

**MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
O'FALLON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 90
BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2013
HINCHCLIFFE ELEMENTARY BUILDING
1050 OGLE ROAD
7:00 P.M.**

President Hellin called the 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 Steve Hellin**

ABSENT: none

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mark Raeber, Jacque Grout, Annette Neighbors, Matt Weld, Kristie Belobrajdic, Michelle Dippel, Bea Grant, Debbie Hargrove, Melissa Peel, Tracy Newton, Becky Williams, Gina Chorma, Joyce Ringdahl, Lex White, Keith Richter, Doug Wood, Dennis Gallo, Ellen Hays, Danny Rudy, Cindy Doil, Pam Stacey, Julie Gerstenecker, Emily Walton, Caleb Walton, Jason Stroud, Crista Schafe, Denise Trelow, Tim Trelow, Shari Trelow, Emily Trelow, Randy Brown, Charles Pitts, Jesse Hamby, Michelle Hamby, Jennifer Medeiros, Gerald Donohue, Nancy Morrison

President Hellin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Caleb Walton, an Eagle Scout, had a power point presentation on his finished Eagle Scout Project that he did with the help of Robin Springer, at Marie Schaefer School in the Character Garden. Caleb and his team of scouts weeded and planted the garden plots and then put mulch down. A rain barrel was installed to help with the watering during the summer months. Caleb put a clear coat on the picnic table and pavilion in the garden also. The mural was then painted on the wall in the garden. Caleb dedicated the garden in Memory of Kassey Massey, Principal Newton's late daughter. Caleb received his Eagle Scout Badge June 26, 2013. Dr. Koehl thanked Caleb for doing a great job in beautifying the courtyard at Schaefer.

Teresa Derby and Jana Vasquez recognized the Young Achiever's from Estelle Kampmeyer: Mallory Stroud, Emilee Steinkamp, Austin Dichsen, Emma Ellington, Nicolas Santillon, and Bryan

Trelow. Dr. Koehl and President Hellin presented each Young Achiever in attendance a Certificate of Achievement.

Mrs. Derby went on to explain that Bryan Trelow was the winner of the Gateway Young Achiever of the Year from the International Leadership Network for the Young Achiever's from the states of Illinois, Missouri, Virginia, Alabama, Wisconsin, Tennessee and Maine plus Canada.

Lex White, on behalf of CSX and Casey Schaven, President of Rotary Club presented \$1000 to the Foundation for Early Childhood Education. Receiving the donation was Gina Chorma, Director of the Program, Cindy Doil and Mary Baskett members of The Foundation Committee. Dr. Koehl and President Hellin, on behalf of the Board of Education, thanked both gentlemen for the generous donation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Reese stated that she had attended a luncheon where District 112 Representative Dwight Kay was the keynote speaker talking about the House Resolution 0543 (HR0543) that he sponsored. In HR0543, Representative Kay is asking State Superintendent of Education Chris Kock and the State Board of Education to delay the implementation of the Common Core Standards until a Board authorized and conducted study shows the costs associated with the Common Core Standards and the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers. HR0543 states that the Illinois State Board of Education has not secured funding for schools that will need curricular, technological, and infrastructure upgrades and while the most recent data shows that close to 67% of school districts are operating with a deficit, the prospect of a pension cost shift, and other expensive unfunded mandates by the state is inconceivable to require districts to incur costs to upgrade schools in their respective districts because the State Board of Education unilaterally made the decision to move to the Common Core Standards, without counsel from local school districts, without a strong statewide informational campaign about the Common Core Standards, and without performing a cost analysis for local school districts and the state.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Roach, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on July 16, the Special Meeting of July 24, the Special Meeting of July 30, the Public Hearing on the P.E. Waiver, and the Special Meeting of August 7, 2013 as written. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Drury, seconded by Wagnon, to approve the August bills lists as presented. Roll call. Voted aye. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Dr. Koehl displayed a chart that showed the District had received 89.7% of the General State Aid (GSA) and 100% of categoricals, however, the State of Illinois shorted us \$677,100.57 by the proration of the GSA. District 90 currently has 1.8 million dollars in reserves across all funds.

