

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF
FOX RIVER GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT 3
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.
FOX RIVER GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

WELCOME GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Superintendent Krause welcomed community member Steve Pickering, fourth grade teacher Karen Shallcross, kindergarten teacher Beth Diller, and third grade teacher Bonny Patterson to the meeting.

No one signed in to address the board.

At this time, Superintendent Krause added under Announcements and Public Comment, that the Music Parents Organization (MPO) would like to sponsor a fundraiser to enhance or resurrect additional opportunities for students (i.e., band camp, instrument purchases, opportunities for additional music competitions, etc.) (07-02-01). Mr. Larry Stengren stated that he had contacted the 1776 Restaurant management in Crystal Lake and they offer schools, as a fundraiser opportunity, the use of their facilities on Sundays to host spaghetti dinners. The parents and students would be cooking and serving the food. The restaurant provides all the napkins, plates, etc. as well as the food, coffee and soda for the dinner and would charge the MPO \$5.00 per person. Other proceeds from the cost of the tickets would go to the organization. Although there would be a cash bar available, none of the proceeds or tips from this cash bar would come to the school or the Music Parents Organization. The only proceeds would be from the dinner itself. Dr. Krause checked with our school attorney and insurance company and the school would not incur any liability on this event.

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 January 22, 2007, approve the closed minutes of the regular board meeting of January 22, 2007, approve the January 2007 Treasurer's Report, approve the February 2007 Bills and Payroll, and approve the January 2007 Activity

Accounts Report. Tom Mollet seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Tom Mollet, Steve Knar, Bob Nunamaker, Doris Sadik, Paula Zasadil and Gerry Blohm. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent Krause informed the Board that with the installation of the Rec. Council's home run fence at AR1, the District would incur some liability if anyone were injured. However, this is no different than someone getting hurt on the chain link fence or falling on the field. The Rec. Council does provide us with a certificate of insurance that states that the district is an "additional insured". This home run fence would be included in the overall insurance package. Final approval of this home run fence rests with the board before installation can occur.

Board President, Paula Zasadil, asked if there was any other old business, and there was no response.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion to approve the 2006-2007 Volunteer Coaches and Sponsors as follows: Ms. Melissa Ritthaler and Mrs. Anne Ritthaler as assistant coaches for 8th grade girls' volleyball, Mrs. Joanne Holtz as coach for girls' soccer, and Mr. Terry Holtz and Mrs. Sharon Hughes as assistant coaches for girls' soccer was made by Bob Nunamaker and seconded by Doris Sadik (07-02-02). A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Steve Knar, Bob Nunamaker, Doris Sadik, Paula Zasadil, Gerry Blohm and Tom Mollet. Voting nay – none. Motion approved. Due to other commitments, Maggie Cannon, Tony Plemmons and Sarah Nichols are no longer available to help with 6/7th boys' volleyball. Coaches are still needed for track, softball and the Scholastic Bowl. The deadline for acquiring these coaches is March 9th. After that date, the season would be cancelled.

Dr. Krause reviewed the Diagnostic Reading Center Results (07-02-03). Debbie Yester and other reading room personnel tested the 2nd graders at the end of the first semester to determine each student's current reading level after two years of instruction in this program. This reading program, over time, has given us the opportunity to instruct small groups or individual students on the skills they need. The average mean score for this group of students currently in the middle of 2nd grade is "3.2" – 3rd grade, 2nd month. Out of this group, a few students still need additional assistance, but we know who they are and can give them the additional help needed. Students entering 3rd grade this year and last year began at the 3rd grade level book. Congratulations go out to Ms. Yester and her team for a job well done!

Board member, Pat Hughes, entered the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Board President, Paula Zasadil, asked if there was any other new business, and there was no response.

POLICY

None.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Algonquin Road School – Ms. Machroli – The annual preschool screening and kindergarten registration for FY08 is scheduled for February 27th and 28th. Currently we have 45 incoming kindergarten students registered for the screening. We are also aware of another 4-5 students who are kindergarten eligible but are not registered for the screening. Our 3rd and 4th grade teachers are working very hard to prepare the students for the ISAT tests scheduled for the week of March 12th. The third quarter ends on March 16th followed by report cards on the 22nd. Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for the 23rd. Seventeen ARS students participated in the Fox River Grove Memorial Library's 7th Annual Young Authors Project (07-02-04). Third grader Celeste Pelletier's story "A Dog Without Spots" received an honorable mention. Congratulations to Celeste!

Fox River Grove Middle School – Dr. Mahaffy – We have scheduled the Statewide Tornado Drill for March 7th at 10:00 a.m. The PTO Variety Show has been moved to May 12th. Upcoming events for the Middle School include ISAT testing the week of March 12th, report cards on the 22nd, Parent/Teacher Conferences on the 23rd, and Spring Break (March 26th –30th). School resumes on Monday, April 2nd. The PTO-sponsored rock-climbing wall will also be in the middle school beginning on the 2nd. Attendance has been down at both schools due to much illness this month. The play "Without Strings" was a great success. Congratulations to Mr. Rick Miller and all the students for doing such a wonderful job. Dr. Mahaffy briefly reviewed TeacherLogic and HomeLogic for the Middle School. This is a web based grading program that would allow parents access to their student's grade, attendance, assignments, teacher notes, etc. in real time. The Middle School participated in the Readers Digest Word Power Challenge (covers grammar, writing and vocabulary). We are pleased to announce that two students have qualified for the state championship to be held in Aurora – Grace Hartwig and Sarah Lawhun. Congratulations and good luck to these two students! Congratulations, also, to fifth grader Kyleen Pickering for receiving honorable mention for her poem "Sitting by the Bay" entered in the 7th Annual Young Authors Project sponsored by the Fox River Grove Memorial Library.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Krause informed the board that the District did receive the Notification of Intent to Bargain Letter from the Fox River Grove Education Association (07-02-05). Association President, Laura Richards, informed Dr. Krause that the Association would prefer to commence bargaining sessions after spring break.

Dr. Krause reviewed the new SEDOM funding formula that is being proposed for the 2007-2008 school year. This formula has already been presented to business managers and school superintendents. Approval of this funding formula is scheduled for March 14th at the SEDOM Governing Board Meeting (07-02-06).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

The United Way Organization sent three certificates (one for Mrs. Savage who coordinated the drive, one for the district, and one for Dr. Krause) recognizing an increase in employee donations to this cause.

The District received a donation of \$1,000 from the Rec. Council to defray some of the costs for the ARS camera system. A thank you letter has been sent to the Rec. Council for this generous donation. Signs will be posted indicating surveillance cameras on premises at the Algonquin Road School.

Dr. Krause also passed around the Cary Grove Countryside newspaper featuring an article on the friendship boxes delivered to various nursing homes prepared by staff and students at the Algonquin Road School under the direction of kindergarten teacher Debbie Randle-Hayes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:54 p.m. to consider Collective Negotiating Matters and information regarding appointment, employment or performance of individual personnel was made by Steve Knar and seconded by Bob Nunamaker. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye – all ayes. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Board president Zasadil stated that the board expects no action after executive session.

Board president Zasadil exited executive session at 8:29 p.m.

A motion to return from executive session and return to open session at 9:13 p.m. was made by Steve Knar and seconded by Pat Hughes. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Bob Nunamaker, Doris Sadik, Gerry Blohm, Tom Mollet, Steve Knar and Pat Hughes. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. was made by Bob Nunamaker and seconded by Steve Knar. 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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