

**SUMMARY
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
O'FALLON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 90
BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016
ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
118 E. Washington St.
7:00 P.M.**

Call to Order/Roll Call -- Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members in attendance: Becky Drury, Mary Baskett, Steve Springer, Rebecca Huller, Todd Roach, Chris Pulcher, and John Wagnon

Board members absent: none

Others in attendance (per sign in form): Sherri Tadlock, Dan Foehrkolb, Mindi Kunz, Becky Williams, Grady Niles, the Foster Family, Ryan Keller, Matt Weld, Tracy Duggins, Jeff Brokering, Ellen Hays, Lex White, Ann Neighbors, Heidi Mueller, Mark Dismukes, Janet Schuyler, Brian Lindsey, Connie Lindsey, Mark Donahue, Carrie Hruba, and Lynn Biehl

Pledge of Allegiance

Good News Report

Presentation of \$10,000 grant from CSX

Lex White from CSX presented the check to Mindi Kunz. Jamie Bossart, a District No. 90 speech pathologist wrote the grant. The grant money will be used to build social thinking curriculum throughout the district. Mr. White commented that O'Fallon District No. 90 has been very good to him and his family.

JH Bowling State Finalists

Sherri Tadlock presented certificates to the Fulton Jr. High and Carriel Jr. High state bowling finalists. The Fulton Jr. High girls placed 3rd. The Carriel Jr. High boys placed 4th. Individual Finalist were Jordan Peacock of Carriel 2nd; Natalie Heltne of Fulton 7th; Grace Braswell of Fulton 9th; Makayla Mersinger of Carriel 10th; Claire Crook of Carriel 14th; and Caleb Horton of Fulton 15th.

District 90 Logo and Tagline Contest

Presenter: Matt Weld

The contest was open to everyone in the District. The winning tagline was *Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow* by Morgan Foster, 5th grade student at Moye Elementary. The logo design winner was Matt Weld. Morgan and Mr. Weld were both presented with a new chromebook. Mr. Weld stated he plans to auction his prize off and donate the proceeds to the Fulton Art program.

Schaefer Playground

Presenter: Tracy Duggins

Schaefer Elementary is in last phase of the playground upgrade. Schaefer Elementary received a grant from United Way to help pay for the upgrade. Upgrades include adding mulch and making a butterfly garden, Kohl's, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and parent volunteers are all assisting with the labor. They plan a May 7 clean up day at Schaefer.

Consent Agenda--Drury made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items, Baskett seconded the motion. All Board members present approved the motion.

Approval of Minutes: March 15, 2016 Public Hearing/Regular Board Meeting; April 4, 2016 Special Meeting Open Session; and April 1, 2016 Policy Committee Meeting.

Monthly Approval of Bills

Acceptance of Spring Sports Letter from Boosters

Personnel Consent Agenda--Drury made a motion to approve the recommended Personnel Action Items as presented. Pulcher seconded the motion. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Presentation of Financial/Treasurer's Report--Superintendent Hruby presented the BOE Monthly Financial Report, The District is running on budget. The Treasurer's Report was also presented by Superintendent Hruby. The District S&P rating has increased from an A negative outlook to an A stable outlook. Superintendent Hruby shared she feels this is a pat on the back to the board members and staff that made reductions when needed. Board President Wagnon also thanked Superintendent Hruby for her hard work in improving our rating, via the ratings review call. Superintendent Hruby also shared that the bonds went out to sale today.

Public Comment

No comments made.

Board Committee Reports

Building Committee -- The committee met last week. They are finishing up odds and ends from Phase I. Trane has assigned a new project manager to Phase II. They are staging and will begin the work once students are out of building. The windows will be taken out from the outside. Springer said this is a project that has been needed for a long time.

Presenter: Becky Drury

Finance Committee --Committee did not meet between the last meeting and this meeting.

Presenter: Steve Springer

Policy Committee --The committee met April 11th. The proposed changes are on the agenda for a first reading. Springer said the committee had some discussion about Social Studies curriculum. He thinks the product brought to policy committee looked very good. Springer also thought the Constitution workbook used by 8th grade is very well written with the exception of the fact that in no place in the workbook does it give the exact verbiage of the full Bill of Rights (only paraphrased). Springer did find a document that contains the full Constitution and a group he works with will donate a document to the district. The Board would like Superintendent Hruby to direct the staff and the Curriculum committee to look at other Constitution workbook options and then forward their recommendations to the Policy committee.

Presenter: Chris Pulcher

BEST Committee --The committee had a meeting recently. It was a small group in attendance. There is another meeting on April 28th at Shiloh Elementary at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the 1% sales tax. So far the response has been good and positive. Ann Noble will be there to give an overview. All the money that would be received from the 1% sales tax would have to be used for facilities and abatement of debt from facilities. These meetings are to decided if this should even be placed on ballot in November.

Presenter: Mary Baskett

BASSC --Rebecca Huller stated she is excited about how the meetings are going, and Tracie and Laurin have done a great job of researching questions for Ms. Huller. They will present some changes at the next board meeting.

Presenter: Rebecca Huller

Old Business

Resolution Providing for the Issue of General Obligation School Bonds

Ann Noble presented her report. She stated that due to the restructuring of bonds, the required B&I tax rate went from 59 cents last year to 53 ½ cents this year. This was done to level out the rate as it was previously set to spike. We are done at this point with the plan. Ms. Noble said the District is trending in the right direction. The final interest rate on the bonds was 2.58%.

Springer made a motion to approve the Resolution Providing for the Issue of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2016B, of O’Fallon Community Consolidated School District No. 90, St. Clair County, IL, and for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal and Interest on Such Bonds. The motion was seconded by Huller. All board members voted in favor of the motion.

