

**MINUTES OF A  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
O'FALLON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 90  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013  
ASMINISTRATION BUILDING  
118 E. WASHINGTON STREET  
7:00 P.M.**

Vice President Richter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for a Roll Call.

**PRESENT: Scott Adkins, Mary Baskett, Becky Drury, Steven Hellin, Keith Richter,  
And Steve Springer. John Coers attended the meeting via phone**

**ABSENT: none**

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Michelle Dippel, Ryan Keller, Annette Neighbors, Mark Raeber, Cindy Doil, Jessica Vanderway, Kory Best, Sue Palacious, Teresa Derby, Shane Flaar, Alex Brown, Eric Brown, Becky Williams, Caitlin Schaefer, Dan Foehrkolb, Dennis Gallo, Debbie Hargrove, Bea Grant, Melanie Tomei, Courtney Blaylock, Jami Bossart, Lex White, Joyce Ringdahl, Kristie Belobrajdic, Ellen Hays, Marla Hostetler, Denise Dauphin, Maura Workman, Mindy Heitkamp, Jason Cowin, Rebecca Cowin, Sandy Bosse, Mark Dismukes, Ame Reel, Janet Schyler, Todd Roach, Carol Hauer, Mary Jane Hilden, Stephanie Wright, Julia Rodriquez, Doug Wood, Rosalie Maul, Carrie Crago, Phyllis Miesner, Kitty Luehrs, Kathy Becherer, Sandy Vaughn, Lena Bauer, Carolyn Connor, John Rosenbaum, Rick Van Etten, William Barlock

Moved by Springer, seconded by Drury, to approve the Regular Board of Education Minutes from January 15, 2013 as written. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Richter, seconded by Hellin, to approve payment of all bills for February as listed.

Springer asked if we have been monitoring Fulton, Carriel and Moye, Ameren bills as those three schools have a bill that is about three times larger than the rest.

Dr. Koehl replied that the buildings are larger with more technology plus each of those buildings have a full kitchen that prepares breakfast and lunch for other buildings.

Vice President Richter asked for a roll call vote on the motion. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Superintendent Koehl reported that as of the end of January, District 90 had a combined fund balance of \$8,132,713.43. The balance of the Operating Funds was \$6,396,905.01 while the balance of the restricted funds was \$1,735,808.42

January revenues were 53% from the state, 41% from other sources, and 6% from federal sources. January expenses were 52% to other (bond payments), 32% to salary, 4% to benefits, 9% to purchased services, and 3% to supplies.

Currently, the State of Illinois owes District 90 \$1,841,345.58 in categoricals.

Moved by Adkins, seconded by Drury, to approve the Financial and Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

A thank you was included in the Board packet from Susan Ditch, PBIS Technical Assistant Coordinator. Dr. Wood, Principal at Carriel Junior High School explained that Debbie Hargrove, Rob Stoelzle, and Dr. Wood presented at the PBIS Conference.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lex White, from CSX Company was present to award a \$500 check to Jami Bossart and the OT Department to be used for special needs Children. Mr. White said that CSX was impressed with Mrs. Bossart, the OT Department and District 90 for all the work they do with the Special Needs Children. "This is just a small token of our appreciation."

Mrs. Bossart went on to explain that the grant would be used to purchase books that would hopefully reduce bullying, integrate students with disabilities, and were geared towards children and helping them understand their disabilities.

Sandy Vaughn representing the American Red Cross, attended the meeting to present a Certificate of Appreciation to Fulton Junior High Student Council for their generous donation of

\$500 to the Hurricane Sandy Relief Efforts. Ms. Janet Schyler, sponsor of the Student Council introduced the officers of the Student Council.

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There was no Building Committee meeting.

Finance and Policy Committees held a joint meeting to discuss Board Policy 4:20, Fund Balance.

Drury reported on the activities of the BEST Committee. Drury also corrected a comment in the Letter to the Editor section of the O'Fallon Progress paper by saying the BEST Committee is not a union backed committee. Drury invited all citizens to go to the BEST website where several topics are covered including consolidation over the last ten years. The next meeting of the BEST Committee is Monday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of March at District 90.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Current enrollment is 3549.

Moved by Hellin, seconded by Drury, to hire the following individuals for the 2012-13 school year.

Bolk, Jennan – At Risk PreK Aide – Schaefer – Effective 1/22/2013  
Dickson, Mary – Preschool Assistant – Schaefer – Effective 1/28/2013  
McClary, Cynthia - Before and After Care (pm shift) –Kampmeyer – Effective 1/28/2012  
McClary, Cynthia – Noonhour Supervisor – Moye – Effective 2/11/2013  
Moffett, Robin – Program Aide – Hinchcliffe – Effective 1/28/2013  
Souza, Cindy – Noonhour Supervisor – Moye – Effective 1/29/2013  
Tillung, Shannon – Before and After Care (pm shift) – Moye – Effective 1/28/2013  
Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hellin, seconded by Drury, to reassign the following individuals.

