

**MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2014
7:00 P.M.
118 EAST WASHINGTON STREET**

President Hellin called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for a roll call.

PRESENT: Mary Baskett, Becky Drury, Chris Pulcher, Todd Roach, Steve Springer,
John Wagnon and Steven Hellin

ABSENT: none

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mark Raeber, Charles Pitts, Dan Foehrkolb, Michelle Dippel, Jacque Grout, Joi Wills, Keith Richter, Julie Gerstenecker, Megan Hughes, Lena Bauer, Susan Lamar, Ellen Hays, Dennis Gallo, Doug Wood, Trista Charlton, Danny Rudy, Denise Kellermann, Becky Williams, Jane Kinnard, Judy Brooks, Casey Vinson, Kevin Gedermen. Diane Gedermen, Natalie Ellington, Joel Dreyer, Ross Rosenberg

President Hellin led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Drury, seconded by Springer, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 17, 2013 and the Minutes of the Public Hearing on the Tax Levy of December 17, 2013 as written. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Drury, to approve payment of all bills for January as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Superintendent Koehl reported that District 90 has received the October payment from the State of Illinois for Categoricals which is 24.140%. The December payment has been sent to the State Treasurer's Office for disbursement, but has not been received by District 90. The State of Illinois is a quarter behind in it's payments equaling \$2,533,653.11.

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Roach to approve the Financial Reports as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you from the O'Fallon Police Department was sent to the District for allowing the Police Department to use District 90 facilities (Carriel Junior High) for "Breakfast with Santa". Chief Van Hook specifically thanked Dr. Wood, Mrs. Hays and Scott Votrain for helping to make the event a great success.

An invitation from the Regional Office of Education was included in the packet, inviting the Board to the St. Clair County School Administrator's Dinner on Thursday, February 13 at 6 p.m. at the Shrine. Anyone interested in attending is asked to let June know by January 31.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Charles Pitts addressed the Board about Friday's meeting on the P.E. Waiver. Mr. Pitts asked how shall we use the resources available to District 90. Dr. Koehl is doing an exemplary job of managing the resources. At Friday's meeting, who will get to decide how to allocate those resources. I encourage concentration on how to tell the State of Illinois thank you for the mandates, but no thank you. I support you and best wishes on struggling through Friday.

Kevin Gedermen requested that the Board rethink their position on cutting graduation. Mr. Gedermen asked that the Board to reinstate a formal graduation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. Koehl reported that during the last cold spell when school was not in session, a sprinkler head froze and burst at Moye, flooding eight classrooms. Those eight classrooms have been moved until repairs can be completed which should be by the end of the week. The water damaged has been remediated. Drywall has been replaced, and plastering is done. We would like to thank the O'Fallon Fire Department for their role in getting the water out of the building.

Superintendent Koehl stated that the bid opening for the HVAC work at Schaefer was held today. The budget was \$430,000 and the bid came in a little under that.

There was no Finance Committee meeting.

A Policy Committee meeting needs to be scheduled.

Chairman Drury of the BEST Committee said they have continued to discuss the registration process in making it uniformed between the District 203 Feeder Schools and streamlining the process.

Chairman Baskett stated there was nothing to report for BASSC.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The enrollment as of the end of December was 3547 including Pre-K. Fifth grade is frozen across the district so any new students entering fifth grade will remain at their home school.

Moved by Drury, seconded by Roach, to accept the following resignations.

Hamilton, Angelique – 7th gr. Math Teacher – Fulton – Effective last day 1/10/2014

Orr, Kirby – 5th gr. Teacher – Schaefer – Effective last day 2/20/2014

Steele, Stacy – Individual Care Aide – Fulton & After Care Worker – Schaefer –

Effective last day 12/20/2013

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Drury, seconded by Baskett, to rehire Alex May as Custodian at Moye effective 1/6/2014. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Wagnon, to hire the following individuals for the 2013-2014 school year.

Hawotte, Rachele – Program Aide – Fulton – Effective 1/14/2014

Heimbuecher, Jeanette – Before and After Care Site Supervisor – Moye – Effective 1/13/14

Joest, Danielle – Program Aide – Schaefer – Effective 1/14/2014

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Wagnon, seconded by Drury, to reassign Jarrod Carter from Custodian at Moye to Custodian at Carriel effective 1/6/2014. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Roach, to approve the request for maternity/family medical leave to Casey Brauer, 1st grade teacher at EK from approximately 1/19/14 through 4/4/14. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Drury, to hire Substitute List No. 6 for the 2013-2014 school year as listed.

Certified:

Bronke, Nancy

Codispoti, Janice

Ord, Jennifer

Webster, Monet

Whitehead, Sarah

Non-Certified: none

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Roach, seconded by Baskett, to approve the Registration dates as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Wednesday, May 14 and Thursday, May 15, 2014 from 5 to 8 p.m., currently registered students and all kindergarten can register at their home schools. Friday, May 16, 2014 from 9 a.m. to noon is reserved for those parents with unique work situations. Tuesday, July 29, 2014, currently registered students, new students and all kindergarten are able to register at their home schools.

Reinstating graduation ceremonies was discussed. Each Junior High Principal would like to see some kind of ceremony.

Roach asked if we couldn't scale back on costs by printing diplomas ourselves and using cardstock covers.

Springer said he didn't have a problem if parents want it but we cut lots out of the budget. Graduation did not come up as a Board priority. We cut thousands and thousands of dollars in supplies for students to the point where teachers are spending money out of their pockets to buy supplies. With \$20,000 in reserve, I don't think spending 25% of that on graduation is a wise decision. I don't have a problem doing it if parents want to fund it.

Hellin wondered if the PTO might get involved or possibly a parent fee to cover the costs. President Hellin said there were four options as he saw it.

Option 1: Do nothing

Option 2: Reinstate graduation with outside funding

Option 3: District funded graduation

Option 4: First reading of options and table the issue until February.

Drury suggested having a parent meeting with the PTO to see if there was support.

Wagnon said he doesn't want to say no because the ceremony is nice, but wants to explore options.

Mrs. Wills and Dr. Wood, Principals of the Junior High Buildings said that February 18th would be the latest they could start planning the ceremony because of the cap and gown measurements and submitting the order for diplomas and covers.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Drury, to approve Option 2 for graduation. All voted aye. Motion carried. Option 2 is to have graduation but with outside funding.

First reading of the 2014-2015 school calendar was held.

PUBLIC COMMENT none

Dr. Koehl said the Booster Club had given him a check for \$7,469.98 to cover the extra curricular programming for Wrestling and Scholar Bowl.

Moved by Wagon, seconded by Drury, to hire the following individuals for extra-curricular programming.

Carriel and Fulton: Weber, Zachary – Wrestling Coach

Carriel: Welser, Bryan – Scholar Bowl

Fulton: Lawrence, Branson – Scholar Bowl

Roll Call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Wagon, seconded by Roach, to enter into an Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Issues Relative to Personnel, and Collective Negotiating Matters According to Section 2, subsection c #1 and #2 of the Open Meetings Act. Roll Call. All voted aye. Motion carried. (7:52 p.m.)

Moved by Drury, seconded by Roach, to come out of Executive Session. All voted aye. Motion carried. (9:07 p.m.)

Moved by Wagon, seconded by Drury, to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Adjournment time was 9:08 p.m.

Steven Hellin, President

Becky Drury, Secretary

June Wilkey Isselhardt
Recording Secretary

