

**MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR
BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2013
7:00 P.M.
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
118 E. WASHINGTON STREET**

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

PRESENT: Mary Baskett, Chris Pulcher, Todd Roach, Steve Springer
John Wagnon

ABSENT: Becky Drury, Steven Hellin

Others in Attendance: Becky Williams, Michelle Dippel, Denise Trelow, Annette Neighbors, Lisa Poignee, Carrie Caesar, Heidi Mueller, Melinda Hartmann, Karen Rees, Dennis Gallo, Dan Foehrkolb, Ray Roskos, Mindy Roskos, Tracy Newton, Cindy Geller, Shirley VanEtten, Rick VanEtten, Patrick Eschman, Matt Weld, Erin Matos, Minda Kunz, Rob Stoelzle, Debbie Hargrove, Anielle Ciardinelli, Dawn Palmisano, Danny Rudy, Janet Schuyler, Kim Pate, Randi Brown, Shelly Hamby, Jessy Hamby, Jennifer Slack, Kitty Luehrs, Patty Echart, Mark Dismukes, Claire Dengler, Nancy Morrison, Samy Lafin, Joyce Ringdahl

Vice-President Roach, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION

Kyle Hobbs of Troop 85 presented his proposed Eagle Scout project to the Board. Kyle is going to remove the playground at Moye, repaint the map of the United States on the blacktop, put up basketball hoops and paint the tetherball courts. Kyle is hoping to start on the project this week-end.

Karen Reese offered to donate a basketball backboard and hoop to the project. Dr. Koehl replied that the District would be glad to accept the donation.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Wagnon, to approve the Minutes of the meetings of October 15 as written, All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Baskett, to approve the Minutes of the Special meeting of November 14 as written. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The balance across the Operating Funds and Restricted Funds at the end of October was \$13,573,685.24. Dr. Koehl stated that almost all of the revenue coming in now is from local sources. The State of Illinois owes District 90 a total of \$3,053,883.78 today. Of that total, \$550,867.29 is for Categoricals. The State is suppose to make payments on a quarterly schedule.

Moved by Pulcher, seconded by Springer, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you from Evans Elementary Staff for the lunch provided by Board Members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ray Roskos, parent of a kindergartener and a second grader at Evans, husband of a District 90 teacher and a taxpayer addressed the Board on his concern over comments made to the staff and the P.E. Waiver.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Superintendent Koehl reported for the Building Committee that we are in stage 2 of the building plan and are trying to plan and work ahead. The HVAC units in some of the older buildings will be needing attention. We are trying to manage these issues without an increase in taxes. We are applying for two grants with ISBE for building maintenance and energy cost savings.

Finance Committee Chairman Springer, said his committee had met last week to discuss the restructuring of bonds, the levy data and the HVAC personnel job description.

The Policy Committee has not met.

The Partner Schools Committee, which consists of the Superintendents, Junior High Principals, and OTHS Director of Curriculum met to discuss the curriculum transition between the grades and buildings.

There was nothing to report from BASSC.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The enrollment as of the end of October was 3527 with Pre-K.

The fourth and fifth grades in the District are nearly all full. When that happens, any new students to the District will remain at their home school.

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

Griggs, Adrienne – Program Aide – Kampmeyer – Effective last day 12/13/2013

Huelsing, Julie – Noonhour Supervisor – Moyer – Effective last day 11/7/2014

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Pulcher, to hire the following individuals for the 2013-2014 school year:

Baird, Tiffany – Program Aide – Moyer – Effective 10/21/2013

Becker, Lorilee – Nurse – Schaefer – Effective 11/12/13

Cleveland, Demonica – Individual Care Aide – Moyer – Effective 10/28/2013

Crouse, Andrea – Instructional Aide – Schaefer – Effective 11/12/13

Dunn, Amy – Noonhour Supervisor – Moyer – Effective 10/28/2013

Huelsing, Julie – Noonhour Supervisor – Moyer – Effective 10/28/2013

Johnson, Candi – Before and After Care (A.M.) – Kampmeyer – Effective 11/12/13

Stephenson, Jennifer – Before and After Care Site Supervisor – Schaefer – Effective
10/21/2013

Tamaro, Lauren – Noonhour Supervisor – Moyer – Effective 11/12/13

Wilder, Valerie – Individual Care Aide – Fulton – Effective 10/28/2013

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Pulcher, seconded by Springer, to approve reassigning the following individuals:

Kline, Brittany – Instructional Aide to Program Aide at Schaefer – Effective 11/4/2013

Hughes, Megan – Individual Care Aide to Program Aide at Hinchcliffe – Effective 10/15/13

McClary, Cynthia – Noonhour Supervisor at Moyer to Fulton – Effective 10/28/13

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Wagon, to hire Substitute List No. 4 for the 2013-2014 school year.

Certified:

Allen, Monica

Cobb, Jason

Graham, DJamildo

Terrell, Megan

Tipton, Jaime

Noncertified:

