

**MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
O'FALLON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 90
BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2013
ASMINISTRATION BUILDING
118 E. WASHINGTON STREET
7:00 P.M.**

President Coers 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,
Steve Springer and John Coers

ABSENT: none

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jamie Kilquist, Joi Wills, Mark Raeber, Julie Gerstenecker, Stephanie Wright, Becky Williams, Tracy Newton, Doug Wood, Denise Trelow, Teresa Derby, Paula Robitaille, Mark Dismukes, Matt Weld, Julie Ziegler, Judy Nelson, John Betten, Todd Roach, Michelle Kowalski, Chris Shashack, Dawn Hotchkiss, Jamie McKittrick,Debbie Hargrove, Carolyn Connor, Debbie Jordan, Bea Grant, Kathy Smitherman, Christ Pulcher, Dave Fairchild, Mary Ginter-Korthuis, Patrick Korthuis, Karen Etling.

Moved by Adkins, seconded by Drury, to approve the Minutes from the Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Levy and the Regular Minutes of December 18, 2012 as written. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hellin, seconded by Springer, to pay all bills for January as listed. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Dr. Koehl reported that District 90 has received the last installment of local tax money. The State of Illinois has also pay District 90 a payment on the Special Education Extraordinary, Special Education Personnel, Special Education Transportation, and General State Aid. Even with those payment, District 90 still is owed \$732,239.95 in categorical payments and \$1,943,220.34 total amount from the state.

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

CORRESPONDENCE none

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Betten, Chief of the O'Fallon Police Department addressed the Board, parents and staff that were present, telling what changes are forthcoming from the Police Department in light of the Sandyhook shootings. Chief Betten stated he has been in law enforcement for 29 years and has seen many changes in the relationship between the police Department and the schools. Dialogue needs to stay open between the Police Department and the schools. Chief Betten and the O'Fallon Officers will be meeting regularly with the staff to discuss any issues and also talk about the Crisis Plan. This coming Friday, January 18, three officers will meet with staff to talk about what is happening in the schools. Chief Betten stated that his officers will be more visible in the schools and around the schools. Chief Betten closed by saying that we are the number one priority of the Police Department.

President Coers asked if there were any questions or comments for Chief Betten.

Joi Wills, Principal at Fulton Junior High thanked Chief Betten and the O'Fallon Police Department for coming to the buildings and being so visible. Mrs. Wills also thanked Chief Betten for allowing Office Jamie Kilquist to be in the buildings, she is awesome.

President Coers thanked Chief Betten for coming and for the great job the O'Fallon Police Department is doing to help keep our children safe.

Cory Best from Security Services offered his and his company's services should they be needed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Adkins stated that the Finance Committee met with the Policy Committee to develop a Fund Balance Policy number 4:20. Policy 4:20 will be discussed as a first reading later in the meeting.

Chairman Baskett said the Policy Committee met with the Finance Committee to also work on the Fund Balance Policy which will have a first reading later in the meeting.

Drury, the Representative for the BEST Committee said they had not met since the last Board meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for January 23 at Central at 8:30 a.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Koehl stated the current enrollment is 3540 including Pre-k. That is 23 more students than last year at this time.

Moved by Adkins, seconded by Hellin to hire the following individuals for the 2012-2013 school year:

Carrie Schifferdecker as tuition Preschool Assistant at Schaefer effective 1/14/2013 and Amanda Kemezys for Study Hal Supervisor at Fulton and Carriel effective 1/22/2013.

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hellin, seconded by Adkins, to reassign the following individuals:

Lori Banks from study hall supervisor at Carriel and Fulton to Junior High Secretary at Fulton effective 1/7/2013; Leigh Anne Gentry from Individual Care Aide at Hinchcliffe to School Secretary at Evans effective 1/8/2013; and Cheryl Lunte from noonhour supervisor to program aide at Moyer effective 1/8/2013.

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Drury, seconded by Baskett, to hire Sub List Number 6 for the 2012-2013 school year as presented. Roll call. Springer, Adkins, Baskett, Drury, Hellin and Richter voted aye. Coers did not vote. Motion carried 6-0-1.

OLD BUSINESS none

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Koehl reviewed the reasoning behind the request for a 49 cent increase in the tax levy.

Board Secretary, Becky Drury, read the Resolution.

RESOLUTION providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of increasing the existing tax rate for educational purposes to the voters of O'Fallon Community Consolidated School District No. 90, St. Clair County, Illinois, at the Consolidated Election to be held on the 9th day of April, 2013.

Moved by Richter, seconded by Adkins, to approve the Resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of increasing the existing tax rate for educational purposes to the voters of O'Fallon Community Consolidated School District 90, St. Clair County, Illinois, at the Consolidated Election to be held on the 9th day of April, 2013.

President Coers asked if there were any questions or comments.

Springer stated that he felt the referendum is untimely and unnecessary. The Pension crisis did not get to the floor in Springfield and may not come to the districts the way we talked about. The tax rate is inappropriate at this time. I would hope that we would post the Notice closer to the 30 days rather than on the 10th day.

Adkins said we are letting the citizens decide the tax rate, the Board is not raising taxes, but rather asking the community how they want to proceed with the schools.

Baskett said that three schools have been built in the last twelve years without adding money for additional staff. The last referendum only failed by 45 votes, but the EAV came up and the state and county added a multiplier which made taxes go up.

Hellin shares Springer's concern but that is the nature of the beast to plan without knowing what Springfield will do. I think it's the right thing to do now.

There were no more questions or comments. President Coers called for a Roll Call vote on the motion to adopt said resolution as read. Scott Adkins, Mary Baskett, Becky Drury, Steve Hellin, Keith Richter, and John Coers voted aye. Springer voted nay. Motion carried.

President Coers declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted and did sign and approve the same in open meeting and did direct the Secretary to record the same in the records of the Board of Education of 'Fallon Community Consolidated School District 90, St. Clair County, Illinois, which was done.

Mrs. Williams, Principal at Moye Elementary requested Board approval to hold the KIP Camp again this year on June 3 - 6 and June 10 – 13. This program is 100% self funded. The program is open to District 90 children, Shiloh District 85, and Central 104.

Moved by Richter, seconded by Adkins to approve KIP Camp as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Ms. Newton, Principal at Schaefer Elementary, requested approval for the registration dates for the 2013-14 school year. The proposed dates are:

May 15 and 16, 2013 from 5 – 8 p.m. registration only for students currently enrolled in District 90 and families with kindergarten students.

July 29, 2013 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for all currently enrolled students and new students to the district.

Moved by Richter, seconded by Drury, to approve the registration dates for school year 2013-14 as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

First reading and discussion on changes to Board Policy 4:20, Fund Balance, was held.

PUBLIC COMMENT none

Moved by Hellin, seconded by Drury, 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. 7:48 p.m.

Moved by Adkins, seconded by Richter, to come out of Executive Session. All voted aye. Motion carried. (9:20 p.m.)

Moved by Adkins, seconded by Hellin, to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Adjournment time was 9:20 p.m.

John Coers, President

Becky Drury, Secretary

June Wilkey Isselhardt
Recording Secretary