

**MINUTES
OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HELD
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2011
7:20 P.M
O'FALLON CCSD #90
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
118 E. WASHINGTON STREET**

President Coers called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. and asked for a Roll Call.

PRESENT: Mary Baskett, Becky Drury, Steven Hellin, Keith Richter,
Steve Springer and John Coers

ABSENT: Scott Adkins

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: David Cozad, Lynda Cozad, Mary Joan Wellinghoff, Richard Prossett, Tracy Newton, Kristie Belobrajdic, Dan Rudy, Mark Raeber, Ryan Keller, Michelle Dippel, Carolyn Connor, Cindy Doil, Brian Severns, Mike McCarthy, Ellen Hays, Jeff Tomlinson, Matt Weld, Doug Wood, Carrie Crago, Phyllis Miesner, Mindi Kunz, Erin Matos, Becky Williams, Liz Dahm, Carrie Bohnert, Becky Vosburgh, and Joi Wills.

Moved by Drury, seconded by Richter, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 15, 2011, the Special Meeting of November 30, 2011 and December 12, 2011 as written. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Hellin, to pay the bills for December as presented. Roll Call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Dr. Koehl reported that District 90 is close to receiving all of the tax revenue. The total of the Operating Funds and the Restricted Funds including investments is \$10,461,391.91. November revenues totaled \$5,528,071.28 while the November expenses totaled \$2,953,018.40. The State of Illinois has disbursed, but not yet paid \$724,179.70 in categorical to District 90.

Moved by Richter, seconded by Baskett, to approve the Financial Report as presented. Roll Call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

President Coers informed the Board of a memo he had received from IASB stating that at the Spring Division Meeting which will be February 29, there will be two sessions of training. One will be on the mandatory Open Meeting Act Training. The meeting will be held at Central 104.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Coers, Superintendent Koehl and the Board of Education congratulated Carrie Crago on being the recipient of the Emerson Teacher's Award. Ms. Crago teaches music at Hinchcliffe.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Building or Finance Committee reports.

Baskett reported that there would be a second reading of the proposed policy changes later in the meeting.

Drury reported on the BEST Committee meeting. The Consolidated information was reviewed at the committee meeting. Dr. Benway will finalize the presentation. Drury will forward the final presentation to the Board for approval. January 9th is the next BEST meeting. A discussion on hosting a community forum about bullying and drug use will be held.

The BEST Committee would like to make a presentation at the Triple I Conference in 2012.

The Triple I Conference reported that 95% of Illinois School Districts are represented at the Conference.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Current enrollment for District 90 is at 3505. That is a growth factor of 18 students over last month.

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

Dorsch, Nate – Noonhour Supervisor – Carriel – Effective 11/28/2011
Rogger, Kelly – Instructional Aide – Hinchcliffe – Effective 12/20/2011
Stephens, Cynthia – School Nurse – Evans – Effective 12/2/2011

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Baskett, to accept the retirement letter from May Lemon, Secretary at Fulton Junior High effective the end of the 2011-2012 school year. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Breithaupt, Debra – School Nurse – Hinchcliffe – Effective 11/21/2011
Burgmann, Betty – At Risk Program Aide – Schaefer – effective 11/28/2011
Corso, Cheryl – Program Aide – Moye – Effective 11/28/2011
Loyet, Aaron – Noonhour Supervisor – Carriel – Effective 12/12/11
Maskal, Mary Kay – Program Aide – Kampmeyer – Effective 11/28/2011
May, Alexander – Custodian – Moye – Effective 12/12/2011
Johnston, Michelle – Tuition Preschool Assistant – Schaefer – Effective 11/16/2011
Rayborn, Dawn – Custodian – Moye – Effective 11/14/2011
Scoggins, Julia – School Nurse – Evans – Effective 12/19/2011

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hellin, seconded by Baskett, to reassign the following individuals for the 2011-2012 school year:

Horse, Deanna – Program Aide to Individual Care Aide at Moye – Effective 12/5/2011
Kurtz, Diana – Individual Care Aide at Moye to Kampmeyer – effective 11/28/2011
Smith, Nicole – Individual Care Aide to Instructional Aide at Hinchcliffe – Effective 1/4/12

Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Baskett, seconded by Drury, to grant the request for maternity/family medical leave to Emily Weiss, Special Education Teacher at Hinchcliffe, effective 3/15/12 through 4/30/12. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Drury, seconded by Baskett, to hire Substitute List No. 5 for the 2011-2012 school year. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Springer to not approve the levy. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Moved by Richter, seconded by Drury, to approve the 2011 Levy payable in 2013 as presented. Roll call. Richter, Baskett, Drury, Hellin, and Coers voted aye. Springer voted nay. Motion carried 5-1.

Discussion:

Springer: 8.73 EAV increase, is that to give us the same tax rate we have right now?

True, there is no way the EAV goes up to 8.73, we will be lucky to get 1.5.

A tax rate of 3.358 equals 32 % or translated to taxes going up 12-15%.

President Coers: The tax rate is capped by law – it cannot go up 12-15%. We are trying to keep the rate of 3.3%. Yes, Steve, you are right if they weren't restricted funds, they would go up 15%. If the EAV goes up 1.5%, the actual rate would be 3.10

Springer: With an 8.73 rate, EAV goes up by 7.5 percent

Superintendent Koehl: This is a hearing about the levy, not the EAV rate.

Springer: The Board needs approval of the rate. The Board should look at refinancing the bonds. The Finance Committee has discussed this, now the Board needs to discuss it and its time to do this.

Dr. Koehl: I have looked at refinancing the bonds with Steifel Nichols and Bernardi Securities, We would not gain much of anything at this time.

Baskett: IMRF is underfunded. Could we use the reserve to bring this up to date?

Hellin: Process question has never been addressed.

President Coers: Dr. Koehl will put Discussion of Extension on the agenda.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Hellin, to approve the Proposed Board Policy changes as presented at the second reading. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Brian Severns and Dr. Doug Wood, requested the Board's approval to state a Junior High Running Club for students and parents. They would meet once a week to run. There would be no cost to the district as this would be all voluntary. Mr. Severs stated that perhaps a club like Rotary would be willing to sponsor the running club for snacks and perhaps a T-shirt as well.

President Coers thanked Mr. Severs and Dr. Wood for volunteering their time and efforts for our students' benefit. It sounds like a great program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Prossett thanked the Board for allowing him to speak and requested that the Board look outside the box for funding options.

Mr. Severns stated that there is a limited number of electives that the schools offer. It seems to be the same four electives each year. Sports are great, but a small number of children participate and the city offers the same sports programs as the schools do. Could we not reduce the sports and use those funds to increase electives?

Moved by Richter, seconded by Hellin, to enter into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing issues relative to Review of Minutes of Meetings Lawfully Closed According to section 2, subsection c, #21 of the Open Meetings Act. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried. (8:25 p.m.)

Moved by Drury, seconded by Springer, to come out of Executive Session. All voted aye. Motion carried. (8:40 p.m.)

Moved by Drury, seconded by Baskett, to Keep the Executive Session Minutes of July 19, 2011, (No Executive Session Minutes in August 2011), September 20, 2011, October 18, 2011 and November 2011 closed. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Drury, seconded by Springer, to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Adjournment time was 8:42 p.m.

John Coers, President

Rebecca Drury, Secretary

June Wilkey Isselhardt

Recording Secretary