

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
O'FALLON DISTRICT 90  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
JULY 17, 2012  
118 E. WASHINGTON STREET  
7 P.M.**

President Coers called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 03 p.m. and asked for a roll call.

**PRESENT: SCOTT ADKINS, MARY BASKETT, BECKY DRURY, KEITH RICHTER,  
STEVE SPRINGER AND JOHN COERS**

**ABSENT: STEVEN HELLIN**

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Ron Davinroy, Chet Nance, Cindy Doyle, Denise Trelow, Lisa Poignee, Mark Raeber, Robert Lyons, Barb Viviano, Annette Neighbors, Janet Schuyler, Mary Gray, Bob Sommerfield, Dennis Gallo, Karen Rees, Joe Behnken, Robin Springer, Shirley Van Etten, Rick Van Etten, Jennifer Gunn, Melissa Peel, Dan Rudy, Lena Bauer, Mary Thurman, Tracy Lauderdale and Teresa Derby

Moved by Drury, seconded by Richter, to approve the minutes for the June 19, 2012 meeting as written. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

**COMMUNICATION**

President Coers asked if there was any problem with Senator McCarter using District 90's Resolution in Opposition to the Prevailing Wage when he reintroduces Senate Bill 2880 that would exempt school districts from the Project Labor Agreement Act. The Board agreed to allow Senator McCarter to use the Resolution.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Dr. Koehl reported that District 90 ended FY12 with \$1,880,650.40 in the Operating and Restricted Funds Combined. June revenue was made up of 56% from the state, 27% from federal sources, and 17% from other sources. At the close of FY12 which is June 30, District 90 had received 75.22% of the budgeted amount for Special Education Private Facility; 75% from Special Education Extraordinary; 75% for Special Education Personnel; 100% for Special Ed Orphanage; 100% for Special Education Summer Orphanage; 100% for Special Education Summer School; 67.42% regular Transportation; 75% for Special Education Transportation; 83.29% of the Early Childhood Grant; 53.38% of the Title I Grant and 52.33% of the Title II Grant monies.

The amount due District 90 from the state is \$607,524.25. Dr. Koehl stated that if the pattern holds true from previous years, the State may pull through and pay more FY12 payments in FY13.

June expenses were made up of 61% salary, 15% benefits, 13% purchased service, 5% supplies and 6% other.

The FY12 actual budget ended with Revenues being underestimated by -3.03% or \$977,061. The expenses came in 2.12% over budget or \$698,416. The district will receive \$706,000 less in state aid this year. The revenue reductions in state and federal revenue were taken after the budget was presented. The District hired regular ed and special ed staff members to address class size and federal regulations.

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

Springer stated that the budget leaves a 1.5 million dollar hole. We will need to talk about revenue enhancements and expenditure cuts in the Finance Committee coming up. FY12 has a shortfall of 1.5 million dollars, we need to talk about FY13. The Illinois School Journal has an article on budgeting process. We are not the only school in the state having this problem. I recommend that through the Finance Committee or Board Action we look at doing what the District in the article did. The FY13 budget issue has not been addressed.

Adkins suggested amending the Finance Committee Agenda to include discussion of FY13 budget.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chet Nance addressed the Board saying he was a fed up tax payer. Mr. Nance told about Dr. Benway, Superintendent of 203, building the Milburn Campus and then needing more money because the economy went south. There are limitations to everything.

Ron Davenroy challenged the Board to do a better job with less money. We can't run people out of town because they can't afford to live here.

Karen Rees would like to see the numbers of students, and staff for all the years that Dr. Koehl gave the historical financial report for. How many teachers, and administrators were added during those years. Schools are given so many mandates to adhere to, but no money to implement them. Ms. Rees believes that unless the schools are given money to implement the mandates, they should be ignored.

Dr. Koehl asked Ms. Reese if she thought it was worth the risk to not follow the mandates and end up in very expensive litigation.

