

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HELD  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012  
7:00 P.M.  
O'FALLON CCSD #90  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
118 E. WASHINGTON STREET**

President Coers called the Board of Education 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:** Michelle Dippel, Jennifer Gunn, Julie Gerstenecker, Teresa Derby, Denise Trelow, Annette Neighbors, Elisabeth Richards, Ryan Keller, Tina Ballard, Carl Hauer, Antoinette Josato, Mark Raeber, Kristie Belobrajdic, Cheryl Stutzman, Cynthia Tolley, Suzy McDaniel, Carrie Crago, Tiffani Brown, Sandy Dawson, Jamie McKittrick, Kaeli Warren, Dawn Palmisano, Mindy Roskos, Ray Roskos, Ashley Willis, Liz Dahm, Madeline Hoff, Gina Chorma, Jamie Cox, Nicki Hansley, Katie Spangler, Ann Sodam, Tiera Harris, Carrie Caesar, Erin Connolly, Charlotte Hollingsworth, Peggy Davide, Ginny Burkhardt, Rita Barns, Susan Weiser, Dave Fairchild, Molly Moore, Susan Lamar, Denise Dauphin, Jacque Grout, Cindy Doil, Cynthia Cross, Bailey, Carla Cateratta, Brent Whipple, Carla Doyle, Clair Slone, Marla Hostetler, Bea Grant, Debbie Hargrove, Doug Wood, Jill Alderman, Lora Blackwell, Karen Baxter, Cindy Geller, Phyllis Miesner, Cheryl Feucht, Karen Kirkwood, Tami Ratojczyk, Jill Spears, Joi Wills, Shari Reese, Ann Van Hoose, Ellen Hays, Kelli Daenzer, Matt Weld, Laurin McWhorter, Debbie Jordan, Dennis Gallo, Bobbi Overby, Kim Gibson, Leslie Pruett, Janet Schyler, Lynn Hall, Teresa Goodman, Jennifer Janning, Susan Wich, Mary McGee, Kay Calhoun, Geri Smith, Risa McKay, Amelee Lamiex, Jennifer Camfield, Jennifer Koenig, Cindy Gossett, Lisa, Christina Rizzo, Jennifer Goetz, Stephanie Wright, Mary McGraw, Beth Staley, Becky Williams, Randi Brown, Melanie Tomei, Sandy Bosse, Agnes Johnson, Danny Rudy, Julie Rodriguez, Teresa Harris, Melissa Peel, Kitty Luehrs, Lori Miller, Kirsten Ober, Joseph Riggs, Claire Gion, Connie Pecoraro, Patti Eckart, Lena Bauer, April McGinnis, Kate Collins, Dawn Holloway.

Moved by Richter, seconded by Hellin to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting of January 17, 2012, the and the Special Visioning Session of February 9, 2012 as written and amend the Special Board of Education Meeting of January 12, 2012 to include Richter as being present. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Union President, Teresa Derby, questioned the elimination of the elementary computer teachers plus the reduction of staff. The Union is concerned about the increase of class size. Statistics show that smaller class size increases student achievement.

President Coers stated that the District is not going backwards on technology.

Lynn Hall stated that District 90 cannot depend on parents to teacher technology.

Superintendent Koehl stated that he had received a letter from the Union on bargaining. Parents will not be teaching computers. We have a plan in process. Dennis Gallo, District Technology Coordinator, has come up with an excellent five year plan. The Administrators said we could exist without computer teachers. We realize that teachers need plan time. District 90 received a letter from the Union opting to exercise their right to bargain RIFs. Dr. Koehl has met with the computer teachers. Computer teachers will not lose their jobs. Will teachers lose jobs – yes because of SB7. The computer labs will not be gone.

What training will be available for teachers?

- Technology Coach
- 83 Teachers in District have highest level 3 computer training out of 213 staff.
- 38 Teachers in District have level 2 computer training

That is 121 teachers out of 213 staff members that are computer trained.

Teachers will keep 40 minutes of plan time by substituting a movement period for the complete period.

This plan will have a savings of \$25,877 to move the computer/technology positions.

This movement will increase student training activities, calm stress, teach fitness, increase student capacity to learn.

The Plan is to put five IPADS in each classroom with a desktop computer for each teacher. This will provide more flexible technology.

Peggy Davide asked if special education will get the five IPADS per classroom also.

President Coers said the Classroom IPADS will be across the board.

Risa McKay was concerned that students would not learn the basic computer skills. Students need the basics. Technology in the classroom is no replacement for basic skills.

Dr. Koehl replied that basic skills will be taught as part of a lesson.

Ms. McKay inquired if there was a curriculum to incorporate in the classroom for basics?

President Coers replied that the Administration is still working on the details.

Tara Harris, parent and military family stated that they would not be here for all of the five year plan. When will the tablets be going into the classrooms?

Susan Lamar asked if the staff will need to become highly qualified in technology to be able to teacher it.

Dr. Koehl replied no.

Antoinette Josato, a Junior High Computer Teacher in District 90, stated that her students can do things in her class because of the basic skills learned at the elementary level.

Brent Whipple said there is 13 million dollars in grant money out there through the National Science Foundation.

Carla Doyle's concern is that her children need the basic skills. The class size is large – how can we incorporate computers in the classrooms. What about the schools that are not a pilot school?

