

Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Of the
O'Fallon Community Consolidated School District 90
Board of Education
Tuesday, November 15, 2016
Fulton Jr. High
307 Kyle Road
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order/Roll Call -- The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Board members in attendance: John Wagnon, Steve Springer, Mary Baskett, Rebecca Huller, Becky Drury and Matt Lloyd

Board members absent: None

Others in attendance (per sign in form): See attached sign in sheet, Carrie Hruby, Patty Cavins and Lynn Biehl

National Anthem (Sung by the All-District Choir)

Good News -- Recognition of All-District Band and Choir Members

Kristen Keller-Nordin introduced the All-District Choir members. Seven of the 40 choir students from District 90 who auditioned made the All-District Choir. Mark Donahue introduced the All-District Band members. Of the 58 O'Fallon District 90 band students that auditioned, 36 were selected for All-District and five were selected as 1st chair on their instrument. The band played *Summon the Heroes* by John Williams.

Amanda Mellenthin - Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award

Ellen Hays presented Amanda Mellenthin with a certificate from District 90.

Board Member Appreciation 2016 - Superintendent Hruby thanked the Board for their time and hard work.

Consent Agenda -- Todd Roach made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Rebecca Huller seconded the motion. All Board members approved. The motion carried.

November 3, 2016 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Steve Springer made a motion to approve the bills from the October Board meeting to November 12, 2016. Todd Roach seconded the motion. All Board members approved. The motion carried.

Personnel Consent Agenda -- Mary Baskett made a motion to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda as approved. Todd Roach seconded the motion. All Board members approved. The motion carried.

Personnel Agenda Items

Contract for Speech Language Pathologist Service

Presentation of Financial/Treasurer's Report -- The Tax Levy Hearing will be in December. The District is still waiting on the FY16 4th and FY17 1st categoricals. The FY16 4th categorical will probably be released in December. We are receiving state aid every 2 weeks as we should be. We currently have about 13 million in the bank. Health Life Safety is high due to Trane money.

Public Comment

None

Board Committee Reports

- a. *Building Committee* - Becky Drury presented- We are almost done with Trane. Heating exchangers at Moye and Kampmeyer aren't working which will be discussed further in the agenda.
- b. *Finance Committee* - Steve Springer presented - The committee had a meeting on November 3rd. Springer reviewed the minutes of the meeting. Springer explained the Disabled Vets Exemption will be problematic to the District if it continues. The Disabled Vets Exemption is Senate bill 107. Veterans 70 - 100% disabled pay zero property taxes. The increase in this exemption has cost District #90 approximately \$750,000.
- c. *Policy Committee* - Carrie Hruby presented - No meeting was held. Policy updates have been received and the committee will meet soon to discuss those updates.
- d. *BEST Committee* - Mary Baskett presented- The BEST Committee had a meeting. It was decided they will meet quarterly and will work on finding ways to make sure 2 board members from each district attend each meeting. The committee talked about the 1% sales tax and what that would mean for the school districts. The committee will plan a retreat for Board members this year.
- e. *BASSC* - Rebecca Huller presented - No meeting.

Old Business

Resolution Directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools to Certify to the County Clerk the Question of Imposing a 1% County School Facility Sales Tax to be Used Exclusively for School Facility Purposes to the Voters of St. Clair County at the April 4, 2017 Consolidated Election. -- This is the same resolution the board looked at and approved for the November ballot, but then other school districts felt it would be best to wait until the April election. All eight counties that had it on the November ballot passed the resolution. The money received can only be used for facility use. Each school district in the county will get a percentage of the tax based on enrollment numbers. Springer stated he finds it offensive that we are being asked to wait for the April ballot. To say people will save money on property taxes isn't true in his opinion. Drury made a motion to

approve the Resolution Directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools to Certify to the County Clerk the Question of Imposing a 1% County School Facility Sales Tax to be Used Exclusively for School Facility Purposes to the Voters of St. Clair County at the April 4, 2017 Consolidated Election. Baskett seconded the motion. Roach, Baskett, Drury, Huller, Lloyd and Wagnon voted aye. Springer voted nay. The motion passed.

Boundaries Discussion

Superintendent Hruby presented. The committee reviewed questions and input from the Board and public comment. The options include: Option A - 5th grade school; Option B - a redraw of current boundaries; Option B2 - also a redraw but different boundary configurations; and Option C - the idea of creating a preschool center. At the time of the last Board meeting the committee hadn't vetted Option C as much as the others. As the committee met again after the October Board meeting they also looked at an Option B3. Option B3 takes into consideration that Evans could outgrow itself quickly. Option B3 also has more contiguous boundaries and keeps the same grade levels at the schools. The problem with Options B1, 2, and 3 is those options don't balance free and reduced and still aren't creating additional sections of grade levels and most likely will still have to transfer some students. Currently the district transfers approximately 50 students each year. Option C has four elementary buildings and one preschool building. Option C would allow to increase class sections at the elementary schools which would help reduce the number of transfers. Preschool is using 14 classrooms across the district currently. The District currently has a waiting list for preschool. All options are based on the current staffing numbers.

Board Member questions/comments: *Wagnon* - Would there be space to absorb all elementary students into 4 schools? *Superintendent Hruby* - It would have to be further explored as to what school to use for preschool.

Huller - She is really excited about all the work the committee has done. She would like the committee to further explore Option C.