Conrad, Sonja – Noonhour Supervisor to Program Aide – Moye – Effective 1/28/2013  
Doyle, Justin – Program Aide to Individual Care Aide – Hinchcliffe – Effective 1/16/2013  
Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hellin, seconded by Drury, to approve the request for maternity leave from Tara Keys, Language Arts Teacher at Carriel from approximately 3/4/2013 through 5/3/2013. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Drury, seconded by Baskett to accept the letter of retirement from Deborah Hargrove, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Evans effective the end of the 2015-16 school year. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Adkins, seconded by Drury, to approve hiring Substitute List No. 6 for the 2012-013 school year. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held over RIF (Reduction in Force) Notices that will be sent out in March.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Hellin, to be sure the listing of personnel included in the March RIF be sufficient to make options available to the incoming 2013 Board in light of changes which will and may occur due to the spring election.

Discussion followed the motion.

Hellin stated that we cannot RIF after March, but the Board has the option to hire any RIFFed employees back in April.

Springer stated he did not want to see electives get cut. There are other things in the District to be done so those people don't have to be RIFFed. The reduction plan has never been approved by the Board but by Todd Koehl.

Coers asked who would be added to the RIF list?

Springer said the Superintendent and the Administration team would identify a swath of people to add to the RIF list.

Baskett stated that the Austerity Plan will make the cuts that we need to have to get a balanced budget.

Hellin said that Springer presented a plan to raise class size and save specials. We have already discussed all of this.

Baskett stated that we have a plan and she agrees with Dr. Koehl to keep the class size down as much as we can.

Coers said that Superintendent Koehl will have to add more classroom teachers to the RIF list .

Baskett asked how do we decide which teachers are added to the RIF list.

Dr. Koehl updated the Board on our school security.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Hellin, to create a Safety/Security Committee to enhance, not response, but prevention and identification and anything that we can come up with.

Discussion followed the motion.

There is a Crisis Committee already which is Dr. Koehl, the Administration team and the Police Department. They meet monthly.

Springer said the new committee would be a Board Committee, the Crisis Committee is a responsive committee.

Adkins asked if the present committee could broaden their scope to work on prevention and response. Could the Crisis Committee have a Board Member on it?

Dr. Koehl stated that the Police are responding to the request to be visible in the buildings.

Richter said he has faith in Superintendent Koehl, the Administration Team and the Police Department.

Ryan Keller, a member of the Crisis Team said they are minimizing damage by being proactive. There are resources out there to help keep students safe, but the cost may be prohibitive.

Drury asked if this couldn't be part of the Policy Committee's responsibility.

Dr. Koehl stated that he would not go into detail on the safety plan for the District but anyone interested in learning about it could contact him on a one to one basis.

Coers stated that we can't go into Executive Session because of the Sunshine laws so if you need details you will need to meet with Dr. Koehl. If Board Members are on the Committee then the meeting must be open to the public which defeats the secrecy of a plan.

Vice President Richter called for a roll call. Springer voted aye. Richter, Adkins, Baskett, Drury, Hellin and Coers voted nay. Motion failed 1-6.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

A second reading was held on the proposed Board Policy 4:20, Fund Balance.

Moved by Coers, seconded by Adkins, to approve the Board Policy 4:20 relating to Fund Balance as presented. Roll call. Adkins, Baskett, Drury, Hellin, Richter and Coers voted aye. Springer voted nay. Motion carried 6-1.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Moved by Adkins, seconded by Baskett, to approve the Board of Education meeting dates as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Adkins to approve the Bank of O'Fallon as a Depository for District Funds. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Hellin, to approve the school calendar for FY14 as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried. The Calendar must now be approved by the Regional Office of Education.

Moved by Adkins, seconded by Hellin, to approve the new Xerox contract as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hellin, seconded by Adkins, to table the two year extension on our current agreement for property casualty insurance brokerage services with Warma Witter Kreisler and Gregov Insurance. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Koehl stated that he has researched restructuring the 2004 Bond Issue and at this time, it is not prudent action on the part of the district to add an additional debt for the purpose of stabilizing the rate. No action was needed.

Dennis Gallo, Technology Coordinator, addressed the Board on the 2013-2014 Technology Leased. This lease will provide technology at E.K. and complete Hinchcliffe.

Moved by Adkins, seconded by Baskett, to approve the Technology Plan for 2013-2014 as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board discussed taking a field trip to Hinchcliffe in April to see the new technology.

### **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Board Members were asked to look over the spreadsheet of their educational opportunities and let June know if there are any changes.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Adkins, to enter into an Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussion 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. (8:42 p.m.)

Moved by Adkins, seconded by Baskett, to come out of Executive Session. All voted aye. Motion carried. (9:50 p.m.)

Vice President Richter thanked Dr. Koehl for a great year.

Moved by Adkins, seconded by Baskett, to extend Dr. Koehl's contract for one year beyond the current contract. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Adkins, seconded by Springer, to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Adjournment time was 10 p.m.

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Keith Richter, Vice President

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Rebecca Drury, Secretary

June Wilkey Isselhardt  
Recording Secretary