

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF
FOX RIVER GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT 3
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 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 Susan McGarrigle, Kris Germain, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar and Pat Hughes. Also present were Superintendent Tim Mahaffy and Principals Karen Machroli and Eric Runck. Absent was Board member Gerry Blohm.

WELCOME GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Board President Pat Hughes welcomed everyone to the meeting. ARS Principal Karen Machroli introduced the following individuals: Paulette Nichols, Beth Diller, Janet Mollet and Steve Pickering. Also in the audience were representatives from CTS, Michelle James and Scott Jensen, who will be presenting later in the agenda.

No one signed in to address the Board.

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 May 18, 2009, approve and open to the public the regular minutes of the special Board meeting of May 26, 2009, approve the closed minutes of the regular Board meeting of May 18, 2009, approve the closed minutes of the special Board meeting of May 26, 2009, approve the May 2009 Treasurer's Report, and approve the June 2009 Bills and Payroll. Kris Germain seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Kris Germain, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, and Susan McGarrigle. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Mahaffy stated that Control Technology Solutions (CTS) will be presenting an update on the District's renovation project at each Board meeting. Michelle James of CTS introduced the project manager, Scott Jensen. Mr. Jensen will be on site every day. Sections A and B of the ARS roof did test positive for asbestos and the removal was added into the overall contract. The roofing contractor (Associates Roofing) has been selected with materials to arrive on Thursday, June 25th with work to begin on Friday, June 26th. A new, tapered roofing/gutter system will enable the water to flow off the building. Photographs of the project will be presented at future meetings. The windows and doors are on order and are scheduled to be completed before school

starts. The fabrication of these windows is the most time consuming portion of the project. The flooring project was reviewed. Classrooms currently having carpeting will not be changed. Classrooms with the asbestos tile and hallways will be replaced with a 2 x 2 quartz tile. New carpet will be installed in the library and the offices of the social worker and psychologist. In all the restrooms ceramic tile will be installed. The abatement contractor for the flooring has been selected. Mr. Jensen stated that Kingston Tile out of Midlothian was selected to be the flooring contractor. Mr. Jensen commended both Dr. Mahaffy and Rick Miller, on their sophistication and understanding of the process for this project.

Dr. Mahaffy thanked the Building and Site Committee and staff for the many hours they have put into the review and selection process for this project. In going with the quartz tile at this time, it eliminates the need for waxing as in the case of the VCT and teachers who prefer to keep their carpeting will do so.

Mr. Jensen distributed a baseline schedule and an updated schedule to the Board for the project (09-06-01).

Board member Knar stated that although the flooring plan has been changed dramatically – not replacing all the carpeted floors at this time – it is still the desire of the Building and Site Committee to change the flooring in those rooms with the quartz tile as they need repair. This may take five to fifteen years to achieve a completely no wax solution in the entire ARS building. At this time the carpet is still good DuPont Carpeting.

Board member Susan McGarrigle stated that she is concerned about not changing all the flooring at this time. She is worried about the cohesiveness of the flooring.

The Board requested that Dr. Mahaffy and CTS come up with the cost of replacing one classroom at ARS with this quartz, no wax tile in order to budget for the future.

At this time the Board does not anticipate any change orders for the project.

Dr. Mahaffy reviewed the current class sizes (09-06-02). Currently, fifth grade remains at two sections. Two new first graders registered today making the total at 53. We have approximately 48 students for Kindergarten with three who have not decided if they will start this year and three who have picked up paperwork and are age appropriate but have not returned their paperwork.

There was no other Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Mahaffy reviewed the final credit rating report for the School District from Standard & Poor's (09-06-03). A credit rating is an opinion about credit risk in selling bonds to this institute. This rating also directly impacts the interest rate the District will receive. The higher the credit rating, the lower the interest rate for the bonds. With the assistance from Tammie Beckwith Schallmo of PMA, Dr. Mahaffy was interviewed for about two hours to get through this process. The District received a "AA" long term rating from Standard & Poor's Ratings Services on the Series 2009 working cash bonds. Dr. Mahaffy also reviewed the debt service extension base for the District.

The Working Cash Bonds will be sold on Wednesday, June 24th, 2009 and the final interest rate will also be determined that day. The issuance of bonds will be for \$1,136,364 under the current market conditions which includes the issuance of all the bond materials as well as the additional asbestos abatement. Bond proceeds are wired to the District on July 15th. These are Working Cash Bonds and projects cannot be paid for out of Working Cash. Dr. Mahaffy stated that Board President, Pat Hughes, has already signed a Resolution calling for a public hearing to be held on July 20th regarding the intent of the Board of Education of School District 3 to adopt resolutions in order to transfer the \$1,250,000 Working Cash Bonds to the Education Fund and then a transfer from the Education Fund to the Operations & Maintenance Fund (09-06-04).

Dr. Mahaffy stated that the Board members received the full parameters Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$1,250,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds in their Board packets (09-06-05). By receiving this complete Resolution in the Board packets, it avoids the verbatim reading of the full Resolution.

Board President, Pat Hughes, asked Board Secretary, Lois Bowman, to read the following final Resolution:

Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$1,250,000 General obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2009, of Consolidated School District Number 3, McHenry County, Illinois, and for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds.

A motion to approve the Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$1,250,000 General obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2009, of Consolidated School District Number 3, McHenry County, Illinois, and for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds was made by Lisa Anderson and seconded by Steve Knar. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, Susan McGarrigle and Kris Germain. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Mr. Hughes asked if there were any further questions or comments and there were none.

