

**MINUTES OF A  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
O'FALLON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 90  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2012  
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: Mary Baskett, Becky Drury, Steven Hellin, Keith Richter,  
and Steve Springer**

**ABSENT: Scott Adkins and John Coers**

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Jeff Sterner, Joanne Sterner, Denise Trelow, Lisa Poignee, Michelle Dippel, Jacque Grant, Sue Palacios, Bobby Henderson, Dennis Gallo, Mark Raeber, Julie Gerstenecker, Julie Stoelzle, Lex White, Kristie Belobrajdic, Cindy Doil, Teresa Derby, Jamie Kilquist, Amie Reed, Mecca Luster, Rachel Coleman, Stephanie Wright, Becky Williams, Matt Weld, Kathy Smitherman, Ryan Keller, Debbie Hargrove, Joyce Ringdahl, Bea Grant, Jennifer Slack, Pam Stacey, Jeremy David, Mark Dismukes, Julie Ziegler, Darcy Benway, Laurin McWhorter, Antoinette Josato, Amelee Lemex, Jennifer Janning, Mindy Heitkamp, Carol Hauer, Karen Ras, Ann Sodam, Ellen Hays, Emily Walton and Todd Roach.

Vice President Richter asked for a moment of silence in memory of those killed in the school shooting at Newtown, Connecticut.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Drury, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting on November 20, 2012 as written. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Hellin, to approve payment of all bills for December as listed.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Dr. Koehl reports that all the money the State of Illinois owed District 90 for FY12 has been paid. This includes General State Aid and Categoricals. For the FY13 state revenue, only the

General State Aid is being paid. \$627,278.00 is owed District 90 from State Vouchers and \$241,513.25 is owed District 90 in Categoricals so far in FY13.

Moved by Drury, seconded by Hellin, to approved the Financial Reports as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A thank you letter was received from the Violence Prevention Center in Belleville for the donuts and rolls they received from District 90.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vice President Richter recognized Jami Bossart for receiving the Emerson Teacher's Award. Ms. Bossart was unable to attend the meeting.

Principal Ryan Keller informed the Board and public about the PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports) Awards that were given to the schools. Carriel and Fulton Junior High Schools received the Emerging level of recognition. Moye, Kampmeyer, Hinchcliffe, Evans and Schaefer received the implementing level recognition.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Building Committee has not met.

The Finance committee met to discuss the reduction plan for 2014.

Policy Committee Chairman Baskett stated that later in the meeting we will be having a second reading and adoption of the proposed board policy updates.

BEST Committee Representative Drury said the BEST Committee met on December 3. BEST is planning three general public community input meetings. The first one is January 29 from 9:00 to 11:00 at Shiloh, January 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 at Central 104 and the last one is January 31 from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Cavins Center in O'Fallon. The next meeting is January 23 at Central.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Koehl reported that District 90 currently has 22 more student than we did last year at this time. The total enrollment as of the end of November including Early Childhood and Pre-K is 3538 students.

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

Beamon, Stephanie – Before and After Care Worker (P.M. Shift) – DM – Last day 12/10/2012

Bevineau, Sydney – Tuition Preschool Assistant – MS - Effective last day of employment 12/21/2012

Friz, Angelia – Instructional Aide – Carriel Jr. High – Effective last day of employment 12/7/2012

Herbert, Kim – Secretary – Evans – Effective last day 12/14/2012

Johnston, Michelle - Tuition Preschool Assistant – MS - Effective last day of employment 12/21/2012

Kniffin, Sandra – Program Aide – Moye – Effective last day of employment 12/21/2012

Kolb, Debbie - At Risk Program Aide – MS - Effective last day of employment 12/21/2012

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Donald, Ruth – Noonhour Supervisor – Moye Elementary – Effective 12/3/2012

Korstad, Erin – Noonhour Supervisor – Moye Elementary – Effective 11/29/2012

Lunte, Cheryl – Before and After Care Worker (P.M. Shift) – Kampmeyer Elementary – Effective 12/10/2012

Wiley, Candice – Instructional Aide – Carriel – Effective 1/7/2013

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Drury, seconded by Hellin, to reassign Charity Jones from Noonhour Supervisor to Individual Care Aide at Moye, effective 11/19/12. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Drury, seconded by Baskett, to terminate the employment of Sharon Taylor as Fulton Junior High Secretary effective December 7, 2012. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Drury, seconded by Hellin, to hire Substitute List No 5 for the 2012-13 school year as listed. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Moved by Drury, seconded by Baskett, to accept the Tax Levy as presented. Discussion followed.

Springer stated that 49 cents is higher than 30% increase in the Education Fund and a 6% addition to the over all tax bill. There are alternatives. The Pension is likely to come our way and the state money will go down further. I think this is the wrong time to do this.

Drury stated that they couldn't do the bonds because the public wanted to vote on the issue. Baskett said the Community has always supported the schools so we owe it to the public to give them the opportunity to vote. Call for the vote. Richter, Baskett, Drury and Hellin voted aye. Springer voted nay. Motion carried 4-1.

