

**MINUTES  
OF THE REGULAR  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TUESDEAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2013  
7:00 P.M.  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
118 E. WASHINGTON STREET**

President Hellin called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7 p.m. and asked for a roll call.

**PRESENT:** Mary Baskett, Becky Drury, Chris Pulcher, Todd Roach, Steve Springer,  
John Wagnon and Steven Hellin

**ABSENT:** none

**Others in Attendance:** Becky Williams, Michelle Dippel, Bea Grant, Debbie Jordan, Kim Pate, Carson Pate, Michael Roussel, Denise Trelow, Lisa Poignee, Jamie Kilquist, Joi Wills, Jennifer Janning, Ryan Keller, Heidi Mueller, Dan Rudy, Kristie Belobajdic, Dennis Gallo, Katie Pohlman, Mark Dismukes, Karen Rees, Matt Weld, Amber Jenkins, Lex White, Doug Wood, Tracy Newton, Ellen Hays, Janet Schuyler, Patrick Eschman, Samy Lafin, Alicia Tosspan, Dan Foehrkolb, Pam Stacey, Erin Mortur, Nancy Morrison, Jami Bossart, Laurin McWhorter, and Cindy Doil.

President Hellin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RECOGNITION**

Lex White, Representing CSX, presented a check for \$1050 to Jamie Bossart, to use to purchase materials for social learning issues curriculum in her classes. Mr. white complimented Mrs. Bossart by stating she was a pioneer in this area.

Dr. Wood, Principal at Carriel Junior High introduced Drew Kirchoff, a Carriel student. Drew sold bracelets to raise money to donate to Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. Drew came up with this idea when his cousin was a patient there and Drew went to visit him. He saw a need for things to do for the children. With the proceeds from his bracelet sales, Drew purchased a Kindle Fire HD, Kindle Fire Case and a \$25 Gift Card which he donated on July 17,

2013 to Cardinal Glennon. President Hellin, on behalf of the Board thanked Drew for his compassion in helping the Children at Cardinal Glennon.

Ms. Newton, Principal at Schaefer Elementary was pleased to inform the Board that Schaefer Elementary was selected to receive a 2013 CARE for AIR Award. Schaefer was one of two schools selected due to the active roll it has taken to improve air quality by initiating a no-idling awareness campaign. Emily Watson, a Schaefer parent asked Ms. Newton if Schaefer would be interested in initiating the project.

Moved by Drury, seconded by Wagnon, to approve the Minutes of the August 20 meeting as written. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Pulcher, to pay all bills for September including the addendum bills as listed. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

District 90 ended August with a balance in the Operating Funds of \$6,498,817.02 and a balance in the Restricted Funds of \$3,809,231.17 for a total balance of \$10,308,048.19. This is largely due to receiving the local tax revenue.

In August, 74% of the revenue came from local sources (real estate taxes), 14% came from the State of Illinois, 9% came from other sources and 3% came from Federal Sources. August Expenses were 50% for salaries, 27% for purchased services, 14% for benefits, 5% for supplies, 3% for other items, and 1% for capital outlay. Operations and Maintenance expenses were 79% for purchased services (energy), 10% for supplies, 8% for salaries, 2% for benefits and 1% for capital outlay items.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Pulcher, to approve the Financial Reports as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

A thank you from the United Community Music School was received, thanking District 90 for their support in their efforts to provide music education opportunities to the students.

A Memo was received from IASB thanking us for being an active member of the organization.

An invitation to the Southwestern Division Fall Dinner Meeting was included in the packet. Board members interested in attending should let June know so reservations can be made.

President Hellin said he had received a letter from the Shiloh School District 85 Board President thanking District 90 for the invitation to join in the Consolidation talks, but at this time they are not interested in consolidating.

**PUBLIC COMMENT none**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Building Committee Chairman Drury, reported that the committee had met to discuss the five year building plan, timelines for Schaefer to finish Life/Safety work, HVAC Cost Reduction Plan, Life Safety Inspections in October, and building a pole barn at Fulton to house equipment.

Springer added setting priorities for the Life Safety work.

Finance Committee Chairman Springer said the committee met on September 9. Discussion centered around HVAC cost reduction and a cost analysis for the bond refunding.

Policy Committee Chairman Roach, said the committee had met twice to review all of the policies that were suggested by the IASB for updating. The student transfer policy was reviewed and the recommendation is to leave the policy as is. The Committee is suggesting that the age of people addressing the Board under Public Comment be 18 years of age or older.

Discussion was held on the age of speakers.

Moved by Springer to change Policy 2:230 – statement must be 18 years or older to speak under Public Comment. Roach seconded. Discussion followed.

