

Minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on Monday, March 21, 2011. The meeting was called to order by the president at 7:00 p.m. The recording secretary called the roll. Present were: Martenson, Hicks, Konen, Boehne, Ottengheime, Palombo, Conley. Absent: None

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Palombo to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2011 board meeting. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

Mr. Boehne announced that the following changes would occur in the agenda. Under recognition and comments from the public: Presentation of the middle school play will be under A. B. will be presentation of the district technology plan and C. will be the administrators reports.

COMMUNICATIONS

Winston Simpson, dressed as Gepetto, spoke about the recent middle school play. Joanne Burton and Julie Frankel were also present and showed the trophy that the middle school took for first place in the spelling bee.

Mrs. Kennedy gave the presentation of the district technology plan.

Mr. Mantzke had an addition to the Shabbona Elementary principal's report. Four students led a campaign to raise money for "Feed Our Starving Children" and over \$500 was taken in. The Pre-K compliance visit has been postponed until April 7.

Mr. Simpson reported that kindergarten round-up will be in April. The Student Council had a collection for the Japan relief fund for various items that will be taken to Sycamore and sent to Japan immediately.

Mrs. Montgomery thanked the C.C.C. for another successful auction and their generosity to the school district.

Mr. Hicks asked when the board would receive reports on the results of the NWEA testing. There was a reponse that all schools should be included with the results of testing.

Mrs. Kennedy had the following additions to her report: the middle school band received first place. Mrs. Goodrich has applied for a grant for a dream library make-over for \$5,000. If we receive the grant, it will be used for the satellite library on the first floor.

Mrs. Darlinger had no additions to her report.

The president asked if anyone in the audience had anything that they wished to present to the board. Stacey Moore from Waterman had a concern about the early start to the school year.

Christine Sawyer from Waterman asked why school was starting on a Friday.

Mr. Boehne replied that a committee had met and concurred on a calendar. The teachers recommended starting on a Friday so the students would have a full day to get started and learn the routine. The high school students would get to go through all their classes for A and B days and be ready to start in on Monday.

BUSINESS

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Ottengheime to approve the bills for the month of March accounts payable checks numbers 62276 to 62462 in the amount of \$177,671.97; payroll checks numbers 45643 to 45734 & 5648d to 5857d in the amount of \$442,917.39; the treasurer's report, imprest fund report, and community school fund report. Roll call vote: Martenson, yes; Hicks, yes; Konen, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Conley, yes; Boehne, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Conley, seconded by Palombo that the meeting adjourn into executive session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, collective bargaining matters, and student disciplinary case. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:33 p.m.

It was moved by Palombo, 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 10:02 p.m.

It was moved by Palombo, 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 Palombo, seconded by Konen to accept the resignation of Kathy Novotney effective June 30, 2011. Roll call vote: Martenson, yes; Hicks, yes; Konen, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Conley, yes; Boehne, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Palombo to accept the resignation of Tom Loes effective March 25, 2011. Roll call vote: Hicks, yes; Konen, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Conley, yes; Martenson, yes; Boehne, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Conley, seconded by Hicks to approve the FMLA leave request of Tom Allen. Roll call vote: Konen, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Conley, yes; Martenson, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

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It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Ottengheime to approve the district technology plan. Roll call vote: Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Conley, yes; Martenson, yes; Hicks, yes; Konen, yes; Boehne, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

There was a first reading of all the high school handbooks. There were changes in the student handbook regarding, among other things, the use of electronic study aids and seniors may be exempted from the first semester assessments for certain criteria.

Mr. Martenson expressed concern over the athletic/extra-curricular handbook regarding injuries to student athletes. He asked if an athlete was injured, is a form filled out by a coach? He wondered what the protocol was for what needs to be done and what the protocol is for getting the athlete back on the field. Do they need medical clearance? It was explained that IHSA rules umbrella our rules and regulations. Mr. Martenson was concerned about the liability for an athlete who doesn't have a medical release. It was suggested that the handbook committee reconvene another meeting to add language in reference to IHSA rules and regulations. Mr. Boehne and Ms. Palombo are the board representatives for the discipline committee that reviews the handbook.

It was moved by Conley, seconded by Palombo to approve the IHSA membership for the 2011-12 school year. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

It was moved by Ottengheime, seconded by Conley to approve Post Lawn Mowing Service for the same rates as last year. Roll call vote: Palombo, yes; Conley, yes; Martenson, yes; Hicks, yes; Konen, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Boehne, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Palombo to approve the IASA and IASB joint resolution. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

It was moved by Conley, seconded by Palombo to approve the disposal of school property. Roll call vote: Conley, yes; Martenson, yes; Hicks, yes; Konen, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Boehne, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Konen to establish April 18, 2011 as the date for the Board of Education's reorganizational meeting. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Dr. Rockwood shared that the regional office of education sent fully recognized certificates to each building in the district. The compliance visit began today. There were compliments as to how well organized the documents were. The visit usually takes three days and they were done in one-half day today and should finish up in one-half day

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tomorrow. There was congratulations given to the middle school for receiving the Horizon Award for the third time in a row. Dr. Rockwood and Mrs. Montgomery went to Peoria to see the pep band perform at the state boys basketball tournament. The pre-bid meeting for the high school roof will be on March 24 with bids due April 18. The last session on differentiated instruction was held at the March teacher institute. Mandated training in ethics, the second session on suicide prevention, and domestic violence awareness training were all completed at the institute. Dr. Rockwood attended the CCC auction and the Kishwaukee Division Spring dinner meeting with Mr. Martenson and Mr. Hicks. She attended a PMA financial seminar that was very informational. The governor's budget is different than that which ISBE is requesting. There is a possibility of a \$149 reduction per student in state aid. Indian Creek has received some reimbursement this year for services given in 2009-2010. It is hoped that by the end of this fiscal year that the state will only owe the district for two quarters for about \$400,000. Dr. Rockwood attended a tax appeal hearing and the appeal board reduced the nursing home taxes by quite a bit.

Mr. Hicks reported on the Hall of Fame. The induction will take place in January. Nominations should be given in the form of a resume and they can be given to Mr. Hicks or Gail. In June a decision will be made on who will be inducted. The committee plans on inducting three from Shabbona, three from Waterman, and three from Indian Creek. This could change.

A thank you note was read from the family of Paula McDowell.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Palombo that the meeting be adjourned. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Ottengheime, Secretary