Moved by Drury, seconded by Baskett, to approve the proposed policy updates as recommended by the Policy Committee. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2:20 Powers and Duties of the Board
- 2:30 District Elections
- 2:110 Qualifications, Term and Duties of the Board Officers
- 2:125 Board Members Expense
- 2:140-E Exhibit – Guidance for Board Member Communications
- 2:200 Types of Board of Education Meetings
- 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedure
- 4:45 Insufficient Fund Checks and Debt Recovery
- 4:100 Insurance Management
- 4:110 Transportation
- 4:170 Safety
- 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria
- 5:125 Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct
- 6:60 Curriculum Content
- 6:65 Students Social and Emotional Development
- 6:110 Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure
- 6:210 Instructional Materials

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Koehl reported that the Worker's Compensation Insurance went up 16%. Several insurance companies were contacted and invited to submit a bid, but declined to do so.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Drury, to approve the Worker's Compensation proposal with IPRF as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Springer, to approve the Life Safety Statement of Completion for the work done at Marie Schaefer. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Koehl presented the FY14 Reduction Plan.

FY 14 Reduction Plan

- Certified Retirees \$ 628,581.24 Eliminates 3-5 Tier II Intervention at two buildings  
Creates Intervention equity issue in buildings  
Requires two elementary teachers to move to JH creating  
Larger class sizes at the elementary intermediates grades  
Eliminates on SPED teacher potentially reducing IDEA funding
- Non-Certified \$ 540,252.05 Eliminates instructional aides, diminishing classroom support  
Eliminates one custodian per building requiring staggered  
cleaning classrooms  
District will look to contract cleaning service for night crew to  
Compare savings  
Reduces clerical and health provider services
- Assistant Principal \$ 45,398.37 Eliminates AP position at Fulton Junior High  
Increases admin to student ratio to 1:275 to 1:305  
Increases evaluation load for all administrators  
Decreases effectiveness of JH principal
- Parent Fees \$ 259,032.00 Doubles registration fees for all students  
Charges fee for credit card purchasing
- District Savings \$ 447,220.00 Includes reductions savings from insurance changes, energy  
contract, and elimination of copy and mail machine contracts.  
Includes elimination of cell phone stipends, renewal of Reading  
Counts and Read 180  
Includes reduction of dues for administration  
Includes elimination of Triple I Conference and 8th grade  
graduation
- Eliminate Specials and Electives \$ 675,292.66 Eliminates all Elementary Specials and JH  
Electives  
Elementary school will start 24 minutes later for teacher plan time  
JH will return to junior high school format and lose team planning  
time
- Eliminate Extra Curricular Activities \$ 134,738.16 Eliminates all sports and clubs at both junior  
highs

Grand Total	\$ 2,730,514.48
Target	<u>\$ 2,613,180.00</u>
Diff +/-	\$ 117,334.48

Springer stated that Dr. Koehl wants to eliminate extra curriculars, while he want to have a debate at the January meeting.

Richter said he is retired military and has lived here all of his life. It's a fact that people come here for the schools. If we go through with these cuts, O'Fallon will be out of the equation.

Springer reiterated, there are other options. John Coers, Todd Koehl and other Board Members talk about maintaining quality education, instead of eliminating, increase class size or shut down a building.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lex White complimented the school system. He doesn't think the referendum will pass and that bothers him. Taxes have to be increased. We need middle ground to get the referendum passed.

Pam Stacy said she has lived here 15 years. She loves the school district, but is disappointed that we would consider eliminating the extra curriculars and arts. You are taking away their foundation. You need to go back to the drawing board and re-look at all of it.

Dustin Wilcox said he has also lived here 15 years. You are eliminating the items that round out the students, diminishing the value of the product (students). If we end up with that reduction plan, you have failed, we have failed.

Karen Reese has lived here 40 years. Years ago, there was no telling anyone to slow down on spending. Why aren't you putting Springer's discussion on the January agenda? Parent have to anti-up a little more. You need to get a group who can think outside of the box. There are other alternatives.

Teresa Derby said she knows how important electives are, but at the same time, you are forgetting how important class size is. Diversity in the classroom makes 30 in a class not workable.

Amelee Lemievy moved here two years ago from New Mexico. O'Fallon has great schools. Do I want to pay more in taxes – No. Will I pay more taxes to keep quality schools – Yes. For a small town we have really good schools.

Vice President Richter asked if there were any more public comments. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to enter into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing issues relative to personnel, collective negotiating matters, review of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this act as mandated by Section 2.06 According to section 2, subsection c, #1, #1 and #21 of the Open Meetings Act. Moved by Baskett, seconded by Hellin. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried. (8:06 p.m.)

Springer left the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Drury, to come out of Executive Session. All voted aye. Motion carried. (9:03 p.m.)

Moved by Hellin, seconded by Baskett, to keep the Executive Session minutes closed for the dates from June 2012 to December 2012. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hellin, seconded by Drury, to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Adjournment time was 9:05 p.m.

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John Coers, President

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Becky Drury, Secretary

June Wilkey Isselhardt  
Recording Secretary