A motion to approve the authorization for prepayment of Control and Technology Solutions Mobilization Invoice (10%) was made by Kris Germain and seconded by Steve Knar. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, Susan McGarrigle, Kris Germain, and Tom Mollet. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the FY10 volunteer coaches – Tom Mollet (boys soccer), Melissa Bo-Hanson (cheerleading), Caroline Vellinga (8th grade girls volleyball), Suzanne Blohm (6/7th grade boys volleyball), Janet Mollet (8th grade boys volleyball), Tom Mollet (track), Norene Carr (scholar bowl) and Sharon Hughes (girls soccer) – was made by Lisa Anderson and seconded by Pat Hughes (09-06-06). A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, Susan McGarrigle, Kris Germain, Tom Mollet and Lisa Anderson. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the 2009-2010 Paid Stipend Positions – Jackie Grosse, 8th grade sponsor and Beta Club, JoAnn Limpus, Band Director, Jazz Band and related band duties, Katrina O'Reilly-Greene, Middle School Chorus and chorus concerts, Larry Merkel, yearbook and spelling bee and Janet Mollet, Athletic Director was made by Susan McGarrigle and seconded by

Kris Germain (09-06-07). A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Pat Hughes, Susan McGarrigle, Kris Germain, Lisa Anderson, and Steve Knar. Voting nay – none. Abstain – Tom Mollet. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the Prevailing Wage Resolution (09-06-08) was made by Steve Knar and seconded by Pat Hughes. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Susan McGarrigle, Kris Germain, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar, and Pat Hughes. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Board member Knar requested, with the Board President's permission, to add to the summer agendas two items. The first would be a review of the non-certified salary schedule. Mr. Knar stated that non-certified salaries are tied into the teachers. He stated that if the teachers get 3.5%, the non-certified employees also receive 3.5% and that it is never reviewed by the Board. Salaries for the non-certified employees have not previously been reviewed by the Board. Mr. Knar would like to review this yearly. Mr. Knar also requested a review of the summer capital improvements before they are officially brought to the Board in the spring for approval. He would like to have both these items added to the July agenda for discussion by all Board members. Salary notices for FY10 have already been distributed to the non-certified employees.

Board President Hughes asked if there was any other New Business and there was none.

POLICY

A motion to approve the first reading of the following revised Policy: Policy 7:230 – Misconduct by Students with Disabilities – 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, and Susan McGarrigle. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Algonquin Road School – Ms. Machroli – The special education early childhood summer school began today and will run through July 17th. The final attendance for the year was at 96.3% which is bit lower due to the rough winter. The St. Jude Math-a-Thon under the direction of second grade teacher, Mr. Rick Knapp, raised approximately \$6,600. The PTO did an excellent job of organizing Fun Day and all the children had great fun. Kindergarten graduation was very well attended. Many thanks go to Mrs. O'Reilly-Greene, Mrs. McAtee and Mrs. Bebber as well as the Kindergarten teachers who worked very hard on this special event. Ms. Machroli thanked her staff members for stepping up to the plate in order to get ready for all the summer renovations. The Fox River Grove Library hosted an art exhibit of projects made by our students. Our student, Lauren Felleson, sold one of her items. Fourth graders, Colin Smith and Sofie Immens received the Dr. Jacqueline Krause Citizenship Awards this year. Ms. Machroli read a very nice note of appreciation from a parent whose students have graduated from Algonquin Road School.

Fox River Grove Middle School – Mr. Runck – Mr. Runck stated that there are no activities planned for July. Former student, Kelly Speer, visited our Middle School and was very impressed with the staff, students and appearance of our building as compared to other schools in the area. Mr. Runck received several letters after the track season thanking our coaches and athletic director for the tremendous job they did with the students specifically regarding the

character and values that the students were taught in addition to the success they had. Mr. Runck thanked the Board for a great school year as well.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Mahaffy stated that the District again received a Certificate of Financial Recognition which is signed by the State Board of Education Superintendent, Dr. Christopher Koch. This is a rating system based on the District's fund balance to revenue ratio (35%), the expenditures to the revenue ratio (35%), days cash on hand (10%), percent of short term borrowing ability remaining (10%) and percent of long term debt margin remaining (10%). The District received a 3.9 out of a 4.0 scale as being financially responsible.

Dr. Mahaffy discussed the Joint Conference (IASB, IASBO, ISBE) to be held in November. The Board directed Dr. Mahaffy to budget for four Board members and the Superintendent. Dr. Mahaffy will look into what the topics will be for the Conference and report to the Board.

Dr. Mahaffy, with the assistance of Tammie Beckwith Schallmo of PMA, presented financial projection information (09-06-09) regarding the District's current finances, fund balances, insurance costs, budgeting, investment objectives, the EAV, the CPI, tax rate history and a financial forecast including the loss of Hold Harmless.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Mahaffy announced that one of our former students, Hannah Brown, has been selected to participate in the Special Olympics. Congratulations go out to Hannah!

There were no other comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:45 p.m. to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District was made by Tom Mollet and seconded by Steve Knar. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, Susan McGarrigle and Kris Germain. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

There will be action.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

A motion to accept the resignation of Lead Bus Driver, Chris Jacob, was made by Lisa Anderson and seconded by Tom Mollet. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Pat Hughes, Susan McGarrigle, Kris Germain, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson and Steve Knar. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to accept the resignation of School Psychologist and Special Needs/RTI Coordinator, Mrs. Jaime White, was made by Kris Germain and seconded by Lisa Anderson. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Susan McGarrigle, Kris Germain, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar and Pat Hughes. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the employment of Jack Winterton as a 4-hour bus driver for 2009-2010 was made by Steve Knar and seconded by Kris Germain. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Kris Germain, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, and Susan McGarrigle. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Board President Pat Hughes asked if there were any other items and there were none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. was made by Tom Mollet and seconded by Lisa Anderson. 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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