

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF
FOX RIVER GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT 3
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 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, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain, and Susan McGarrigle. Also present were Superintendent Tim Mahaffy and Principals Karen Machroli and Eric Runck.

RECOGNITION OF RESIGNING BOARD MEMBER

The Board of Education and Administration presented resigning Board member Steve Knar with a plaque for his past four years as a member of School District 3's Board of Education. Everyone wished Steve the best.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW BOARD MEMBER

Board President Pat Hughes formally swore in newly appointed Board member Mr. Devin Bright by reading the Oath of Office for the Board of Education. Mr. Bright will fill the remainder of the first two years of Mr. Knar's four year term (April, 2011) (09-09-01).

ROLL CALL

Board President asked for a new roll call. Members present were Lisa Anderson, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright and Tom Mollet.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT VACANCY

Board President Hughes stated that nominations were now in order for the office of Vice-President. Any member of the Board may nominate any other member, and nominations do not require a second. There can be multiple nominations.

Board member Lisa Anderson nominated Tom Mollet.

Board President Hughes asked if there were any other nominations for the office of Vice-President.

Board member Gerry Blohm nominated Susan McGarrigle.

Board President Hughes asked a third time if there were any other nominations for the office of Vice-President.

Board member Susan McGarrigle nominated Gerry Blohm.

Board President Pat Hughes stated that a roll call will be done on each nominated individual with the person receiving the majority of the votes becoming the new Vice-President.

A roll call vote was taken for those in favor of Tom Mollet for the Vice-President position. Voting aye – Devin Bright. Voting nay – Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Tom Mollet and Lisa Anderson.

A roll call vote was taken for those in favor of Susan McGarrigle for the Vice-President position. Voting aye – Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain, Devin Bright. Voting nay – Susan McGarrigle, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson.....Board President Pat Hughes interjected that this entire voting process will need to be cancelled due to voting for two candidates.

A motion to withdraw all three nominations and begin the nominating procedure over was made by Tom Mollet and seconded by Susan McGarrigle. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright, Tom Mollet and Lisa Anderson. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Board president Pat Hughes asked if there were any nominations for the office of Vice-President. Board member Tom Mollet nominated Gerry Blohm and Board member Gerry Blohm nominated Susan McGarrigle. There were no other nominations.

A roll call vote was taken for Gerry Blohm for the office of Vice-President. Voting aye – Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson and Pat Hughes. Voting nay – Kris Germain. Abstain – Gerry Blohm.

A roll call vote was taken for Susan McGarrigle for the office of Vice-President. Voting aye – Kris Germain and Gerry Blohm. Voting nay – Devin Bright, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson and Pat Hughes. Abstain – Susan McGarrigle.

Board president Pat Hughes stated that Gerry Blohm received five votes and Susan McGarrigle received two votes. Board member Gerry Blohm was nominated to be Vice-President.

WELCOME GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Board President Pat Hughes welcomed everyone to the meeting. One person signed in to address the Board.

First grade teacher Paulette Nichols thanked the Board for voting yes for the renovations done at Algonquin Road School. The floors are beautiful, no longer have drafts and the buckets have been put away.

There were no other comments from the audience.

Audience members included Paulette Nichols, Beth Diller, Dr. Krause, Chris Cogburn, and Steve Pickering. Also in the audience was CTS representative, Michelle James.

CTS representative, Michelle James, presented an update on the renovations at Algonquin Road School. Pictures were shown of the completed roof and downspouts, flooring (carpeting, quartz and ceramic tile), windows and doors (both at ARS and MS). Ms. James stated that a final roof inspection still needs to be completed. A couple of screens also still need to be replaced. The flooring in four classrooms is being tested for relative humidity for the buckling of the tile. Ms. James stated that the replacement of tiles in these four classrooms will be done over the Holiday break in December at no cost to the District. Ms. James further stated that CTS has enjoyed working with School District 3. Ms. James stated that if the District would be interested, CTS always has an end of project barbeque for the staff and employees. Fun Day was suggested.

Board member Blohm asked if there is a plan to determine what energy savings the District may see with this renovation. Dr. Mahaffy stated that this could be done since it is extrapolated out in the original plans. There is also a maintenance and material savings with the floors only needing waxing every three years.

There were no other comments or questions at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Devin Bright to approve the consent agenda, approve and open to the public the regular minutes of the regular Board meeting of August 17, 2009 and the special Board meeting of August 21, 2009, approve the closed minutes of the regular Board meeting of August 17, 2009 and the special Board meeting of August 21, 2009, approve the August 2009 Treasurer's Report, approve the Bills and Payroll from August 15, 2009 to September 24, 2009 and approve the August Activity Accounts Report. Gerry Blohm seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain, Devin Bright, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson and Pat Hughes. Voting nay – Susan McGarrigle. Motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

A motion to close the regular Board meeting and go into Public Hearing for the FY10 Budget was made by Tom Mollet and seconded by Kris Germain. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Pat Hughes and Gerry Blohm. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Dr. Mahaffy stated that the FY10 budget was reviewed in great length at the August Board meeting. Additional changes/revisions were presented. The projected FY10 budget surplus is currently at 1.10% from the -0.09% presented last month. In conversations with the county and township assessors as we head into the tax levy season, they are estimating new property to be zero and that the current EAV on existing property will also be flat. The CPI is currently at one tenth of one percent and last year it was at 4.1%. Dr. Mahaffy stated that in a tax-capped county, taxes can be raised to 5% or the CPI, whichever is less. