

**MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013
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, Steve Springer, John Wagnon
And Steven Hellin

ABSENT: Todd Roach

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Annette Neighbors, Mark Raeber, Charles Pitts, Joyce Ringdahl, Melissa Gustafson Hinds, Mark Donahue, Debbie Hargrove, Melinda Hartmann, Kristie Belobrajdic, Jamie Kilquist, Laurin McWhorter, Ted Lewis, Tracy Newton, Andrea Dallner, Matt Weld, Janet Schuyler, Kim Pate, Randi Brown, Ray Roskos, Mindy Roskos, Nancy Morrison, Sandy Shackelford, Tracie Bauer, Karen Rees.

President Hellin lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Koehl introduced Dr. Melissa Gustafson-Hinds, Director of the Community School of Music and Mr. Mark Donahue, Assistant Director. Dr. Gustafson-Hinds said many positive things about the school. Parents are giving positive feedback also. A weekly newsletter is sent home each week. The Band had a great performance last week. There is a mentorship program with high school students. The curriculum can be tied together from the junior high all the way through high school. The main challenge is the 7 a.m. early morning class. We were hoping the enrollment would be larger, but the students we have now have a wide variety of abilities. Dr. Gustafson-Hinds thanked District 90 Board, Administration and Staff for allowing this program to develop.

Springer asked if the surplus money was earmarked for scholarships. Dr. Gustafson-Hinds replied that some of the money had been used for scholarships and some had been used for repairing District 90's instruments.

The Board thanked Dr. Gustafson-Hinds for her efforts in providing music education to District 90 students.

Lex White, representing CSX, presented a \$500 check to the Community Music Foundation. Dr. Koehl and President Hellin, thanked Mr. White and CSX for the generous donation.

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Pulcher, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 9, 2013 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 25, 2013 as written. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Wagnon, to approve the payment of all bills for December as listed. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

October balance across all funds was \$13,573,685.24. The balance in the Operating Funds for November was \$6,174,707.29 and the balance in the Restricted Funds for November was \$3,990,015.04 for a total balance across all funds for November of \$10,164,722.33.

The total revenue for November was \$933,088.54 while the expenses for November were \$4,348,163.34. This is the trend we will see until the end of the fiscal year where we have more expenses than revenue because tax money is in and the state is not sending much, if any of the funding due District 90.

The chart below is taken from the Illinois State Board of Education School website. The first column entitled PROGRAM NAME is the name of the program that the state reimburses for. All the items that begin with Special Education are what we refer to as Categoricals. The two TITLE GRANTS listed at the bottom of this column are Federally Funded Grants (The 4000 Program Code refers to Federal dollars. The Program Code that is the 3000 series refers to State Funding.) The PROGRAM CODE is for our accounting purposes. The next column titled AMOUNT APPROVED is what District 90 has been approved to receive for fiscal year 14 (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014). The column titled TOTAL DISBURSED TO DATE is the amount that has been sent to the state treasurer's office for the check to be written. The column titled RECEIVED is what District 90 has received of our approved amount.

If you look at the bottom left in the yellow square, those lines are the summary of the above amounts. District 90 has been approved for \$9,033,641.56 in state and federal dollars. Of that, \$2,921,006.49 of check orders have been sent to the treasurer's office to be disbursed when the State has the funds. The District has only received 26.08% or \$2,355,944.20 of the approved dollars when we are 50% through our fiscal year.

The next (pink) line shows what the state has approved for FY14, what has been approved for disbursement, and what we have received. The last (purple) line entitled CATEGORICALS (the special education lines above) is what is approve, obligated and received for special education which we have received only 1.77% or \$42,585.00 for the first half of the year.

The first program listed is STATE AID. This is the amount District 90 receives for each student in attendance. The basis for this figure is called the foundation level. The foundation level for FY14 is \$6,119. per student. That is for a student with perfect attendance and if the state pays at a 100% rate instead of prorating it.

FY 14 Fris Inquiry

Program Name	Program Code	Amount Approved	Total Disb To Date	Received	14 Rec in 15	%	Balance
State Aid	3001	\$ 6,274,674.35	\$ 2,277,012.20	\$ 2,277,012.20	\$ -	36.29%	\$ -
Spec Ed-Private Facility	3100	\$ 77,024.56	\$ 19,256.14	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 77,024.56
Sp Ed-Extraordinary	3105	\$ 425,096.00	\$ 106,274.00	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 425,096.00
Spec Ed-Personnel	3110	\$ 726,656.00	\$ 181,664.00	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 726,656.00
Spec Ed-Orphanage	3120	\$ 132,212.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 132,212.00
Spec Ed-Sum Orphan Ind	3130	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -
Spec Ed-Summer School	3145	\$ 10,906.05	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 10,906.05
Transportation-Regular	3500	\$ 266,903.16	\$ 66,275.79	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 266,903.16
Transportation-Spec Ed	3510	\$ 596,029.44	\$ 149,007.36	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 596,029.44
Early Childhood Grant	3705	\$ 170,346.00	\$ 85,170.00	\$ 42,585.00	\$ -	25.00%	\$ 127,761.00
Title I Grant	4300	\$ 285,133.00	\$ 24,893.00	\$ 24,893.00	\$ -	8.73%	\$ 260,240.00
Title II Grant	4932	\$ 68,661.00	\$ 11,454.00	\$ 11,454.00	\$ -	16.68%	\$ 57,207.00
Totals	State and Fed	\$ 9,033,641.56	\$ 2,921,006.49	\$ 2,355,944.20	\$0.00	26.08%	\$ 2,680,035.21
	State Only	\$ 8,679,847.56	\$ 2,884,659.49	\$ 2,799,489.49	\$ -	33.23%	State Balance Due
	Categoricals	\$ 2,405,173.21	\$ 607,647.29	\$ 42,585.00	\$ -	1.77%	\$ 2,362,588.21
			Categoricals Due to Date	\$ 565,062.29			\$ 3,070,775.52
			GSA proration total	\$ 708,187.31			

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Included in the Board packet was a list of training workshops available around the state for Board Members. If anyone is interested, please let June know.