At the end of the fiscal year, District 90 had a balance of \$2,498,284.73 across all funds. At the end of July, the balance across all funds was \$8,679,436.45. This is due largely to the receipt of real estate tax money and the FY13 payment of GSA.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) adopted our Resolution Opposing the Prevailing Wage Act as IASB currently has a Position Statement (5.05) stating the same.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Drury reported that the Building Committee had met to go over the five year maintenance plan, look at what had been done, look at what needs to be done and the Schaefer Health Life Safety Project.

Chairman Springer reported that the Finance Committee had two meetings, July 24 and August 15. The budgets for FY13 and FY14 were reviewed. Currently, the projections for FY14 are in the black. The Committee discussed options for the Operations and Maintenance Fund to end FY14 in the black. The HVAC costs are high. The Committee will explore a dedicated HVAC person either an employee or a contracted person.

The Finance Committee also looked at bond options and refinancing. Superintendent Koehl will meet with our financial advisor to review the bonds.

The elementary grade level supplies lists were looked at. Superintendent Koehl will discuss the lists with the Administrators Council.

The Policy Committee has not met but set August 26 as the next meeting date.

Chairman Drury reported that the BEST Committee is reviewing the Strategic Plan. The next meeting is August 28 at District 90 Administration Building at 4 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The total enrollment for District 90 is 3494 which is up five students from the end of FY13. Grades K, 4 and 5 are frozen at EK. Grades K and 4 are frozen at Evans. Grades 3 and 4 are frozen at Hinchcliffe. Fifth grade is frozen at Moye. Schaefer has grades 1,3, 4, and 5 frozen.

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

Bouquet, Jennifer – Program Aide – Evans – Effective the end of the 2012-2013 school year

Davis, Alicia – Elementary Teacher (was approved for 1 year leave of absence 13/14school year effective 8/15/2013)

Hanson, Leah – Noonhour Supervisor – Kampmeyer – Effective last day 8/27/2013

Keiser, Troy – Program Aide – Moye – Effective the end of the 2012-2013 school year

Martin, Megan – Individual Care Aide – Kampmeyer – Effective last day 8/30/2013

Stoelzle, Rob – Wrestling Coach – Extra Duty Position - Effective 8/12/2013

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Drury, seconded by Baskett, to hire the following individuals for the 2013-14 school year:

Brown, Kayla – Program Aide – Carriel – Effective 8/13/2013

Cady, Kelsey – 2nd grade Teacher – Schaefer – Effective 8/12/2013

Casey, Kelsey – Part time District Offices Custodian – Effective 8/12/2013

Clark, Beth – Instructional Aide – Hinchcliffe – Effective 8/13/2013

Danks, Kathryn – AtRisk PreK Aide (Grant Funded) – Schaefer – Effective 8/13/2013

Felis, Lianne – Noonhour Supervisor – Moye – Effective 8/14/2013

Foley, Beth – 1st Gr. Teacher – Kampmeyer – Effective 8/12/2013

Hendricks, Crystal – Registered Nurse – Hinchcliffe – Effective 8/22/2013

Henrichs, Sarah – Interventionist Aide – Moye – Effective 8/13/2013

Hughes, Megan – Individual Care Aide – Hinchcliffe – Effective 8/12/2013

Jenness, Rachel – Instructional Aide – Evans – Effective 8/13/2013

Kline, Brittany – Instructional Aide – Schaefer – Effective 8/12/2013

Marrs, Lori – Instructional Aide – Hinchcliffe – Effective 8/13/2013

Martz, Carol – Program Aide – Evans – Effective 8/13/2013

Pensoneau, Jennifer – Program Aide – Moye & Schaefer – Effective 8/19/2013

Speelman, Heidi – Instructional Aide – Hinchcliffe – Effective 8/12/2013

Stemm, Trisha – Noonhour Supervisor – Moye – Effective 8/14/2013

Urscheler, Derek J. – Individual Care Aide – Fulton – Effective 8/14/2013

Voss, Jennifer – Interventionist Aide – Carriel – Effective 8/13/2013

Welser, Bryan – 6th gr. Social Studies/7th Gr. Language Arts Teacher – Carriel –
Effective 8/12/2012

