

**MINUTES  
OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF O’FALLON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 90  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015  
EDWARD FULTON JUNIOR HIGH  
307 KYLE ROAD  
7 P.M.**

President Hellin called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and asked for a Roll Call.

**PRESENT: Mary Baskett, Becky Drury, Chris Pulcher, Todd Roach, John Wagon  
And Steven Hellin**

**ABSENT: Steve Springer**

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Annette Neighbors, Dan Foehrkolb, Mike Ward, Liliana Ward, Madison Chaplin, Chris Cabrera, Julian Cabrera, Matt Weld, Jacque Grant, Stefanie Roy, Jennifer Stahla, Laura Hipkiss, Debbie Jordan, Bea Grant, Joyce Ringdahl, Ellen Hays, Shane Flaar, Andi Crouse Family, Alicia Tosson, Alayna Davies-Smith, Trista Charlton, Tony Hanson, Stacy Mitchell, Mark Donahue, Tim Spihlman, Suzy McDaniel, Susan Weiser, Tracy Newton, Giorgio Cabrera, Lori Davis, Cedric Mitchell, Patti Eckart, Amelia Jones, Grady Niles, Denise Dauphin, Julia Rodriguez, Teresa Goodhue, Kara Wagon, Melinda Brant, Rob Maginson, Pam Stacey, Kim Pate, Doug DeMard, Angela Schloer, Colleen Headrick, Carl Fuller, Judy Brooks, Christi Poteet, Lora Blackwell, Dawn Holloway, Dan Rudy, Michelle Dippel, Becky Williams, Carrie Hruby, Kim Gibson, Roger Williams, Heidi Mueller, Robert Mueller, Jackie Gonski, Mathew Christy, Jenna Christy, Philip Davis, Linda Davis, Susan Lamar, Lena Bauer, Katie Edwards, Chris Shashack, Alyssa Baumann, Katie Klausner, Darla Klausner, Carol Hauer, Patti Bjornson, Jill Doyle, Amanda Mellenthin, Rebecca Huller, John Valentine, Rob Bohnenstiehl, Janet Schuyler, Mary Schwarz, and Dawn P Jones-Graffney

President Hellin led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Carriel Junior High Principal, Mrs. Hays recognized Morgan Gonski for winning the Do the Right Thing Award. Morgan reported vandalism. Moyer Elementary Principal, Mrs. Williams recognized Braden Crouse for turning money he found on the play ground in to the office.

Mr. Dismukes, Principal at EK, recognized four fifth grade students, Meredith Christy, Haley Magnuson, Abigail Wagnon and Ella Brant, for coming up with the idea and carrying out the Give a Gift Project. These four ladies wanted to make a difference to the children who would be spending Christmas at Children's Hospital. They asked for donations of toys and books. The Project received 881 items which were delivered to Children's Hospital.

Fulton Girls' Basketball Coach, Shane Flaar, congratulated the team on their state championship. Ashley Schloer, Mackenzie Williams, Brilynn Touma, Liliana Ward, Marlite Reeves, Madison Buford, Madison Chaplin, Brooke Mason, Kayla Gordon, and Deja McDonald had a perfect season with a 25-0 record and won the Regionals. Mackenzie Williams and Ashley Schloer, were members of the state champion team last year also. Coach Flaar also thanked his Assistant Coach Alyssa Bauman.

Marie Schaefer Principal, Ms. Newton, recognized Julian Mitchell for receiving the Racial Harmony Award. Julian was nominated by his teacher Mrs. Pate who described Julian as strong, kind, will work with any student, is trusted by classmates, patient, attentive listener, problem solver among other qualities.

Chris Cabrera, Eagle Scout, requested the Board's permission to carry out his Eagle Scout Project of building and installing 48 sound absorption panes in the Fulton Junior High Band Room. With Board approval, the project should be done by April. All funds have been raised and Scout Troop 94 and some band members will provide the labor for the project. There will be minimal or no maintenance for the project. The Board granted approval for the project.

Ms. Alayna Davies-Smith, District 90 Librarian, informed the Board that in previous years District 90 has been the recipient of a Target Grant. Target has notified Ms. Davies-Smith that they are not longer offering the grant, but enclosed a one time \$1,000 to be used for the District's libraries. The Target Funds will be used for data base subscriptions.

