

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
FOX RIVER GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT 3  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 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 Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Susan McGarrigle, and Kris Germain. Also present were Superintendent Jackie Krause and Principals Karen Machroli and Tim Mahaffy. Absent was board member Tom Mollet.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**WELCOME GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Board President Pat Hughes welcomed community member Steve Pickering to the meeting.

No one 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 special board meeting of September 24, 2007, approve the closed minutes of the special board meeting of September 24, 2007, approve and open to the public the regular minutes of the regular board meeting of November 26, 2007, approve the November 2007 Treasurer's Report, approve the December 2007 Bills and Payroll and approve the November 2007 Activity Accounts Report. Susan McGarrigle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Susan McGarrigle, Kris Germain, and Lisa Anderson. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

A motion to close the regular board meeting and go to public session for the truth in taxation hearing for the 2007 Levy was made by Kris Germain and seconded by Susan McGarrigle. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Susan McGarrigle, Kris Germain, Lisa Anderson, and Steve Knar. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Dr. Krause reviewed the Truth in Taxation material (Certificate of Tax Levy, Resolution including Publisher's Certificate of Publication, etc.) (07-12-01). Dr. Krause stated that she did make an adjustment to the tax levy based on updated figures on new property received from the

County Assessor's office. This would then change all the levy amounts. The total additional amount levied was approximately \$58,000. The District will never receive more than that, but if we under levy, the District will receive less than what it is entitled to receive. Dr. Krause also stated that the District still has two outstanding bonds; one for the ARS addition which was added in 1990 and one for the addition added to the MS in 2001. The current levy request represents an increase of 12.05%. The levy request in the previous two years represented an increase of 16.93% per year. There were no questions from the public.

A motion to close the truth in taxation public hearing and return to the regular open meeting was made by Lisa Anderson and seconded by Kris Germain. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Gerry Blohm, Susan McGarrigle, Kris Germain, Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar and Pat Hughes. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

A motion to approve the 2007 Tax Levy was made by Susan McGarrigle and seconded by Gerry Blohm. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Susan McGarrigle, Kris Germain, Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar, Pat Hughes and Gerry Blohm. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A motion to approve the 2008-2009 registration fees – ECE - \$65.00 and kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade - \$130.00 was made by Steve Knar and seconded by Lisa Anderson. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Kris Germain, Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, and Susan McGarrigle. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Principals Machroli and Mahaffy reviewed the School Improvement Plans for both Algonquin Road School and the Fox River Grove Middle School (07-12-02). Both plans were changed to a three-year format – 2008-2011. Dr. Krause informed the Board that because the District has made adequate yearly progress (the District had over 90% of our students in the meets or exceeds category) we are not in a status situation, the District is therefore not required to do a School Improvement Plan. However, the District considers the School Improvement Plan a valuable tool as it gives us goals to strive for.

A motion to approve the 2008-2011 School Improvement Plans for Algonquin Road School and Fox River Grove Middle School was made by Gerry Blohm and seconded by Kris Germain. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye -- Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Susan McGarrigle and Kris Germain. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

### **POLICY**

A motion to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 4:110 – Transportation, approve adoption of renumbered Policy 7:155 – Closed Campus (formerly 7:180) – and approve the first reading of the following policies – Policy 2:260 – Uniform Grievance Procedure, Policy 4:10 – Fiscal and Business Management, Policy 4:60 – Purchases and Contracts, Policy 5:10 – Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment, Policy 5:100 – Staff Development

Program, Policy 5:250 – Leaves of Absence, Policy 5:290 – Employment Termination and Suspensions, Policy 5:330 – Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves, Policy 6:20 – School Year Calendar and Day, Policy 6:60 – Curriculum Content, Policy 7:20 – Harassment of Students Prohibited, Policy 7:70 – Attendance and Truancy, Policy 7:110 – Student Transfers, Policy 7:180 – Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment, Policy 7:220 – Bus Conduct, 7:340 – Student Records and Policy 8:20 – Community Use of Facilities – was made by Steve Knar and seconded by Lisa Anderson (07-12-03). A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Susan McGarrigle, Kris Germain and Lisa Anderson. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

## **SCHOOL REPORTS**

***Algonquin Road School -- Ms. Machroli*** – Congratulations go out to Mrs. O’Reilly-Greene on the great Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> holiday program held today. Everyone is looking forward to the 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> program under the direction of Mr. Wetherbee scheduled for this Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Machroli thanked staff and students for all their hard work on these two events. Vision and hearing testing is scheduled for January 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. During the week of January 14<sup>th</sup> a Star Lab will be set up using the entire library. When classes visit the library, they will be studying the universe. The second quarter ends on January 18<sup>th</sup> with report cards going home on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Enrollment for Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> decreased slightly (296).

***Fox River Grove Middle School -- Dr. Mahaffy*** – Congratulations to Mrs. O’Reilly-Greene and Mr. Wetherbee on a fantastic band and chorus concert held on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Fall/winter athletic awards banquet will be held on January 15<sup>th</sup>. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Information for the end of year 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities will be distributed at this meeting. Middle School principal applications are due on January 7<sup>th</sup> with interviews beginning mid-January followed by a site visit. The current plan is to recommend a candidate at the January board meeting.

## **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Krause informed the board that McHenry County Clerk Kathryn Schultz met with the administrative team to discuss complaints received from some voters regarding the elimination of Algonquin Road School as a polling place. Precincts who voted previously at Algonquin Road School were moved to the Middle School gym during the last election for the safety of our students and staff. After visiting both schools and considering other recommendations in Fox River Grove, Barrington Hills Precinct 16 will be voting in the art room at Algonquin Road School on February 5<sup>th</sup>. It is not the school’s desire to have any polling at ARS but rather than having to open the entire school, the administration has agreed to situate that precinct in the art room. Voters can enter and exit this classroom without having access to the entire school. Dr. Krause will request a hall monitor through Kathryn Schultz. We are doing this on a trial basis for this election. A school can take a legal voting holiday in order to prevent voters from being inside a school with students and staff present. If we do that, we would either add two additional days to the school calendar at the end of the year or have students attend school on two of the current school holidays -- probably Veterans Day and Casmir Pulaski Day. Board member, Steve Knar, requested that the school have indoor recess on this voting day. The Board still

prefers that elections not be held at Algonquin Road School. Dr. Krause will report back to the board after the election.

Dr. Krause informed the Board that the SEDOM roof assessment has been reduced to \$4,890 from the original amount of \$5,406.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. was made by Steve Knar and seconded by Kris Germain. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye – All ayes. Voting nay – None. Motion approved.

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Patrick B. Hughes  
President  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Lois M. Bowman  
Secretary  
BOARD OF EDUCATION