

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF
FOX RIVER GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT 3
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, MARCH 20TH, 2006 – 7:00 P.M.
FOX RIVER GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

**CALL TO ORDER
AND ROLL CALL**

Board Vice President Doris Sadik called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Gerry Blohm, Tom Mollet, Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, and Doris Sadik. Also present were Superintendent Jackie Krause and Principals Karen Machroli and Tim Mahaffy. Absent were Board Members Paula Zasadil and Bob Nunamaker.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance.

**WELCOME
GUESTS/PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Audience members Tammy Beckwith Schallmo of UBS Investment Bank, Brian Sawyer our Network Specialist and community member Steve Pickering were welcomed to the meeting.

No audience members signed in to address the board.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

A motion was made by Gerry Blohm to approve the consent agenda, approve and open to the public the regular minutes of the regular board meeting of February 27, 2006 and approve the closed minutes of the regular meeting of February 27, 2006, approve the February 2006 Treasurer's Report, approve the March 2006 Bills and Payroll, and approve the February 2006 Activity Accounts Report, seconded by Tom Mollet. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Tom Mollet, Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, Doris Sadik, and Gerry Blohm. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Board member Bob Nunamaker entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Krause presented a copy of the letter she sent to Debbie Yester thanking her for the excellent job she has been doing with the Diagnostic Reading Center (06-03-01). Dr. Krause also sent letters to all staff who contribute to this program. The results have been wonderful.

Work also has begun on the concession stand.

A motion to approve assistant volunteer coach – Sarah Robbins, for 6/7th grade girls' basketball, assistant volunteer coach, -- Sam Pettigrew, for 6/7th grade boys' volleyball, volunteer head coaches – Grant and Marian Gustafson for track, and assistant coaches – Michael and Kary Casella, Chris and Janet Linhart, Stan Ozarowski and Joyce Zuelke for track was made by Steve Knar and seconded by Pat Hughes (06-03-02). A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Steve Knar, Bob Nunamaker, Pat Hughes, Doris Sadik, Gerry Blohm, and Tom Mollet. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

No one signed up to participate in the scholastic bowl so this activity has been cancelled.

Dr. Krause and Dr. Mahaffy presented a revised extracurricular fee structure, with and without the cost of transportation, as requested by the board at the February board meeting (06-03-03). Actual costs associated with sponsoring each activity versus what is currently being charged to the student for the event were reviewed. The cost for transportation is approximately \$7,000 per year. The athletic director salary is included in each activity as well as uniforms and a small supply budget to cover the cost of first-aid kits, ice packets, etc. Uniforms are currently on a six to seven year rotation. Fees for going down to State were also discussed. By having the extracurricular activities self-funded, the district is saving approximately \$60,000. We are very appreciative of all our coaches who volunteer their time for these extracurricular activities.

A motion to approve the one-year extracurricular structure per the recommended user fee schedule including transportation with the exception of changing girls' softball to \$125, but to include State playoffs if an event qualifies, was made by Pat Hughes and seconded by Gerry Blohm. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Pat Hughes, Doris Sadik, Gerry Blohm, Tom Mollet and Bob Nunamaker. Voting nay – Steve Knar. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Tammie Beckwith Schallmo, our consultant from UBS Investment Bank, presented an overview of the district's Tax Anticipation Warrants (TAWs) (06-03-04). Tammie presented an overview of the education fund cash flow projections from July 2005 to June 2006. The district continued to have fewer expenditures in the past three months. Current projections indicate that we will be able to get through the month of April and part of May without issuing these tax anticipation warrants. We do have some funds available in our working cash fund to loan to our education fund. The parameters resolution was reviewed (06-03-05) including delegates, amount, terms, timing and interest rate. By adopting this resolution, the district will be ready to secure these tax anticipation warrants when needed.

A motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the issuance of Tax Anticipation Warrants in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied for the year 2005, by the Board of Education of Consolidated School District Number 3, McHenry County, Illinois, for educational purposes was made by Bob Nunamaker and seconded by Steve Knar. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye -- Doris Sadik, Gerry Blohm, Tom Mollet, Steve Knar, Bob Nunamaker, and Pat Hughes. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the 2006 summer programs (tutoring from Mrs. Wagner, band camp from Mr. Wetherbee, basketball camp from Mr. King, summer experience from Mrs. McAtee, and basketball camp from Mr. Zasadil) was made by Gerry Blohm and seconded by Steve Knar (06-03-06). A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Bob Nunamaker, Pat Hughes, Doris Sadik, Gerry Blohm, Tom Mollet and Steve Knar. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Supt. Krause discussed the Wide Area Network (WAN), which was established three years ago between the community's local governments including the school, the fire protection district, the library and the village. This agreement provides the opportunity for low cost, reliable DLS Internet service to the various entities.

A motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Fox River Grove Public Library, Fox River Grove Fire Protection District, Fox River Grove School District 3 and the Village of Fox River Grove to extend the cooperative agreement for providing DLS Internet service was made by Pat Hughes and seconded by Bob Nunamaker (06-03-07). A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Pat Hughes, Doris Sadik, Gerry Blohm, Tom Mollet, Steve Knar and Bob Nunamaker. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Participation in the McHenry County Regional Safe School Program (06-03-08) was made by Bob Nunamaker and seconded by Tom Mollet. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Doris Sadik, Gerry Blohm, Tom Mollet, Steve Knar, Bob Nunamaker and Pat Hughes. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

POLICY

A motion to approve the second reading and adoption of revised board policies – 5:530 – Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves and 6:130 – Program for the Gifted was made by Pat Hughes and seconded by Tom Mollet (06-03-09). A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Gerry Blohm, Tom Mollet, Steve Knar, Bob Nunamaker, Pat Hughes, and Doris Sadik. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to *amend* the previous motion of approving the one-year extracurricular structure per the recommended user fee schedule including transportation with the exception of changing girls' softball to \$125 but to include State playoffs if an event qualifies and *to keep the user fee of \$20 for the MS Beta Club* was made by Pat Hughes and seconded by Gerry Blohm. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Tom Mollet, Steve Knar, Bob Nunamaker, Pat Hughes, Doris Sadik, and Gerry Blohm. Voting nay – Steve Knar. Motion approved.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Fox River Grove Middle School – ***Dr. Mahaffy*** – The IGSMMA Band/Choir Contest was held on March 10th and 11th. Our band received a “two” which is the second highest rating and the choir received a “one” and they will again be going to the state competition being held in Crystal Lake. Both Ms. O’Reilly-Greene and Mr. Wetherbee deserve our congratulations! We have 8 coaches who have come forward to work with our track team. On April 4th we have the PTO sponsored climbing wall at the MS. Recognition of all the coaches will be done at the Sports Awards on Thursday, May 18th. Dr. Mahaffy will be sending out a communication to parents of students in grades 5-8 warning them of the dangers of two web sites -- myspace.com and xanga.com. These websites allow students to put their own information as well as their picture or a picture of a friend or any type of information on the website without parental control. Parents need to be informed of the sites their students can go to and information they can provide. The goal is to get parents information on how to protect their children and to be aware of what is out there.

Algonquin Road School – *Ms. Machroli* – The second grade teachers are meeting this evening with their students’ parents to discuss their upcoming autobiography unit. Third quarter report cards go home the end of this week. A huge thank-you and congratulations goes out to second grade teacher, Mr. Rick Knapp, on a very successful St. Jude’s Math-a-Thon – this was a record year in collecting over \$6,100 from ARS. The PTO Talent Shows were quite impressive. The Father/Daughter dance is scheduled for April 8th. Third grade enrollment increased by one student today bringing enrollment to a total of 70 students in this grade and a total enrollment at ARS to 312 students. Attendance for February was the lowest month this school year; but attendance during ISAT testing was up with very few make up tests needing to be done.

The Board recommended Dr. Krause send Mr. Knapp a thank-you letter for his dedication to the St. Jude Math-a-Thon program.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Krause discussed the upcoming Joint Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 11th. This committee is composed of parents, faculty members, staff and required representatives from the medical and law enforcement community. Input from these members is used in the FY07 Parent/Student Handbooks as well as in the state and federal grant programs.

Board members Steve Knar and Tom Mollet volunteered to be on this committee.

Security Cameras for the concession stand were discussed. Brian Sawyer and Rick Miller investigated various options (06-03-10). The recommended camera system would be a DVR with a CD burner that would be housed inside the concession stand and would cost \$639.95. The unit will accommodate up to four shatter/weather proof “tough dome” cameras for a cost of \$98.95 for black and white recording or \$138.95 for color recording. Mr. Sawyer recommended the color version for better clarity on the pictures. The unit is motion censored. Once the hard drive is filled, the unit will start recording over itself. The server for this unit will be in the concession stand and this security system is solely for the concession stand. Management of this system was also discussed.

