

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
FOX RIVER GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT 3  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2008 – 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 7:01 p.m. Members present were Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, and Kris Germain. Also present were Superintendent Tim Mahaffy and Principals Karen Machroli and Eric Runck. Absent was board member Susan McGarrigle.

**WELCOME GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Board President Pat Hughes welcomed audience members Elisa Buss and Steve Pickering to the meeting.

Dr. Mahaffy introduced Sharon Uslan from Chevron Energy Solutions.

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 October 27, 2008, approve the closed minutes of the regular Board meeting of October 27, 2008, approve the October 2008 Treasurer's Report, approve the November 2008 Bills and Payroll and approve the October Activity Accounts Report. Kris Germain seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain, and Tom Mollet. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Sharon Uslan of Chevron Energy Solutions shared a power point presentation regarding the possibility of doing a feasibility study for School District 3. This study would focus on energy conservation and educational environment enhancement and would be at no cost to the District. Chevron does not sell products, technology or long term service agreements. Improvements/projects can usually be done over the summer with no disruption to programming, no drain on internal resources, no change orders, no referendums and no tax increase. Ms. Uslan stated that schools are finding out that taking a piecemeal approach to repairs and upgrades is ultimately costing them money. Due to the rise in operation costs, Chevron looks at conservation measures in not only energy, but repairs and maintenance. Chevron, or a company like Chevron, would handle the project from start to finish. Results are guaranteed through Chevron. Illinois School Code 5/19B, Negotiated Procurement, allows schools to do this process.

Board member Knar asked if any Board members were opposed to the Feasibility Study and no Board members were opposed to the study. Dr. Mahaffy will be in touch with Ms. Uslan of Chevron to schedule the process of the Feasibility Study.

Dr. Mahaffy reviewed the 2008 Tentative Tax Levy with the Board (08-11-01). Information for the levy was gathered from the township assessor's office. Dr. Mahaffy discussed the PTEL law (Property Tax Extension Limitation Law). Dr. Mahaffy will update the levy once additional information is received from the county assessor's office for presentation in December. A notice of the levy request will be published in the newspaper prior to the December meeting. The Truth in Taxation Hearing will be held at the December 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

A motion to approve the School Social Worker Job Description was made by Lisa Anderson and seconded by Kris Germain (08-11-02). A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain, Tom Mollet and Lisa Anderson. Voting nay – None. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the 2008-2009 Certified and Non-Certified Seniority Lists was made by Gerry Blohm and seconded by Pat Hughes (08-11-03). A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, and Steve Knar. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to appoint Sarah Ireland as the Designated Representative of the School Board Secretary for FY09 was made by Kris Germain and seconded by Tom Mollet. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar and Pat Hughes. Voting nay – None. Motion approved.

A motion to appoint Eric Runck as Treasurer of the District Activity Account was made by Tom Mollet and seconded by Lisa Anderson. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – 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 revised or new Policies – Policy 2:220, School Board Meeting Procedure, 4:60, Purchases and Contracts, 4:70, Resource Conservation, 4:160, Hazardous and Infectious Materials, 5:90, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting, 5:150, Personnel Records, 5:240, Suspension and 5:290, Employment Termination and Suspension was made by Gerry Blohm and seconded by Tom Mollet (08-11-04). A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm and Kris Germain. Steve Knar voted aye to all the policies except voting nay to Policy 4:60. Motion approved.

Dr. Mahaffy will revise Policy 4:60 – Purchases and Contracts and will present the policy at the December Board meeting.

## **SCHOOL REPORTS**

*Algonquin Road School – Ms. Machroli* – American Education week begins on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> with Open House from 9-10:00 a.m. on the 19<sup>th</sup>. The K-2 winter concert is scheduled for Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. followed by the 3-4 winter concert on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Some teachers at ARS will be using their results from the AIMSweb benchmarking tests at the parent/teacher conferences on November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Various administrators/staff members are working on a District Improvement Plan that will include RTI. The students at ARS enjoyed participating in the election and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade team did an excellent job with this effort.

*Fox River Grove Middle School – Mr. Runck* – Parent visitation at the MS will be held from 8-9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. A Scholastic Book Fair, sponsored by the PTO, will be held in conjunction with parent/teacher conferences on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The winter band/chorus concert will be at 7:00 p.m. on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Eighth grade boys' volleyball is still in need of a coach. Mr. Runck presented a school pride/reward update. Study Island is being used at all grade levels. At 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Study Island is being used for reading, the Power Math Program for math and the Six Traits plus One is being used for writing. Sixth grade is using Study Island and bell work with extended response for math. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades are again using Study Island and extended response using the state rubrics for math, a word wall is used for literature and spell work is used for science. The specials schedule has been revised back to a quarter's schedule. The nine day rotation was becoming too confusing for the students. This will be revisited before scheduling next year.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Mahaffy presented a McHenry County ISAT Score comparison as well as cohort information (08-11-05). ISAT scores for schools in McHenry County in the areas of reading math and science was posted in the newspapers on October 30, 2008. Overall, students in School District 3 did pretty well. The overall average score was 88% across the board. The District will continue to strive for academic achievement. Teachers continue to analyze the data to locate places for improvement.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Dr. Mahaffy reminded the board of the IASA/IASB/IASBO Conference being held on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:09 p.m. to consider information regarding litigation affecting or on behalf of District 3 was made by Kris Germain and seconded by Tom Mollet. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Lisa Anderson, Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain and Tom Mollet. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

There will not be action.

## **ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion to return from executive session at 9:23 p.m. was made by Lisa Anderson and seconded by Pat Hughes. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Steve Knar, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain, Tom Mollet, and Lisa Anderson. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. was made by Steve Knar and seconded by Gerry Blohm. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye – All ayes. Voting nay – None. Motion approved.

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President  
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