President Coers stated that the Board wants every child to have an equal share of technology.

President Coers thanked the public for their comments.

Moved by Adkins, seconded by Richter, to pay the February bills as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Dr. Koehl stated that we are beginning to spend down our reserve. The fund balance across all funds as of the end of December was \$10,370,993.09 and the end of January showed the fund balance across all funds as \$8,003,375.24. The State of Illinois owes District 90 \$486,998.67 in categorical. The State of Illinois owes District 90 a total of \$1,931,560.01.

Moved by Richter, seconded by Baskett, to approve the Financial Reports as presented.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

A reminder about the Southwest Division Dinner Meeting and Training Session was included in the Board packet.

A Thank for a memorial floral arrangement was left as part of the table packet.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Building Committee Chairman Richter, stated that minor remodeling at Hinchcliffe was on the Committee's Agenda. This month we will bid new carpet at Hinchcliffe. The third week of March, we will bid doing a wing at a time of the air conditioning at Schaefer.

Finance Committee has not met.

The Policy Committee requests a first reading of the proposed policy changes later in the meeting.

The BEST Committee is promoting a heroin Awareness Forum on February 22 at OTHS. Drury said the Committee is working on a comprehensive calendar of activities from each district.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Total enrollment as of the end of January was 3525.

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

- Angi Castle, Speech Language Pathologist at Evans, effective the end of the 11-12 school year.
- Diana Kurtz, Individual Care Aide at EK, effective last day of employment 1/30/2012
- Kelly Morrison, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher at Schaefer, effective the end of the 11-12 school year
- Angelia Steffey, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Schaefer, effective the end of the 11-12 school year.

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hellin, seconded by Adkins, to grant the request for leave of absence from Jennifer Camfield, Early Childhood Teacher at Moye effective for the 2012-2013 school year. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Drury, seconded by Baskett, to accept the letter of retirement from Woodrow Sullivan, Special Education Teacher at Carriel, effective the end of the 2014-15 school year. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Richter, seconded by Springer, to hire the following individuals for the 2011-2012 school year:

- Tara Bode, Special Education Teacher at Schaefer effective 1/30/2012
- Kevin Kinsall, Individual Care Aide at Hinchcliffe, effective 1/17/12.
- Heather Qualls, Special Education Teacher at Evans, effective 2/16/12 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year.
- Megan Martin, Individual Care Aide at EK effective 2/21/2012.

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Adkins, seconded by Hellin, to grant the following maternity/family medical leave:

- PJ Creek, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies/Science Teacher at Carriel effective March 6 through 30, 2012
- Rachel Renner, Program Aide at Carriel, effective approximately April 10, 2012 through the end of the school year.

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Richter, seconded by Drury, to hire Sub List No. 7 for the 2011-2012 school year as listed. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS** none

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

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

Moved by Richter, seconded by Adkins, to approve the sixth year for the Summer Preschool Tuition Program at Marie Schaefer. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion of purchasing the software license for Boardbook. The material and labor cost for one year of the paper board packet was more than what the license cost for the electronic packet.

Dr. Koehl informed the Board that we would have devices for the Board members to use during the meetings or you can certainly bring your own.

Moved by Adkins, seconded by Hellin to move forward with implementing the electronic board meetings. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged the Board's Visioning Statements.

The first reading of the proposed policy changes was held.

2:120 Board Member Development

2:120-E2 Website Listing of Development and Training completed by Bd Members ( BD WOULD LIKE ALL TRAINING LISTED)

2:190 Board Packet Mailing List

2:200 Types of School Board Meetings

2:220-E2 Exhibit – Motion to Adjourn to Closed Meeting

4:110 Transportation

4:170 Safety

5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment

5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria

5:125 Personal Technology and Social Media

5:190 Teacher Qualifications

5:220 Substitute Teachers

5:260 Student Teachers

5:285 Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers (OMIT THIS ONE AS WE CONTRACT OUR TRANSPORTATION OUT)

6:50 School Wellness

6:110 Programs for Students At Risk

6:280 Grading and Promotion

7:100 Health, Eye and Dental Exams

7:190 Student Discipline

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jill Spears, parent, volunteer and military took offense to the term “just three teachers”. She is seeing a slippery slope, first the library assistants, then art, then computers, what's next? Military families look at schools when they are being transferred. We are here because of District 90. Word travels fast.

Moved by Adkins, seconded by Springer, to enter Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Issues Relative to Personnel, according to section 2, subsection c #1, of the Open Meetings Act. Roll Call. All voted aye. Motion carried. (8:24 p.m.)

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

Moved by Richter, seconded by Drury, to hire Rob Bohnenstiehl. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Adkins, seconded by Drury, to rehire all Administrators and Exempt Staff as recommended by the Superintendent. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Adkins, seconded by Hellin, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for Administrative and Exempt Staff salaries for the 2012-2013 school year. Roll call. Baskett, Drury, Hellin, Richter, Adkins and Coers voted aye. Springer voted nay. Motion carried. 6-1.

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Springer, to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Adjournment time was 9:53 p.m.

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John Coers, President

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Rebecca Drury, Secretary

June Wilkey Isselhardt  
Recording Secretary