Mr. Sawyer and Mr. Miller also investigated a camera system for the whole district. Most of these cameras would cost about \$150 with a couple of longer zoom cameras costing \$500 each. These cameras would tie into our server and would cost around \$2,000 for an 8-

channel unit and about \$2,500 for a 16-channel unit (06-03-10). These cameras give us a lot of flexibility and would tie into our server. These are also motion activated. If the board wishes to proceed with this surveillance system, the money for this system would be built into next year's budget. More research into these systems (zoom capacity, etc.) will be done and will be on the agenda for the April board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. Krause and Mr. Nunamaker attended the SEDOM Governing Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 8th. Items discussed were a two tier program for member districts to participate in SEDOM -- a 10% or a 5% program. Last year, our district, through the IDEA Grant, was entitled to approximately \$100,000. SEDOM kept 10% of this amount (i.e., \$10,000). When we send a student to SEDOM, we currently pay actual costs. If a district chooses the 5% program, it pays actual costs on tuition plus 20%. Therefore if we use the 10% option and have one student at SEDOM, we would almost break even but if we have two students, we would be ahead. Our district continues to come out fine under the 10% program and the other districts, excluding one, also prefer this program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Our district librarian, Laura Richards, applied for the Secretary of State Library Grant last October. We officially received communication from the Secretary of State (06-03-11) stating we will be receiving \$426.70 for the purchase of library books.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:55 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, or dismissal of individual personnel, was made by Steve Knar and seconded by Gerry Blohm. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Tom Mollet, Steve Knar, Bob Nunamaker, Pat Hughes, Doris Sadik and Gerry Blohm. Voting nay – None. Motion approved.

A motion to return from executive session and return to open session at 9:35 p.m. was made by Bob Nunamaker and seconded by Steve Knar. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Doris Sadik, Gerry

Blohm, Tom Mollet, Steve Knar, Bob Nunamaker, and Pat Hughes.
Voting nay – None. Motion approved.

**ACTION
FOLLOWING
EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

A motion to approve the re-employment of tenured certified staff for 2006-2007 – Beth Achey, Stephanie Barham, Jennie Bebber, Mary Ellen Bebber, Pat Beebe, Alisa Bruns, Kathleen Cooker, John Danley, Jackie Grosse, Greg King, Rick Knapp, Amy Kussin, Lora LeGrand, Erin Lopez, Don Lewan, Sharon McAtee, Larry Merkel, Mary Beth Miller, Paulette Nichols, Bonny Patterson, Debbie Randle-Hayes, Laura Richards, Barb Savage, Karen Shallcross, Cindy Shaw, Shirley Slater, Donna Stick, Jane Szybowicz, Marge Tietz, Debbie Wagner, Kathy Wagner, Dave Warwak and Debra Yester – was made by Tom Mollet and seconded by Steve Knar (06-03-12). A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Gerry Blohm, Tom Mollet, Steve Knar, Bob Nunamaker, Pat Hughes and Doris Sadik. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the re-employment of 4th year non-tenured certified staff for 2006-2007 thus granting tenure – Katrina O'Reilly-Greene – was made by Bob Nunamaker and seconded by Pat Hughes (06-03-12). A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Tom Mollet, Steve Knar, Bob Nunamaker, Pat Hughes, Doris Sadik and Gerry Blohm. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the re-employment of non-tenured certified staff for 2006-2007 – Beth Diller, Kathy Gira, Kim Scherzer, Rachel Prucnell and Brian Wetherbee – was made by Pat Hughes and seconded by Bob Nunamaker (06-03-12). A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Steve Knar, Bob Nunamaker, Pat Hughes, Doris Sadik, Gerry Blohm and Tom Mollet. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the re-employment of non-certified employees for 2006-2007 – Dawn Appelquist, Renee Baniqued, Linda Barham, Lauryl Barnett, Evelyn Blau, Lois Bowman, Lori Brinkman, Jorge Brockhoeft, Ilona Buetsch, Gerry Cappellania, Penny Cole, Kelly Ford, Deb Fruhauff, Kathy Gira, Susan Hoffman, Sarah Ireland, Chris Jacob, Carol Kregel, Beth Lombardino, Rick Miller, Janet Mollet, Susan Pettigrew, Sue Roche, Denise Rose, Destiny Sadoski, Brian Sawyer, Terrie Smialek, Marge Stefani, Jana Still, John Tekampe, Vickie Walton, Sue Winterton and Ellen Zintl – was made by Gerry Blohm and seconded by Steve Knar (06-03-12). A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Bob Nunamaker, Pat Hughes, Doris Sadik, Gerry

Blohm and Steve Knar. Voting nay – None. Abstaining – Tom Mollet. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the re-employment of Ms. Karen Machroli as ARS principal for a two-year period from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008 was made by Tom Mollet and seconded by Gerry Blohm. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Pat Hughes, Doris Sadik, Gerry Blohm, Tom Mollet, Steve Knar and Bob Nunamaker. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 p.m. was made by Steve Knar and seconded by Pat Hughes. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye – All ayes. Voting nay – None. Motion approved.

Paula Zasadil
President
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Lois M. Bowman
Secretary
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