

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF
FOX RIVER GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT 3
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, MAY 21, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.
FOX RIVER GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board President Pat Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Steve Knar, Susan McGarrigle, Lisa Anderson, Tom Mollet, and Pat Hughes. Also present were Superintendent Jackie Krause and Principals Karen Machroli and Tim Mahaffy. Absent were board members Gerry Blohm and Bob Nunamaker.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

WELCOME GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Superintendent Krause welcomed the following audience members to the meeting – ARS kindergarten teacher Beth Diller, community members Steve Pickering, Neil Kregel and his son Steven, Lou Anne Majewski and her daughter Anne.

Two people signed in to address the board – Lou Anne Majewski and Steven Kregel.

Bob Nunamaker entered the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Steven Kregel spoke to the Board about converting the old playground behind the Middle School into a physical fitness area (push up bars, balance beam, etc.) as his proposed Eagle Scout project. A diagram was distributed to the board showing the locations of these structures (07-05-08). Steven will remove all the old equipment and possibly sell some of the steel. Groundcover would be playground-approved mulch with some form of border to contain this material. Steven plans to complete this entire project by the end of July. The PTO has offered to pay \$2,500 toward this project. The board will have Dr. Mahaffy get back in touch with Steven regarding the approval of this project. The school board requested Steven to ask the Village if they have any regulations over this project even though it is on school property.

Mrs. Majewski introduced herself to the Board. She was here to discuss with the Board her concern over the movement of her polling place (Precinct 16) from Algonquin Road School to the Fox River Grove Middle School. Materials, including a map of the Algonquin Township Precincts, a schedule of elections, a newspaper article – Putting the Election in Focus – as well as the Monday through Friday train schedule information was distributed by Mrs. Majewski (07-05-09). Mrs. Majewski also asked the board if it would be all right for her daughter to tape this portion of the meeting and the board agreed it would be okay. Mrs. Majewski reviewed our policy on strangers entering the building and child safety including her own personal experience

with entering our school. Also reviewed was the commuting time and the crossing of Route 14 to get to this new location. Precinct 45 and 33 will now also cross Route 14 to vote at the Middle School. Mrs. Majewski is only speaking for Precinct 16. She stated that child safety is an important issue but this safety issue is not necessarily caused by strangers. Some safety issues are internal. Mrs. Majewski presented to the board information under the statutes in the election code section on the location of polling places. A discussion followed regarding our district school calendar and the reasoning behind when institute days are used. Dr. Krause stated that since we have a solution by offering the Middle School, we do not want to compromise the educational schedule by making other changes. Dr. Krause stated that she had talked to County Clerk Katherine Schultz regarding the polling place change. Dr. Krause had also been in contact with Chief Robert Kreher of the Fox River Grove Fire Department, who is very much in favor of removing Algonquin Road School as a polling place. Both the Fire Department and Police Department have partnered with us to develop our Safe School and Crisis Management Plan. Chief Kreher indicated that if County Clerk Katherine Schultz determines that they have adequate space and parking at the Fire Department, he would be happy to accept another precinct there. The New Hope Church and the Public Library (which is ADA compliant and has an elevator) are other possibilities. Mrs. Majewski again mentioned looking at the school calendar.

Board Member Bob Nunamaker stated that the Board is behind Dr. Krause's position. He explained that it was correctly stated that Kathryn Schultz has this problem on her desk and she needs to solve it. The Board believes that we should leave this problem with her, and see what solution she comes up with - be it the fire department, library, or whatever, rather than use our school. We have made the Middle School available since the location of the gym can be completely locked off from the rest of the building, and Algonquin Road School cannot be locked off in this same fashion. Our meetings are open to Kathryn Schultz should she choose to come and address this issue.

Mrs. Majewski expressed appreciation to the Board for letting her present a different side of the story. She feels the issue of student safety and instructional process could be addressed by closing school and by using teacher institute days in conjunction with election days. Mrs. Majewski thanked the board for their time, and she will petition the County Clerk to reinstate the polling place at Algonquin Road School.