Lloyd - Would Option C prevent the District from being in the same position 3 years from now?

Superintendent Hruby - Option A or C should prevent that.

Roach - He is interested in finding out more about Option C. When does the administration need to have a decision to make plans for the upcoming school year? *Superintendent Hruby* - The decision could be pushed back to January or February if needed. The decision needs to be made before registration.

Lloyd - He doesn't want the District to rush to a decision because we are not in a crisis yet. He thinks the Board needs to come up with a 10 or 20 year plan.

Roach - Lloyd is right, but unfortunately it is hard to have a long term vision because the growth within the District is unknown.

Baskett - She would like to see more information about Option C. Her concern is what school would be used as the preschool. She thanked the committee for their time and efforts. She agrees with Lloyd that the Board has to look at where the District is going. If the 1% sales tax goes through it would give the District 1.9 million a year for facilities. She has a problem with transferring students to other schools.

Springer - The Board does not need to rush to a decision. He sees the priorities as: 1) balance buildings for further growth, 2) ending transfers of students and 3) contiguous boundaries. He requests the committee finds one Option B. He wants the ability to compare Options A, B, and C.
Wagnon - The Board needs to cast the vision for where the District is going.

The Board agreed they would like to see more information on Option C and B3, and will still look at Option A. The Board will hold a special meeting on December 5th to look more closely at the options. The meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office. Superintendent Hruby thanked Board for doing their work in public which can be difficult. She also stated she shared some more frequently asked questions on our website.

New Business

Health/Life Safety Emergency Board Resolution for Moye -- Heater units at Moye and Kampmeyer are not working. These need to be fixed before cold weather hits. This is repair work - we are not replacing the units. Huller made a motion to approve the Health/Life Safety Emergency Board Resolution for Moye Elementary as presented. Lloyd seconded the motion. All Board members approved.

Health/Life Safety Emergency Board Resolution for Kampmeyer-- Drury made a motion to approve the Health/Life Safety Emergency Board Resolution for Kampmeyer Elementary as presented. Huller seconded the motion. All Board members approved.

Workers Compensation Policy Renewal -- All of the District insurance policies will now be on the same renewal time frame. Lloyd made a motion to approved the Workers Compensation Policy Renewal effective 12/01/16 through 07/01/17 as presented. Drury seconded the motion. All Board members approved.

Proposed Tax Levy -- Patty Cavins presented 5 scenarios. Cavins recommended the 4.99% increase.

Public Comment --

Heather Dye - She conducted her own analysis of the data presented at the last Board meeting. It appears the growth is in the western part of the District. It seems that Evans would be close to capacity within 2 years with Option A. Another issue is that in the past 5 years there has been about a 10% difference between the schools in free and reduced amounts. She compared the 2015 school report card data and the committee's data and noted discrepancies.

Curt Iffert - He has 3 girls at Marie Schaefer. He thanked the committee and the Board. He agrees we need to have a plan for the future, and also knows we need to do something soon. Please consider the children first and not just think financially. Transportation time is a big issue. Doing nothing isn't an option at this point. District 90 has some of the best teachers and administrators in the country.

Fory Wells - He would like to get clarification on Title 1 funding. Is there hard data on the transfers? What are the current levels of transfers by schools and grades? What is plan to corral the transfers? Option C would disband a smaller school, but with Option A the District would be disbanding a larger school.

Ann Sodam - She is a 5th grade teacher. She is happy another option (other than Option A) has been presented. Does Evans feel like it needs to be fixed?

Wagnon - The priority is not to "fix" a school, as there isn't a need to do so.

Aaron Geiger - We don't have a crisis, and we need to have some time to make the best decision. We need to figure out where the District is going and work backward. Voting on an Option in December is foolish.

Laurie Heindrichs -Is there a way to redraw the boundaries of Option A?

Chris Jakes - Option C is an interesting option. What if we looked at making Evans the preschool center? It seems like that would help spread out free and reduced and balance the enrollment.

Wagnon - If Option C is considered we would have to look at which school would make most sense for a preschool center.

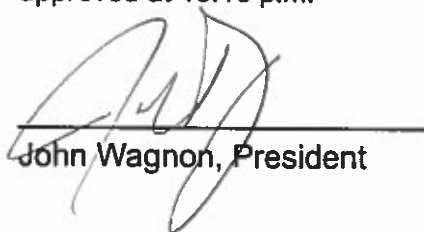
Natalie Ellington - She is impressed by the committee and the Board. She thinks it is awesome the committee came back with an Option C. Thank you for giving the board something else to look at. She did research on the impact on transitioning students to different schools.

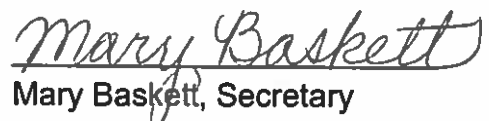
Mary Basket made a Motion to Enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Issues Relative to Personnel, Student Discipline and Review of Closed Session Minutes, according to Section 2, subsection (c) (1), (9) and (21) of the 5 ILCS 120/2 from Ch. 102, par. 41. Huller seconded the motion. All Board members approved at 9:18 p.m.

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:48 p.m.

Lloyd made a motion to approve the October 18, 2016 Executive Session minutes as presented. Huller seconded the motion. All Board members approved.

Roach made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lloyd seconded the motion. All Board members approved at 10:16 p.m.


John Wagnon, President


Mary Baskett, Secretary