Wagnon stated the current policy gives power to the Board President to allow someone to speak. Wagnon called for the vote.

Roll call. Springer voted aye. Roach, Wagnon, Baskett, Drury, Pulcher and Hellin voted nay. Motion failed 1-6.

Springer asked about a Security Committee. Can a Board Member be part of the Committee which is run by the Policy Dept.?

Springer asked in February and was told there was a committee, now tonight we are told we have no such committee.

Hellin replied we do not have a committee.

Superintendent Koehl replied that we do not have a district committee other than the Administrative Council which meets twice per month. Our drills are based upon the Police Department's Committee.

Springer stated that if we have a horrible incident in our district and the parent comes to each of you and asks what we have done for safety committee, what will our reply be?

Hellin said our committee concentrates on avoidance and prevention.

Springer said the Police Department's focus is reaction and response.

Baskett said she did not agree. District 90 and the Police Dept have been very proactive in the past. We had a plan for a long time.

Hellin said we would need to make a formal request to the Police Department to be included in their committee.

Springer said the committee should try to identify things to prevent. We need to be doing something. The Committee needs to look at security.

Baskett stated she did not have the expertise to look at security and make a decision.

Springer suggested setting up a relationship with Gateway. They have the expertise.

Wagon suggested that at a minimum we should request that a Board Member be allowed to sit on the Police Dept Committee.

Superintendent Koehl suggested that he, Mr. Keller, Springer, President Hellin meet with the Police Department to discuss the issue.

Jamie Kilquist, SRO for Districts 90, 104 and two private schools said that the Police Department Safety Committee meets once a month. Each school has a crisis team and meets independently

with the Police Department and the Fire Department. The Plans we have, have been in place for over 11 years and are updated as needed. We do network with Gateway and various hospitals.

Mr. Keller said every building has a crisis plan. Every building has a safety report. It will cost lots of money to have a security company come in.

Springer said he wanted to prevent the crisis not react to it.

Pulcher said give me the money and I can make this school safe.

Springer wants a Safety Committee.

Roach inquired if we wanted to take the student fee collections a step further to recoup all of the fees up to and including garnishing wages.

BEST Committee Representative Drury said the Committee is currently talking about curriculum alignment.

BASSC Representative Baskett said they were meeting next week.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Current enrollment is 3496 students. That is 14 more students than last year at this time.

Moved by Drury, seconded by Baskett, to accept the resignation of Kayla Brown as Carrier Program Aide effective August 29, 2013. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Drury, seconded by Wagnon, accept the letters of retirement from Letitia Coartney as Evans clerical assistant effective the end of the 2012-13 school year and Jerone Smith as EK custodian effective September 13, 2013. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Wagnon, seconded by Baskett, to rehire Thomas Warford as EK custodian effective September 16, 2013. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Allredge, Leah – Program Aide – Kampmeyer – Effective 9/3/2013

Baker, Rachel – Individual Care Aide – Kampmeyer – Effective 9/9/2013  
Bean, Lauren – Noonhour Supervisor – Kampmeyer – Effective 8/28/2013  
Boeving, Brian – Program Aide – Carriel – Effective 9/3/2013  
Dunnells, Cheryl – Speech Language Pathologist – Schaefer and Moye – Effective 9/4/2013  
Nesbit, Angela – Program Aide – Carriel – Effective 8/28/2013  
Smith, Tammy – Before and After Care Worker – Schaefer - Effective 8/28/2013

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Pulcher, to approve reassigning Ryan Bray from EK Kindergarten teacher to Moye Kindergarten teacher. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Pulcher, to approve the requests for maternity/family medical leave from:  
Connor, Carolyn – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher – Evans – approximately 11/4/2013 through 2/18/2014  
Orr, Kirby – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher – Schaefer – approximately 11/3/2013 through 2/18/2014  
Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Drury, to hire Substitute List No. 2 for the 2013-14 school year as listed. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Superintendent Koehl reviewed the proposed FY14 budget. The budget reflects 60-70% of revenue coming from local sources. The proposed budget reflects 1.5 million dollars less than last year's budget. It is expected that District 90 will end fiscal year 14 in the black by \$509,872.

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Pulcher, to approve the fiscal year 14 budget as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The first reading of the following Board Policy updates was held.

