

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF
FOX RIVER GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT 3
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.
FOX RIVER GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board President Pat Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain and Susan McGarrigle. Also present were Superintendent Tim Mahaffy and Principals Karen Machroli and Eric Runck.

WELCOME GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Board President Pat Hughes welcomed audience members Elisa Buss, Nancy Reineking, Melissa Schladt, Lisa Riley, Ellen Anderson, Diana Brady and Steve Pickering to the meeting as well as Kindergarten teacher, Beth Diller and Mr. Andy Goglin from Woodstock who was doing observation hours for his teaching program.

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 regular Board meeting of December 15, 2008, approve the closed minutes of the regular Board meeting of December 15, 2008, approve the December 2008 Treasurer's Report, approve the January 2009 Bills and Payroll and approve the December 2008 Activity Accounts Report. Lisa Anderson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, and Tom Mollet. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Mahaffy reviewed the Feasibility Study prepared by Chevron with the Board (09-01-01). The study was prepared after Chevron's employees met with both Dr. Mahaffy and Mr. Miller, and after touring both Algonquin Road School and the Middle School. Items needing to be addressed were prioritized listing roofing as first on the list at ARS and exterior doors at the Middle School. The study is not very detailed; it does not list the cost or the rationale on any of the items.

District 3 does have room available under our debt service limitation of about \$1.7 million that can be accessed for repairs without going to voters if the Board decided to do that. Dr. Mahaffy recommended forming a Building and Site Committee to have an initial meeting followed by a meeting with Chevron thereby giving us more concrete numbers for their recommended items in the feasibility study. At the February meeting it would then be decided if the District would want to do a Resolution to present an RFP (request for proposal). Dr. Mahaffy stated that when the Request for Proposal goes out, Chevron and any other company may submit and the District can choose or not choose any of these companies. With Chevron, all contact with vendors, architects, change orders, etc. is handled within their project proposal and they are physically onsite through the whole project from engineering through completion. Costs through Chevron are maintained as proposed in the RFP. Dr. Mahaffy stated that he feels there are three options to be considered – continue to handle larger maintenance items in the summer, do these maintenance items through the bid process or we can do a RFP and look at funding options that way. Dr. Mahaffy stated that our current outstanding debt payments (one bond total) are as follows – the 2000 bond is at 1.6 and the second refinanced 2004 refunded bond is 2.7, which totals a 4.4 outstanding debt. This bond comes due in 2018. Board member Steve Knar stated that when this bond is paid off in 2018, this is levied money so in order to get additional bonds for construction the District would need to do another referendum. Board members concluded that the study prepared by Chevron is too vague and the timeline is too tight to make any decisions at this time.

Dr. Mahaffy mentioned through the Economic Stimulus Package from Washington that there is a possibility the District may receive a little construction money as well as Title I and IDEA money. This would be over a two year period. The construction money can only be used the first year and totals about \$65,000. This would definitely help with the roof but the District should not count on this money until it is on its way.

Board members Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, and Steve Knar volunteered to be on a Building and Site Committee to discuss needed repairs for our facilities. At this time Chevron can also remain on the table for further discussion with the Building and Site Committee. Chevron's objective is to not only do repairs but do them in an energy saving manner. Dr. Mahaffy will set up a meeting for mid February and results of the meeting will be presented at the February Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Mahaffy recommended that registration fees for FY10 remain the same as FY09. Fees charged by surrounding districts and districts similar in size will be presented to the Board.

A motion to approve the 2009-2010 registration fees - \$65.00 for ECE, \$130.00 for full time Kindergarten through Grade 7 and \$165.00 for Grade 8 which includes a \$35.00 graduation fee was made by Steve Knar and seconded by Kris Germain. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Tom Mollet and Lisa Anderson. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the following volunteer assistant coach – Suzanne Blohm for 8th grade boys' volleyball was made by Gerry Blohm and seconded by Lisa Anderson (09-01-02). A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson and Steve Knar. Voting nay – None. Motion approved.

Dr. Mahaffy and the Board thanked the community for coming forward and volunteering again this year.

Dr. Mahaffy stated that prior to January 1, 2009 the Board adopted a 403(b) Retirement Plan Document (Exhibit B) which will keep the District in compliance with the Federal regulations. Dr. Mahaffy recommended the approval of the Resolution (Exhibit A) in which the members of the Committee now be composed of the Superintendent, District Bookkeeper, Middle School Principal, and Elementary School Principal rather than the Board being the Committee (09-01-03). This would eliminate coming to the Board each time there is a need to add a vendor to our approved vendor list for access to their Tax Sheltered Account products. Any items dealing with large dollar amounts will still be brought to the Board.