Resolution Providing for the Issue of General Obligation School Refunding Bonds

Huller made a motion to approve the Resolution Providing for the Issue of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 201A, of O’Fallon Community Consolidated School District No. 90, Sufficient to Pay the Principal and Interest on Such Bonds. Springer seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor of the motion.

New Business

Intergovernmental Agreement with City of O’Fallon--Sidewalk Improvements

Presenter: Jeff Taylor, P.E., O’Fallon Director of Public Works

The reason for the Intergovernmental Agreement is because some of these improvements are on school property. Two grants were awarded to help pay for the improvements. Sidewalk improvements will be made at Carriel, Schaefer, Hinchcliffe, and Kampmeyer. Roach asked if the improvements will affect parking at Hinchcliffe. Jeff Taylor said no. The work will begin this Fall. The contractor will work on one location at a time, and the work will take about a month at each location. Roach stated we will have to give schools plenty of warning time to plan for buses and drop-off and pick-up. Baskett made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of O’Fallon for sidewalk improvements. Huller seconded the motion. All board members approved.

Grading Scale Review

Presenters: Foehrkolb & Brokering

The District currently uses a 6-point grading scale. The committee’s goal was to get feedback, look at questions to research, and then use all data and research to support the committee’s recommendation. Wesclin, Mascoutah, and Belleville 118 have moved to a 10-point system. O’Fallon High School also uses a 10 point grading scale, but with A+ being 97 and above, A 93-96, A- 90-92, B+ 87-89, B 83-86, B- 80-82 C+ 77-79, C 73-76, C- 70-72, D+ 67-69, D 63-66, D- 60-62, and F 59 and below. The committee’s recommendation is to not stay with a 6-point grading scale and to move to the 10-point grading scale for grades Kindergarten through eighth grade. This recommendation is only for the grading scale and does not affect standards based grading. Some of the reasons for the recommendation are: anytime a quiz or test has 15 or fewer questions and the student misses one that is an automatic B; transfer students seem to have difficulty adjusting to the 6 point scale; and research shows the 6 point scale can be a demotivator. Springer stated he feels the research the committee submitted does not support the

committee's findings. Springer made a motion to keep the District grading scale as it is today. Roach seconded the motion. Springer and Pulcher voted aye. Baskett, Drury, Huller, Roach, and Wagnon voted nay. The motion did not pass. Baskett made a motion to accept the recommendation of the committee to change the District K-8 grading scale to a 10-point scale. Baskett then amended the motion to accept the recommendation of the committee to change the District K-5 grading scale to a 10-point scale and the Junior High grading scale to align with the O'Fallon High School grading scale. Huller seconded the motion. Drury, Huller, Roach, Baskett, and Wagnon voted aye. Springer and Pucher voted nay. The motion passed.

JH Athletic Handbook Update

Presenters: Brokering and Foehrkolb

The only change to the athletic handbook is the change in fees which was voted on and approved at the March Board of Education regular meeting. Huller made a motion to approve the Junior High Athletic Handbook updates. Drury seconded the motion. All board members approved.

Junior High Technology Refresh

Presenter: Grady Niles, Director of Technology

The current computers at Fulton and Carriel are 7 years old and account for 400+ help desk tickets submitted during the 2015-16 school year. PARCC & ISA testing requires working computers. Grady Niles is proposing to purchase off lease computers (from Fortune 500 companies) which are slightly used computers that come with a lifetime warranty. The majority of the computer labs will be replaced with chromebook carts. Mr. Niles proposes replacing computer labs with 2 carts of 30 devices per grade level. One windows computer lab will be kept at each junior high. Purchasing off lease computer rather than new computers will save the District \$321,340.00. Mr. Niles is proposing the first lease payment to come out of the current technology budget. Pulcher made a motion to approve the Junior High Technology Refresh as presented by Grady Niles. Drury seconded the motion. All board members approved.

First Reading of IASB Proposed Changes to the Following February Policies

6:130 Program for the Gifted

7:150 Agency and Police Interviews

7:150 - AP

7:190 Student Behavior

7:200 Suspension Procedures

7:210 Expulsion Procedures

7:220 Bus Conduct

7:240 Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities

7:305 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries

This is the first reading of the proposed policy changes. No action needed to be taken at this point.

RevTrak Fees for Online Purchases

Superintendent Hruby presented. When parents pay fees online the district is charged a fee. Last year the District accumulated \$45,000 in fees. Currently the District does not pass those fees on to parents. Online payments are convenient for parents and the schools. Superintendent Hruby was able to get fee down to 3.49%. Suggestions made were to charge a \$2 flat fee per transaction or pass a portion of the fee percentage on to parents. Huller made a motion to pass the full 3.49% fee on to parents with the option to pay by check with no fee. Springer seconded the motion. Springer, Baskett, Drury, Huller, Roach, and Wagnon voted aye. Pulcher voted nay. The motion passed.

Public Comment

Mr. Donahue stated the Symphonic Winds had a professional recording session at McKendree College. They applied for Super State and were selected. The Symphonic Winds was chosen as one of the 10 best Jr. High bands in the state of IL. On May 6th they will play at U of I. The performance will be streamed live. Mr. Wagnon thanked Mr. Donahue for his hard work.

Motion to Enter Into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Issues Relative to Personnel, Student Discipline, Litigation and/or Review of Closed Session Minutes according to Section 2, subsection c#1, #9, #11 and #21 of the Open Meeting Act.--9:37 p.m.

At 11:07 p.m. the Board came out of Closed Session and reconvened in Open Session.

Springer made a motion to approve the April 4, 2016 Closed Session Meeting Minutes. Huller seconded the motion. All board members approved.

Adjournment--Springer made a motion to adjourn and Pulcher seconded the motion. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 p.m.



John Wagnon, President



Mary Baskett, Secretary