Cross, Christine

Dowler, Angelia

Lovett, Barbara

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The Memorandum of Understanding with the Support Staff Union deals with the work hours for the noon-hour supervisors.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Pulcher, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the O'Fallon Support Personnel Federation Local 6353 as written. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Koehl Presented the Tax Levy for tax year 2013/fiscal year 2015. A projected increase in EAV of 4.37%. The estimated increase in the EAV will go from \$610,535,999 to \$637,216,422.16. The legal tax rate limit for the Working Cash Fund, the Health/Life Safety Fund, and the Lease Levy is 0.05000 which is what District 90 levies at in those funds. The Education Fund projected tax rate of 1.4000 should bring in a projected collection of \$8,876,424.76. The Building Fund projected tax rate is 0.4000, which will bring in a projected \$2,536,121.36. The IMRF Fund projected tax rate of 0.0644 is projected to bring in \$408,315.54 in revenue. The Transportation Fund projected tax rate is 0.1200 which is projected to bring in \$760,836.41. The Working Cash Fund, the Health Life Safety Fund, and the Lease Levy have a projected tax rate of 0.0500 which projects a tax collection of \$317,015.17 each. Special Education has a projected rate of 0.0200 for a projected collection of \$126,806.07. Tort Immunity has a projected tax rate of 0.3011 resulting in a projected collection of \$1,909,065.35. Social Security's projected tax rate if 0.1027 for a projected tax collection of \$651,149.16. Debt Service projected tax rate is 0.5616 for projected collections of \$3,560,714.39. All of the above equals a projected tax rate of 3.1198 with projected tax collections of \$19,463,463.38. The projected tax extension is \$19,879,877.94 but we have a collection factor of 99.50%. Is a Truth in Taxation Hearing required, no. By not being required to put a Truth in Taxation Hearing Notice in the paper, the District will save just under \$700. However, The Finance Committee felt it was important to hold a Tax Levy Hearing to keep the Community informed and to give the Community an opportunity to express their thoughts. The Tax Levy Hearing will be held December 17 at 6:45 p.m. The Proposed Tax Levy will be available in the District Office for examination.

Superintendent Koehl reviewed the 2013A and 2013B bond refunding issues. By restructuring the bonds, the District is able to keep the tax rate level. The older bonds of 2004 and 2006B are the bonds that are being restructured. The savings to the District for restructuring will be about \$87,000 in Debt Service. If there is no savings, we will not sell the bonds. The next step after adopting this Resolution will be to initiate the sale of the bonds, conduct a Standard and Poor's rating analysis, Bond Underwriter calls Dr. Koehl to request to initiate bond sale (this call occurs only if the parameters of savings to the district has been met), Superintendent requests permission to authorize sale from Board President, President will grant permission or not. If permission is granted, Bond Underwriter will sell bonds.

Moved by Pulcher, seconded by Wagnon, to adopt the Resolution Providing for the Issue of: (A) General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 2013A; and (B) General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 2013B, of O'Fallon Community Consolidated School District No. 90, St. Clair County, Illinois, and for the Levies of Direct Annual Taxes Sufficient to Pay the Principal and Interest on Such Bonds. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Hellin arrived at 7:49 p.m.

Dr. Koehl requested the use of Life Safety Funds to do the emergency work on the dishwasher, dishwasher holding tanks and work on the boiler as well, to insure sanitary operation in the kitchen. Monday there was no water at Marie Schaefer, however bottled water was available for every child and staff member. Tuesday, normal water usage began including the hot lunch program but using foam trays.

By Friday, all kitchen functions should be back to normal. Since this is an emergency use of Life Safety Funds, Dr. Koehl has already submitted the application for use of funds to the Regional Office of Education and it has been approved by the ROE. Dr. Koehl projected the cost to be around \$30,000. Moved by Baskett, seconded by Pulcher, to approve the Health Life Safety Amendment for Marie Schaefer's replacement of holding tanks for the dishwasher system and boiler repairs. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Koehl requested Board approval to submit two grant applications to ISBE for Energy Efficiency and Maintenance.

The School Maintenance Project Grant is a \$50,000 grant with the sole condition that it must be used on the project specified within two years of issue. We have submitted the plan to replace the current malfunctioning HVAC control system at Marie Schaefer. The cost of the project will be more than the grant and we will supplement the grant with local Health Life Safety Funds.

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Pulcher to authorize and approve the FY14 School Maintenance Project Grant application as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The School Energy Efficiency Project Grant is a matching grant with a maximum award of \$250,000. We have submitted plans to replace the window, doors, glazing and panels in the EK pods. With the district match of \$250,000 from Health Life Safety, the total of \$500,000 will achieve most of this project. Once the amount of the award is determined, we will adjust our plans accordingly.

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Pulcher, to authorize and approve the FY14 School Energy Efficiency Project Grant application as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Koehl stated he had received a check from the Athletic Boosters for \$33,776.74 to completely fund basketball and National Junior Honor Society.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Pulcher, to hire the following individuals for the extra-curricular programs:

Carriel:

Hursey, Chris – Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball
Lafin, Samantha – Jr. National Honor Society
Meyer, Cameron – Varsity Boys Basketball
Muncy, Dirk – Varsity Girls Basketball
Schieppe, Stephen – Jr. Varsity Girls Basketball

Fulton:

Booker, Britt – Varsity Boys Basketball
Flaar, Shane – Varsity Girls Basketball
Keller, Ryan – Jr. Varsity Girls Basketball
Dismukes, Mark – Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball
Wright, Stephanie – Jr. National Honor Society

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Koehl thanked the Board for their efforts on behalf of the students and staff of District 90 in honor of School Board Member's Day.

Wagnon thanked the Boosters for all the work they do to present the District with the funds to have the athletic contests. I really appreciate all you do. Wagnon further stated that he appreciates those who attend the Board meetings and their perspective on the challenging issues. I have visited all the buildings and seeing 30 students in a class on paper is certainly different than walking into a class of 30 students. I admire and appreciate our teaching staff. In my book, we will be going forward with PE because it is a mandate.

Baskett stated that what the teachers are facing is hard. Thank you for hanging in there. The P.E. is a tough issue. I personally would love to have P.E. more often.

Moved by Wagnon, seconded by Baskett, to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Adjournment time was 8:06 p.m.

Steven Hellin, President

Becky Drury, Secretary

June Wilkey Isselhardt
Recording Secretary