A motion to approve the revised Resolution Adopting Restatement and Amendment of Fox River Grove School District 3 403(b) Retirement Plan was made by Susan McGarrigle and seconded by Steve Knar. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Tom Mollet, Steve Knar, and Pat Hughes. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Dr. Mahaffy presented the Board preliminary estimates of class sizes for FY10 (09-01-04). District 3 is not a very transient District. Information presented was just to give the Board a heads up on what class sizes would look like using two sections versus three sections at the different grade levels. Kindergarten is an unknown at this time. We currently have 35 kindergarten eligible students registered for the screenings on February 11th and 12th. Dr. Mahaffy recommended leaving second, third, sixth and seventh grades at three sections based on current enrollment figures. The Board may want to consider going from three sections down to two sections on the other grades based on current enrollment figures. Any Reduction in Force (RIF) must be done 45 days prior to the end of the school year. Review of our class sizes and information on surrounding district's class sizes will be reviewed at the next few Board meetings. All costs for the district including class size, teacher aids, etc. will be reviewed by the Administrative team.

POLICY

A motion to approve the first reading of the following revised Policies – Policy 4:105 – 403(b) Tax Sheltered Account (TSA) Programs, 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:120 – Education of Children with Disabilities, 6:230 – Library Media Program, 7:10 – Equal Educational Opportunities, 7:20 – Harassment of Students Prohibited, 7:50 – School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools, 7:100 – Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students, 7:210 – Expulsion Procedures, 7:240 – Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities and 7:300 – Extra Curricular Athletics was made by Lisa Anderson and seconded by Gerry Blohm (09-01-05). A roll call vote was taken.

Voting aye – Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, and Gerry Blohm. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Algonquin Road School – Ms. Machroli – Report cards will now go home on January 30th due to the two days of school that were missed earlier in the month. Thirty-five students have signed up for kindergarten registration. There will be an assembly in honor of Lincoln's 200th birthday on February 12th, which includes the reading of the Gettysburg Address, followed by cupcakes from the PTO. The Primary Consolidated Election will be held in both schools on February 24th. The second round of benchmarking was conducted with the kindergarten, first and second grade students. In honor of the 100th day of school this year, under the suggestion of Mrs. Nichols, ARS will be doing a food drive to try to reach a goal of 100 cans of food per grade level. This will be held during the week of February 9th. Kindergarten graduation is tentatively set for Thursday, June 11th.

Fox River Grove Middle School – Mr. Runck – There will be an early release on Wednesday, January 28th. The Middle School staff will be running through the Code Red lock down procedure. The 8th grade parents meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. also on the 28th. There are currently 200 candles with facts about Abraham Lincoln in the hallways at the MS. Students will be reading the Gettysburg Address on February 12th. On February 25th the 8th graders will be taking the National Assessment of Educational Progress test which is basically our nation's report card. Operation Support Our Troops sent a thank you letter to the Middle School for sending letters to our troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Mr. Runck thanked the 5th grade team for heading up this great effort. Mr. Runck also received a note from STAR 105.5 stating that Mr. & Mrs. Brinkman had nominated Mr. Don Lewan for teacher of the month for his dedication to the after school sports activities. Congratulations, Mr. Lewan. Both Dr. Mahaffy and Mr. Runck thanked all our volunteers for their wonderful work with the students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Mahaffy stated that the Joint Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the MS Library. Board members Lisa Anderson and Kris Germain volunteered to be the board representatives for this committee. Due to revised safety audit requirements, the District safety plan will now be reviewed at the beginning of the school year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Congratulations to former student Michael Zasadil and his family. Michael was chosen to speak at the Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference. The article was featured in the January 16th Daily Herald and was included in the meeting packets.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:20 p.m. to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District and for the purpose of conducting a semi-annual review of lawfully closed meeting minutes was made by Steve Knar and seconded by Kris Germain. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson and Steve Knar. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

There will be action.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to return from executive session to open session at 8:50 p.m. was made by Kris Germain and seconded by Lisa Anderson. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, and Steve Knar. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to keep the closed session minutes of the regular Board of Education Meetings closed to the public that were held on June 30, 2008, July 28, 2008 and November 17, 2008 was made by Gerry Blohm and seconded by Tom Mollet. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar, and Pat Hughes. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to open to the public the closed session minutes from the regular Board of Education meeting held on October 27, 2008 was made by Gerry Blohm and seconded by Lisa Anderson. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar, Pat Hughes and Gerry Blohm. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 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.

Patrick B. Hughes
President
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Lois M. Bowman
Secretary
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