Ms. Davies-Smith reported that she applied for and received the Secretary of State of Illinois Library Grant. This amounts to 75 cents per student or \$2,528.25. these funds are used to buy books for all seven libraries.

Technology Coach, Matt Weld, along with Ms. Lori Davis and two of her students, Karina Auseley and Nick Spihlman, Mr. Roger Williams and two of his students Anna DeMonge and Laura Edwards, presented a research reading project they did.

The Board thanked the students for their outstanding performances, Eagle Scout Chris Cabrera for donating to the Junior High Band Program, and Ms. Davies-Smith for applying for and receiving the grants for the libraries, and Mr. Weld, Ms. Davis, Mr. Williams and their students for showcasing the class projects.

Moved by Drury, seconded by Wagon, to approve the Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes from January 20, 2015 as written. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Drury, to approve payment of all the bills for February as listed. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Dr. Wood reported that 58.15% of the Education budget of \$20,333,827.34 has been spent as of the end of January. That is about where we should be this far into the school year. The Building and Maintenance Fund has spent about 73.52% of it's budget of \$2,906,745.06. Debt Service has a budget of \$3,458,670.00 of which 61.89% has been spent. Transportation has spent 50.61% of it's \$1,761,396.00 budget. IMRF/social Security Fund has a budget of \$880,061.13 of which 61.00% has been spent. The Tort Fund has spent 60.04% of it's \$1,890,218.36 budget. Health Life Safety Fund has a budget of \$450,962.00 with \$483,245 or 107.16% being spent. All Funds have a beginning Fund Balance so as it appears that this fund is overdrawn, it is not because of the beginning Fund Balance. This Fund covers planned building upkeep and emergency repairs that could pose a danger to the students and staff of the building, as in the boiler or AC not working, broken water pipes, bathroom fixtures that do not work, etc.

Moved by Drury, seconded by Pulcher, to approve the January Financial Reports as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Drury and Wagon will attend the Southwestern Division Dinner Meeting on February 25 at Belleville West.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Porter, a Psychiatrist in the community and parent of junior high students, requested that we use diversity in hiring faculty and staff. Do all we can to attract diverse candidates to fill vacancies so that our staff better reflects our student population and community.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Building Committee Chairperson Drury, reported that the Committee is waiting on the 10 Year Life Safety Study. When it is received, a special meeting will be held to review the study. The Committee is looking into Performance Contracting as a way to maximize our dollars.

The Finance Committee has challenges. The Operations and Maintenance Fund is on track to bust the fund because there is no reserve. Debt Service Fund has the perfect storm brewing. All bonds are coming due in a couple of years. We will need to keep an eye on what Springfield does with the state budget.

Baskett stated that the Health Life Safety Fund had a fund balance at the beginning of the year. L/S Funds can only be used for Health Life Safety issues and must be approved by the Regional Office of Education.

Roach informed the Board that the City has postponed the TIF Review Board meeting to February 24 at 10 a.m. at City Hall. The High School District 203 and District 90 have a joint lawyer to represent them at the TIF meetings.

Baskett said District 90 is asking for a 50% pass through across the board which is roughly \$90,000 to District 90 for 23 years. If the TIF District passes at 0%, that would take away roughly 8 million dollars from District 90.

Policy Committee Chairman Roach stated there would be a second reading and adoption of Board Policies later in the meeting.

BEST Committee Representative Drury reported that the Committee met February 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss preparations for PARCC, asking Mark Raeber to write articles on hot topics, and group purchasing for food service, copy leases and property insurance. March 9 is the next meeting at Shiloh District 85 Middle School.

There was no BASSC meeting.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Total enrollment at the end of January for District 90 was 3540 including Pre-K.

Moved by Wagnon, seconded by Drury, to accept the following resignations:

Hopkins, Lisa – Before and After Care (p.m.) – Moye – effective last day 2/6/2015

Isaac, Tomarra – Program Aide – Carriel – effective last day 2/9/2015

Korycanek, Holly – Interventionist Aide – Moye – effective last day 2/20/2015

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Wagnon, seconded by Drury, to reassign the following individuals for the 2014-2015 school year:

Griffin, Beverly – Parttime Before and After Care Worker at Schaefer to Moye – Effective 2/6/2014

Rakers, Megan – Individual Care Aide at Hinchcliffe to Moye – Effective 1/28/2015

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Drury, seconded by Pulcher, to hire the following individuals for the 2014-2015 school year:

