

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
FOX RIVER GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT 3  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 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 7:20 p.m. Members present were Gerry Blohm, Susan McGarrigle, Kris Germain, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar and Pat Hughes. Also present were Superintendent Jackie Krause and Principal Tim Mahaffy. Absent was Principal Karen Machroli.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**WELCOME GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Board President welcomed the audience members to the meeting.

Algonquin Road School student, Gina Lombardino, was recognized by the Illinois Art Education Association for a piece of artwork (12 x 18) she produced when she was in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. There were 530 pieces of artwork submitted last year, and of these, only 40 pieces are chosen for this distinguished award.

The Board of Education and Administration congratulated Gina Lombardino and her family as well as her art teacher, Mary Ellen Bebbler, on a job well done.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Tom Mollet to approve the consent agenda, approve and open to the public the regular minutes of the regular board meeting of August 20, 2007, approve the August 2007 Treasurer's Report, approve the September 2007 Bills and Payroll and approve the August 2007 Activity Accounts Report. Steve Knar seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Susan McGarrigle, Kris Germain, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar, Pat Hughes and Gerry Blohm. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

A motion to adjourn from the regular board meeting and go to public hearing to discuss the FY08 budget was made by Gerry Blohm and seconded by Tom Mollet. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Kris Germain, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm and Susan McGarrigle. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Dr. Krause reviewed the FY08 Budget and the FY08 Budget and Fund Balance Summary Sheet with the Board (07-09-06). Dr. Krause distributed an expenditure comparison sheet (FY08 versus FY07) for the board to review (07-09-07).

Board members Steve Knar and Pat Hughes suggested the formation of a subcommittee to look at various ways to keep a healthy budget balance, including keeping an eye on the size of our classrooms, tax caps and the amount of our revenues, expenditures and reserves/surplus.

There were no public comments from the audience.

The board thanked Dr. Krause and district bookkeeper, Sarah Ireland, for a job well done.

A motion to adjourn from public hearing and return to open session was made by Steve Knar and seconded by Kris Germain. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Susan McGarrigle and Kris Germain. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

A motion to approve the FY08 Budget was made by Susan McGarrigle and seconded by Tom Mollet. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Susan McGarrigle, Kris Germain and Tom Mollet. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

This budget will be sent to the State electronically and a paper copy will be taken to the County Clerk and the Regional Office of Education.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A motion to approve the 2007-2008 volunteer coaching positions – Jacci Richards as 8<sup>th</sup> grade cheerleading coach, Caroline Vellinga as 6/7<sup>th</sup> girls volleyball coach, Lisa Siedentop-Wing as 6/7<sup>th</sup> girls volleyball assistant coach and Stephen Pickering as the Middle School Play sponsor was made by Kris Germain and seconded by Tom Mollet (07-09-08). A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Susan McGarrigle, Kris Germain, Tom Mollet and Lisa Anderson. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the 2007-2008 Application for Recognition of Schools for the Algonquin Road School and the FRG Middle School was made by Gerry Blohm and seconded by Susan McGarrigle (07-09-09). A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Susan McGarrigle, Kris Germain, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson and Steve Knar. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the employment of ARS Lunchroom Aides Dawn Ives (3 days a week) and Dianne Suchy (1 day a week) was made by Steve Knar and seconded by Kris Germain. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Susan McGarrigle, Kris Germain, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar, Pat Hughes and Gerry Blohm. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

### **POLICY**

A motion to approve the first reading of the following new or revised policies – Policy 2:125 – Board Member Expenses, Policy 4:180 – Pandemic Preparedness, Policy 5:130 – Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information, Policy 5:180 – Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity, Policy 6:40 – Curriculum Development, Policy 6:235 – Access to Electronic Networks, and Policy 7:90 – Release During School Hours was made by Lisa

Anderson and seconded by Gerry Blohm (07-09-10). A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Susan McGarrigle, Kris Germain, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar, Pat Hughes and Gerry Blohm. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

## **SCHOOL REPORTS**

**Algonquin Road School -- Dr. Krause --** There was a fire drill today at ARS. Picture day is scheduled for Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, followed by the PTO Fall Festival on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-5:00 p.m. ITBS testing will be the first week of October for grades 3-8 using 2005 norms. Currently there are 300 students at ARS. We ended the year with 304 students.

**Fox River Grove Middle School -- Dr. Mahaffy --** Through Health World Outreach, a train safety kiosk, featuring an operation life safety program, was delivered to the MS this morning. This is a hands on, interactive video game for students to use all week. Each grade level will also be going through a period of education on train safety through Health World Outreach as well. MS pictures are scheduled for Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Fire Prevention Week is the first week in October. Red Ribbon week, with activities created by Lori Harmon, is set for October 22-25<sup>th</sup>. Cross Country was eliminated due to the lack of students and lack of a coach. We have one student who is running as a Fox River Grove independent runner with the Barrington School District.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Krause reported that SEDOM (Special Education District of McHenry County) is in need of a new roof, and since we are a SEDOM district we are obligated to share in this cost. The cost to the district will be based on our proportionate share and can either be paid in one lump sum or billed over a 10-year period. The total cost of the roof is about \$650,000 and our share would be \$5,406. Even if a district elected to drop out of SEDOM, that district would still be obligated to pay its proportionate share of the roof cost. The board instructed Dr. Krause to find out the exact cost per year if they decide to pay over the 10-year period (interest, etc.) versus paying the lump sum. Dr. Krause and board member Gerry Blohm will report back to the board after SEDOM'S special board meeting.

Dr. Krause and Dr. Mahaffy reviewed the Illinois cumulative school report card for the district as well as the Algonquin Road School and the Fox River Grove Middle School report cards (07-09-11). These report cards will be up on the district's web site shortly.

ISAT longitudinal test score summary data on Reading, Math and Science was also reviewed (07-09-12). These summaries show how the same students do over time as well as the beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> graders who took the tests for the first time. Classes, overall, did a good job. Last year's third graders excelled in the math portion of the test with attaining a 99% in the meets/exceeds category.

ISAT data is reviewed by staff to see what needs to be focused on, whether it is the warning section or the meets and exceeds section. Teachers will meet to discuss different projects that may be needed to improve scores (e.g., study island). Data is looked at very constructively to see where the focus is needed. Both schools are currently working on a 3-year school improvement plan, which is driven by ISAT and ITBS scores.

County scores will be shared with the board once they are published.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:25 p.m. was made by Kris Germain and seconded by Tom Mollet. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Kris Germain, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm and Susan McGarrigle. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

There may be action.

A motion to return from executive session at 8:33 p.m. was made by Susan McGarrigle and seconded by Lisa Anderson. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Susan McGarrigle, and Kris Germain. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to employ Daniel Zbacnik as a part-time custodian at Algonquin Road School for 1.5 hours per day was made by Gerry Blohm and seconded by Steve Knar. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Susan McGarrigle, Kris Germain and Tom Mollet. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. was made by Gerry Blohm 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  
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Lois M. Bowman  
Secretary  
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