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Drury, seconded by Springer, to approve reassigning the following individuals for the 2013-14 school year:

Hauer, Carol – 3rd Gr. Teacher at Evans to 4th gr. Teacher at Moye

Roberts, Adelita – 2nd gr. Teacher to 1st gr. Teacher at Schaefer

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Wagon, seconded by Roach, to re-employ the following individuals for the 2013-14 school year:

Hamm, Cathryn – Instructional Aide – Carriel

Hanson, Anthony – Program Aide – Fulton

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Roach, to approve the request for maternity/family medical leave:

Robitaille, Paula – Kindergarten Teacher – Moye – approximately 11/12/13 through 2/3/14

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Drury, seconded by Wagon, to hire Substitute List No. 1 for the 2013-14 school year as listed.

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

ASOP will limit the substitutes to 30 hours so health benefits will not have to be offered.

OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent Koehl has spoken with the City of O’Fallon. They would be interested in putting funds towards the Consolidation Feasibility Study. Dr. Koehl has also checked with Illinois Association of School Boards (ISBE) about funding. ISBE will approve the funding, however, funding for FY14 is not available. The estimated ISBE funding is \$6,000 for a two school study and \$8,000 for a four school study. Dr. Koehl stated that the estimated cost for a two school study is \$19,500.

President Hellin has drafted the letter to send to the other schools involved but has not mailed it yet.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Koehl presented the proposed FY14 budget.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Baskett, to set the Budget Hearing for September 17, 2013 at 6:45 p.m. at the District Office. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Boosters wrote a check to the District to cover the expenses of the fall sports in the amount of \$46,809.66. This amount covers 8th grade baseball (28), JV baseball (27), 8th grade softball(25), JV softball (12), soccer (37), cross country (95) and cheerleading (33). The total participation is 257 students (the number in the parenthesis is the individual count).

Drury questioned if combine Fulton and Carriel Teams could be included in the Conference.

Hellin asked how much of the money brought in is from fees and how much from fundraising. Dr. Koehl said the Boosters have issued 5-7 scholarships for the fall sports.

Springer asked why there was such difference in fees. Dr. Koehl responded that the majority of the difference is the experienced coach verses a first or second year coach.

Wagnon thanked everyone that was involved for making this happen.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Roach, to approve hiring the following individuals for the extra-curricular program:

Carriel:

Browsers, Dave – Soccer

Klier, Jenna – Cheerleading Coach

Lauderdale, Tracy – Varsity Baseball Coach

Pierson, Daryl – Varsity Softball Coach

Urscheler, Derek J. – Jr. Varsity Baseball Coach

Williams, Roger – Cross Country Coach

Fulton:

Boeving, Brian – Jr. Varsity Baseball Coach

Flaar, Shane – Cross Country Coach

Muncy, Dirk – Jr. Varsity Softball Coach

Pfanckuch, Liz – Soccer

Satterfield, Jason – Varsity Baseball Coach

Schloer, Dean – Varsity Softball Coach

Scott, Cori – Cheerleading Coach

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Overby asked when were the registration fees going to be refunded. Dr. Koehl responded that our goal was to have everyone reimbursed by October 1.

Mrs. Overby also asked if we couldn't have an incentive program with computers for after school with parents paying the expenses to hire a teacher.

President Hellin suggested that Mrs. Overby connect with a Principal and/or PTO with a proposal.

Gerald Donohue and Jennifer Medeiros requested the Board revisit the transfer policy for military children. Military children move every two to three years and to have to move after only a year in District 90 does not provide the stability that these families are looking for.

Springer said the Board will revisit the transfer policy.

Hellin stated that if we had the money to hire seven teachers, we wouldn't have a transfer policy.

Roach said this would open the door for parents' choice of school that their students attend.

Natalie Ellington suggested that there be more communication between fifth grade and 6th grade with class placement and Cougar Crawl.

Dr. Wood responded to Mrs. Ellington.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Roach, to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Adjournment time was 8:32 p.m.

Steven Hellin, President

Becky Drury, Secretary

June Wilkey Isselhardt
Recording Secretary