Barnes, Shonn –Part time Individual Care Aide (a.m.) – Moye – Effective 2/2/2015

Morris, Katherine – Program Aide – Moye – Effective 2/2/2015

Richards, Tashia – Noonhour Supervisor – Fulton – Effective 1/30/2015

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Drury, seconded by Pulcher, to hire Substitute List No. 7 for the 2014-2015 school year:

**Teacher/Para:**

Baker, Whitney

Ballysingh, Tracy

Bell-Watkins, Erica

Lewis, Andrea

Reeser, Amy

Shevlin, Laura

Ware Jr., Karl

**Noncertified:**

Korstad, Erin – Before and After Care

Turpin, Cheryl – Nurse

Votrain, Michelle – Before and After Care

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board discussed drafting an agenda for Town Hall meetings to educate the public on school finance.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Roach, to approve the proposed mid-year changes to the Junior High Handbook as recommended by the IPA. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Second reading of the proposed changes to the following Board Policies was held.

1. 2:140 Communications To and From the Board
2. 2:140-E Guidance for Board Member Communications, Including Email Use
3. 4:45 Insufficient Fund Checks and Debt Recovery
4. 4:110 Transportation
5. 4:120 Food Service
6. 4:130 Free and Reduced-Priced Services
7. 4:150 Facility Management and Building Programs
8. 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
9. 5:185 Family and Medical Leave
10. 5:220 Substitute Teachers
11. 5:250 Leaves of Absence
12. 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day
13. 6:60 Curriculum Contest
14. 6:110 Programs for Students at Risk of Academic Failure
15. 6:280 Grading and Promotion
16. 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program
17. 7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers to and From Non-District Schools
18. 7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students

Moved by Drury, seconded by Baskett to approve the Policies as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Wagnon, to approve the Board meeting dates as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Drury, seconded by Pulcher, to name the Bank of O’Fallon as the depository bank for District Funds. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The first reading of the 2015-2016 Calendar was held. Questions were raised regarding August 17 being listed as a Half Day SIP day instead of a full day Institute day.

Moved by Roach, seconded by Pulcher, to continue the Summer Tuition Preschool Program at Marie Schaefer with no fee increase and no cost increase. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Pulcher to approve the graduation date as May 19, 2015. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Fulton Graduation will be at 6 p.m. at Fulton Junior High. Carriel graduation will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Panther Dome.

Mike Bowen was present to explain the savings to restructure the bond debt.

<b>BOND</b>	<b>CURRENT RATE</b>	<b>NEW RATE</b>	<b>TERM</b>
2004	3.1	1.67	2016
2006A	4.31	2.40	2024
2006B	6.5	1.89	2024

By restructuring the bonds, there will be a net savings of \$600,000 to the District. The Carriel Bond can be looked at to mitigate in two to three years.

Moved by Pulcher, seconded by Wagnon, to Adopt the Resolution Providing for the Issue of: (A) General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 2015A; and (B) General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 2015B, of O’Fallon Community Consolidated School District No. 90 St. Clair County, Illinois, and for the Levies of Direct Annual Taxes Sufficient to Pay the Principal and Interest on Such Bonds. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Dismukes, President of the Booster Club presented the finances for volleyball.

Moved by Wagnon, seconded by Drury, to approve hiring the following individuals for extra curricular programming:

**Carriel:** Piening, Angela – Teacher – Varsity Volleyball Coach  
Klotz, Becky – Teacher – Jr. Varsity Volleyball Coach

**Fulton:** Flaar, Nicole – Social Worker – Varsity Volleyball Coach  
Satterfield, Jason – Teacher – Jr. Varsity Volleyball Coach

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Suzy McDaniels thanked the Board for bringing back the arts

Moved by Wagnon, seconded by Pulcher, to Enter Into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Issues Relative to Personnel, Collective Negotiation Matters and Property According to Section 2, subsection c #1, #2 and #5 of the Open Meetings Act. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried. (8:43 p.m.)

Moved by Drury, seconded by Wagnon, to come out of Executive Session. All voted aye. Motion carried. (9:58 p.m.)

Moved by Pulcher, seconded by Roach, to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Adjournment time was 9:58 p.m.

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Steven Hellin, President

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Becky Drury, Secretary

June Wilkey Isselhardt  
Recording Secretary