- 4:15 Identity Protection Update 2
- 4:140 Waiver of Student Fees
- 4:170 Safety
- 5:50 Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace
- 5:260 Student Teachers
- 6:170 Title I Programs
- 6:190 Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities
- 6:220 Bring Your Own Technology Program
- 6:240 Field Trips
- 7:190 Student Discipline
- 7:305 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries
- 8:20 Community Use of School Facilities
- 8:25 Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities
- 2:105 Ethics and Gift Band
- 2:120 Board Member Development
- 4:20 Fund Balances
- 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- 6:120 Education of Children with Disabilities

7:230 Misconduct by Students with Disabilities  
7:340 Student Records  
6:120-AP Service Animal Request  
2:230 Public Participation at Board Meetings.

Discussion regarding Service Animal Handlers was held. The Committee recommended having an adult handler. Policy 6:220 Bring your own Technology Program is a direction District 90 does not want to go at this time.

Baskett asked if we shred all documents with personal data on them. Dr. Koehl responded that we do. Basket also inquired if student teachers and observers are required to have background checks. Dr. Koehl responded that it is the law that student teachers and observers have background checks and the results sent to the District Office prior to the student entering a District 90 classroom.

Jim Schmersahl, District 90 auditor, of Schorb and Schmersahl was present to review the FY13 audit report with the Board. Mr. Schmersahl stated that the books were neat and orderly with “no adjusting entries”. Mr. Schmersahl agrees with the financial records of District 90.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Wagon, to accept the FY13 Audit as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Koehl and President Hellin thanked the District Office staff for a job well done.

The Booster Club has received funding for Student Council and Yearbook at both buildings. Moved by Drury, seconded by Wagon, to hire the Yearbook and Student Council sponsors as listed as per the funding limit. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Carriel: Lori Bands and Cheryl Stutzman – Co-Yearbook Sponsors  
Paul Creek and Alayna Davie Smith – Co Student Council Sponsors.  
Fulton: Courtenay Martin – Yearbook Sponsor  
Janet Schuyler – Student Council Sponsor

Ms. Newton, Principal at Marie Schaefer, thanked the PTO for raising over \$10,000 to add play ground equipment at Marie Schaefer. Ms. Newton asked the Board’s blessing to install the equipment over Columbus Day.

The Board thanked the PTO for their fundraising efforts and approved the installation scheduled for Columbus Day.

The O’Fallon Historical Society would like to designate the Schaefer gym as a historical building. Designation would require that significant renovations would have to be approved. The process for designation takes two reading at the city council as well as a resolution from the historical society.

Roach requested to see the rulings regarding the designation in writing before the Baord makes a decision. This was tabled until October.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Baskett, to approve the Applications for Recognition for all the schools in District 90 as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board acknowledges that the Administrative Compensation Salary Report was presented at the September 17, 2013 meeting and shall be posted on the website and sent to the ROE and ISBE.

Property and casualty insurance premiums are due. Some changes were made to acquire a better quote without losing any coverage. Property Earthquake insurance was increased to get a lower cost on Excess Earthquake insurance. The net gain is \$8,765. The net decrease in Earthquake coverage is \$0. The General Liability was increased due to our claims history. The increase in Inland Marine is due to the value of our computer equipment, tools and other equipment. The overall decrease in premium is \$6,472.00 or a 4.13% reduction.

Moved by Pulcher, seconded by Springer, to approve the renewal of the Property Casualty Insurance for FY14. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Pulcher to accept EMT for Special Education transportation for a one year contract. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Bond refunding to control debt service rate was discussed. Refund step 1 accomplishes the goal of smoothing over the rate and actually saves the district money on the issue. Due to the current lower rates, the cost of refunding will be less than our current cost. At this point, Bernardi Securities indicates that the savings could be as high as \$72,000. We are subject to the market rates which are volatile at this time. It is not likely, however, that we will see rates that exceed our current ones. The Board retains the option to not issue bonds if the market is not favorable.

Refund step 2 takes on the task of making the peak not so sharp and also smoothing out the remaining debt service. This refunding issue is projected to cost the district \$446,217 due to the fact that it is a much larger issue for a longer period of time thereby accumulating more interest costs. These bonds are predicted on a 1% increase in EAV through 2016 and 2% from 2017-2027.

The combination of these two issues allows the district to moderate the increases in its rate. The overall cost to the district over 15 years is approximately 370,000 if all market variances work in our favor.

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Wagnon, to authorize the superintendent to enter into a contract with Bernardi Securities to serve as the district's agent in issuing refunding bonds. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Karen Reese asked if Bernardi was the only securities company that we looked at.

President Hellin responded that Bernardi has handled the District's bonds.

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Pulcher, to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Adjournment time was 9:34 p.m.

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Steven Hellin, President

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Rebecca Drury, Secretary

June Wilkey Isselhardt  
Recording Secretary