Ms. Rees replied she thought it was worth the risk.

Teresa Derby stated that a mandate is a mandate. We have to follow rules. She would not teach her children not to follow rules. District 90 has received the Bright Star Award for many years which is the schools in the state that produce quality education but spend less money per student than other districts. Ms. Derby continued by saying she owned a home in Troy and would trade tax bills with O'Fallon residents because hers were higher than O'Fallon's.

Mr. Nance stated that he knew that the surrounding towns had higher taxes than O'Fallon.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Dr. Koehl reported on the Life Safety work being done at Hinchcliffe and Schaefer schools this summer. Hinchcliffe has almost all of the carpet laid. By next week we will be moving the furniture back in. The air conditioners have arrived at Schaefer and are in. Ceilings are in and painting is being done. Schaefer will be tight with the start of school.

The Finance Committee will meet July 23. The Agenda has been posted on the website.

The second reading of proposed policy changes will be later in the meeting.

Drury reported on the BEST Committee Activities. Discussion on ways to better communicate with the public is the topic.

Richter reported that BASSC had a meeting last Wednesday. A budget with a 2.7% increase over last year was approved .

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Moved by Adkins, seconded by Drury, to accept the following resignations: Kelly Prather – 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher at EK effective the end of the 11-12 school year and Tamiko Johnston – before and after care worker at Hinchcliffe effective at the end of the 11-12 school year. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Richter, seconded by Springer, to hire the following individuals for the 2012-13 school year: Rob Bohnenstiehl as Director of Maintenance effective July 18, 2012, Anthony Hanson as PE teacher, Boys Track Coach and 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball coach at Fulton, Amanda Kemezys at 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball coach at Carriel, Tracy Lauderdale as AD at Fulton and Lori Miller as Interventionist Aide at Carriel. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried

Moved by Drury, seconded by Adkins, reassign the following individuals for the 2012-13 school year: Tammy Carrico from Media Clerical Assistant to Media Assistant at Carriel and Katy Spengler from At Risk Teacher at Schaefer to first grade teacher at EK. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Moved by Richter, seconded by Adkins to approve the changes to Board Policies:

- 3:40 Superintendent
- 4:60 Purchases and Contracts
- 4:120 Food Service
- 4:180 Pandemic Preparedness

- 5:70 Religious Holidays
- 5:130 Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information
- 5:280 Duties and Qualifications
- 6:70 Teaching About Religions
- 6:145 Migrant Students
- 6:235 Access to Electronic Networks
- 6:290 Homework
- 7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
- 7:80 Release Time for Religious Instructions/Observance
- 7:140 Search and Seizure
- 7:250 Student Support Services
- 7:275 Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment

All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Richter, seconded by Adkins, to approve the changes to the Elementary Handbook as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Springer made the motion to run a referendum instead of working cash bonds. Motion died for lack of a second.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Moved by Springer, seconded by Adkins, to adopt the Before and After Care Handbook as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Adkins, to approve the purchase of the School Board Legal Liability Coverage. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Richter, seconded by Baskett, to dispose of tech equipment inventory.

Springer asked if we still had the equipment or if it had been disposed of already. Dennis Gallo replied that he had sold it for \$5500.

Springer said the timing needs to be better. The Board needs to vote on an issue before the issue is completed.

Roll call. Baskett, Drury, Richter, Adkins and Coers voted aye. Springer voted nay.

Motion carried. 5-1.

The first reading of the Business and Data Analyst Job Description was held.

Moved by Richter, seconded by Adkins, 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. (8:25 p.m.)

Moved by Drury, seconded by Adkins, to come out of Executive Session. All voted aye. Motion carried. (9:46 p.m.)

Moved by Adkins, seconded by Springer, to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Adjournment time was 9:46 p.m .

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John Coers, President

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Becky Drury, Secretary

June Wilkey Isselhardt  
Recording Secretary