Board President Pat Hughes also thanked Mrs. Majewski.

There were no other public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Bob Nunamaker to approve the consent agenda, approve and open to the public the regular minutes of the regular board meeting of April 23, 2007, approve the closed minutes of the regular board meeting of April 23, 2007, approve and open to the public the regular minutes of the special board meeting of May 8, 2007, approve the closed minutes of the special board meeting of May 8, 2007, approve the April 2007 Treasurer's Report, approve the May 2007 Bills and Payroll, and approve the April 2007 Activity Accounts Report. Tom Mollet seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Susan McGarrigle, Tom Mollet,

Lisa Anderson, Bob Nunamaker, Pat Hughes and Steve Knar. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

The recently approved Facility Use Application was reviewed. A few changes in the charges for groups under Tier 3 were reviewed as well as some minor changes in language (office use only block, supervising of children, etc.). Fees collected from the use of our facilities are deposited under rental revenue - Operations and Maintenance.

A motion to approve the revised Facility Use Application was made by Bob Nunamaker and seconded by Steve Knar (07-05-10). A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Bob Nunamaker, Pat Hughes, Steve Knar and Susan McGarrigle. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Board President, Pat Hughes, asked if there was any other old business, and there was no response.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion to approve the volunteer coaches for FY08 as follows – Bud Zasadil, head coach for 6/7th girls' basketball and softball, Teri Rahn as head coach for 6/7th boys' basketball, Tim Zintl as head coach for 8th grade boys' basketball, Janet Mollet as head coach and Caroline Vellinga as assistant coach for 8th grade girls' volleyball, Tricia Riehle as head coach and Janice Bless as assistant coach for 8th grade boys' volleyball, Terry Holtz as head coach and Joanne Holtz and Sharon Hughes as assistant coaches for girls soccer, Norene Carr as scholar bowl sponsor and Lisa Siedentop-Wing as assistant coach for softball and 6/7th girls volleyball (if needed) – was made by Lisa Anderson and seconded by Susan McGarrigle (07-05-11). A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Lisa Anderson, Bob Nunamaker, Pat Hughes, Steve Knar, Susan McGarrigle and Tom Mollet. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the 2007-2008 Personnel Handbook (07-05-12) was made by Tom Mollet and seconded by Lisa Anderson. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Bob Nunamaker, Pat Hughes, Steve Knar, Susan McGarrigle, Tom Mollet and Lisa Anderson. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Dr. Krause reviewed with the board the status of the District receiving early property tax funds. This early tax money will not arrive as early as it has in the past and will be a much smaller amount than in the last few years. Therefore, Dr. Krause recommended a loan from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund and from the Transportation Fund to the Education Fund if needed. No interest will be lost due to the movement from one fund to another. Tammy Beckwith-Schalmo also reviewed these fund balance projections and determined that the district will not need to issue Tax Anticipation Warrants this year.

A motion to approve a loan of \$300,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund to be repaid once the funds are received from tax dollars was made by Bob Nunamaker and seconded by Steve Knar. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Pat Hughes, Steve Knar,

Susan McGarrigle, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, and Bob Nunamaker. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve a loan for up to \$200,000 from the Transportation Fund to the Education Fund was made by Steve Knar and seconded by Bob Nunamaker. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Steve Knar, Susan McGarrigle, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Bob Nunamaker and Pat Hughes. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Dr. Krause reviewed the tentative amended budget for FY07, which is in the same form as the financial report. These are the best guess estimates in some places and actual final revenues in other places. Once this tentative amended budget is approved it must be available for public review for at least 30 days prior to submitting the final amended budget for FY07. The final FY07 budget will be presented at the June board meeting.

Mr. Nunamaker discussed the revenue/expenditures of the lunch program and the SEDOM programs. He suggested the lunch program needs to be watched over the coming years to make sure it does not become a program that the District needs to significantly subsidize. All amounts presented in the financial report are as of April 30th and will be finalized in the budget presented at the June meeting.