A letter from Kevin J. Gederman was included in the Board packet. Mr. Gederman is requesting the Board rethink their decision not to hold an 8th grade graduation this year.

Dr. Koehl stated that the majority of the District cost is for Diplomas and covers which total approximately \$6,000. The parents pay for the cap and gown.

Board Member Roach will be contacted to see if he has come up with an alternative way of funding graduation. This item will be placed on the January Agenda for further discussion.

A thank you was received from the Drury Family for the Memorial Gift.

PUBLIC COMMENT none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. Koehl reported that both of the Operations and Maintenance grants have been submitted. The Matching Energy Grant is for up to \$250,000 which if awarded to District 90 will be used for replacing windows, doors and glazing on EK pods. District 90 has the matching \$250,000 in the Health Life Safety fund. The Maintenance Project Grant is for \$50,000 which if awarded to District 90 will be used for HVAC update at Schaefer.

The Finance Committee has met to discuss the contracts and bond restructuring. District 90's Standard and Poor's rating has dropped from an A+ to an A. The Bonds were sold Monday and Tuesday, December 16 and 17 at a rate of 1.69 and 1.66 which translates to an over all debt savings of \$101,000 which will happen over a period of several years.

There were no reports for the Policy and BASSC Committees.

The BEST Committee will meet this coming Thursday. The discussion will be directed towards the registration process and streamlining the process with more communication between all the District 203 feeder schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Koehl reported that grades four and five are frozen across the district. Any new fourth and fifth grade students that enroll in District 90 from now to the end of school will enroll in their "home" school. Third grade is rapidly filling up also. The total enrollment at the end of November was 3539.

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

Cesa, Angela – Before and After Care Site Supervisor – DM – Effective last day 1/9/2014
Henrichs, Sarah – Interventionist Aide – Moye – Effective 1/6/2014
Hough, Robert – Custodian – Carriel – Effective last day 12/31/2013
Kline, Brittany – Program Aide – Schaefer – Effective 1/6/2014
Pearl, Avery – Noonhour Supervisor – Carriel – Effective 11/26/2013
Rakers, Megan – Before and After Care (p.m.) – Moye – Effective 12/9/2013

Rutkowski, Caroline –Program Aide – Fulton – Effective last day 11/26/13
Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Drury, to hire the following individuals for the 2013-2014 school year:
Henrichs, Sarah – Special Education Teacher – Moye – Effective 1/6/2014
Kline, Brittany – Special Education Teacher – Schaefer – Effective 1/6/2014
Morris, Linda – Before and After Care (p.m.) – Moye – Effective 12/10/2013
Petty, Shannon – Program Aide – Kampmeyer – 12/16/2013
Steele, Stacy - – Before and After Care (p.m.) – Schaefer – Effective 12/2/2013
Tabb, Makeila – Noonhour Supervisor – Carriel – Effective 12/2/2013

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Drury, seconded by Baskett, to hire Substitute List No. 4 for the 2013-2014 school year. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

President Hellin asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the tax levy. Hearing none, President Hellin asked for a motion to approve the 2013 tax levy for fiscal year 2015 as presented. Springer moved and Pulcher seconded the motion. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Koehl informed the Board that our Worker's Compensation Insurance had an increase of 53.6% which he considered unacceptable. Warner Witter Kreisler looked for a lower premium for District 90 and was able to secure a 22.6% increase from ICRMT (Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust) thus making our premium \$176,892 instead of \$221,572.61 with IPRF.

Moved by Pulcher, seconded by Springer, to approve the re-evaluation of the worker's comp insurance with ICRMT. Roll Call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The wrestling program has formed, but they have not put together the funding as of the Board meeting.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Pulcher, to designate Tracie Bauer as alternate on the BASSC Executive Board. All voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Rees told Dr. Koehl that she had not forgotten about the basketball hoop.

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Pulcher, to enter into an Executive Session for the purpose of Discussing Issues Relative to Personnel, Collective Negotiating Matters and Semi-Annual Review of the Minutes as Mandated by Section 2.06 according to section 2, subsection c #1, #2 and #21 of the Open Meetings Act. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried. (8:20 p.m.)

Moved by Springer, seconded by Baskett, to come out of Executive Session. (10:06 p.m.) All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Drury, to keep the Executive Session Minutes closed for July 16, 2013, July 14, 2013, and November 25, 2013. All voted aye. Motion carried. (those are the only three Executive Sessions for the last six months.)

Moved by Springer, seconded by Wagnon, to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Adjournment time was 10:07 P.M.

Steven Hellin, President

Becky Drury, Secretary

June Wilkey Isselhardt
Recording Secretary

