to 62275 in the amount of \$187,252.12; payroll checks numbers 45464 to 45552 and 5234d to 5440d in the amount of \$430,254.24; the treasurer's report, imprest fund report, and community school fund report. Roll call vote: Konen, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes. 4 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

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It was moved by Konen, seconded by Boehne that the meeting adjourn into executive session regarding appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students, and discussion of minutes lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purpose of approval by the body of the minutes or the semi-annual review of the minutes. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned into executive session at 6:12 p.m.

Mrs. Conley arrived at 6:28 p.m.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Conley 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 6:30 p.m.

It was moved by Konen, 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 Konen, seconded by Conley to approve the review and release of the executive session minutes from July 20, 2009 through June 21, 2010 with the exception of March 11, 2010. Roll call vote: Conley, yes; Konen, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Hicks, seconded by Konen to approve destruction of verbatim executive session tapes from August 18, 2008 through June 15, 2009. Roll call vote: Konen, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Hicks, yes; Conley, yes; Boehne, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Ottengheime to approve the middle school graduation date of Tuesday, May 17, 2011. Roll call vote: Ottengheime, yes; Hicks, yes; Conley, yes; Konen, yes; Boehne, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

Mrs. Konen said almost all of the policies for first reading have been modified to comply with legislative changes. A few policies of our own are not being changed due to simply footnote changes that are not parts of our policies. There was first reading of policies: 2:20-E, 2:150, 2:220, 2:230, 2:250-E2, 2:260, 4:10, 4:150, 4:170, 4:170-AP2, 4:170-AP6, 5:10, 5:30, 5:30-AP1, 5:30-AP2, 5:90, 5:120, 5:120-AP1, 5:220, 5:220-AP, 5:260, 6:110, 6:300, 7:50, 7:60, 7:60-AP2, 7:100, 7:190-AP3, 7:270, 7:270-E, 7:310, 7:310-AP.

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REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Dr. Rockwood gave the superintendent's report. She explained the Borders partnership project with Donors Choose.org that she discovered while in Borders. She praised the work of Becky Boldt, the principals, the librarians, Mrs. Pace, and Mrs. Headley for helping get the project online and successfully funded. Due to everyone's efforts, each school received about \$350 worth of free books. She also reported on the pep band going to March Madness. The community progress report will be mailed the end of January. The R.O.E. four year compliance visit will be the week of March 21. Budget requests for 2011-2012 have been distributed in all four buildings. She asked the board to be thinking about date and place preferences for a dinner for retiring board member Mr. Foster.

It was moved by Hicks, seconded by Conley that the meeting adjourn into executive session regarding the selection of a person to fill a public office, as public office is defined in the Open Meetings Act. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned into executive session at 6:38 p.m.

It was moved by Conley, seconded by Hicks 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 8:58 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 Conley, seconded by Boehne to appoint Jeff Martenson to fill the remaining term of Charles Foster providing Mr. Martenson will accept the appointment. Roll call vote: Hicks, yes; Conley, yes; Konen, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Boehne, yes. 5 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 meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Ottengheime, Secretary