A motion to approve the tentative amended budget for FY07 and set June 25, 2007 for the public hearing was made by Bob Nunamaker and seconded by Susan McGarrigle (07-05-13). A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Susan McGarrigle, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Bob Nunamaker, Pat Hughes, and Steve Knar. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Dr. Krause reviewed the FY07 Budget and Fund Balance Summary with the Board (07-05-14).

Board President, Pat Hughes, asked if there was any other new business, and there was no response.

POLICY

A motion to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 7:70 – Attendance and Truancy – was made by Tom Mollet and seconded by Lisa Anderson (07-05-15). A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Bob Nunamaker, Pat Hughes, Steve Knar and Susan McGarrigle. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Algonquin Road School – Ms. Machroli – Fun Day will be held on May 25th with each grade level having specifically colored t-shirts for easy identification. The PTO Beautification Committee has planted flowers and placed planters at the entrance of ARS. A celebration for the outgoing 4th graders will be held on May 29th. Registration for the FY08 school year will be on May 30th and 31st. Kindergarten graduation will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, June 1st. Total enrollment remains at 304 students in Kindergarten through 4th grade with 10 students in the Early Childhood Program.

Fox River Grove Middle School – Dr. Mahaffy – Dr. Mahaffy thanked Mr. Nunamaker for all his efforts coaching the track team. Student Cody Busic came in second at the State Track Meet in the 800-meter race. We had six students for eight events at this state meet. The girl's varsity team came in second in conference and the boys came in second at the sectional meet. Congratulations go out to the track team. The spring sports awards are scheduled for May 24th at 7:00 p.m. The 8th grade dinner dance is on May 25th followed by 8th grade awards on May 29th. Congratulations go out to Samantha Baratta who is our Valedictorian and to Danielle Nichols as our Salutatorian. Graduation will be held at Cary-Grove High School on May 31st at 7:30 p.m. Curriculum guide revisions this summer will focus on the language arts curriculum guide including the reading portion. Enrollment at the middle school remains at 248 students.

A follow-up to Steven Kregel's Eagle Scout presentation followed. Dr. Mahaffy will check to see if the location of the new cameras will also encompass this new physical fitness space. We definitely want to focus on that back door and wall on that side of the building. Dr. Mahaffy feels this will attract students to this area, but we do have students playing on other locations of school property at various times.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Krause shared with the board a very positive article entitled Around the Grove by Linda Cassidy that appeared in the Cary-Grove Countryside commending the ARS staff and students on the preparation of the gift boxes presented to senior citizens and others in our area (07-05-15).

We also received a very moving thank you letter regarding these boxes.

Dr. Krause attended a SEDOM appreciation luncheon thanking various businesses for supporting the employment of individuals with special needs. The Fox River Grove Panera Bread is one of these businesses, and we are grateful to them for their efforts.

Dr. Krause also shared with the board that we did make a switch to a different carrier for the District's Workers Compensation Insurance and will save approximately \$5,000.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:35 p.m. to consider information regarding employment and compensation of individual personnel and to consider collective negotiating matters was made by Steve Knar and seconded by Bob Nunamaker. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Lisa Anderson, Bob Nunamaker, Pat Hughes, Steve Knar, Susan McGarrigle and Tom Mollet. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to return from executive session to open session at 9:25 p.m. was made by Steve Knar and seconded by Lisa Anderson. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Bob Nunamaker, Pat Hughes, Steve Knar and Susan McGarrigle. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to employ Cecilia Rosas for employment as a food server was made by Bob Nunamaker and seconded by Tom Mollet. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Lisa Anderson, Bob Nunamaker, Pat Hughes, Steve Knar, Susan McGarrigle and Tom Mollet. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m. was made by Susan McGarrigle and seconded by Steve Knar. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye – All ayes. Voting nay – None. Motion approved.

Pat Hughes
President
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Lois M. Bowman
Secretary
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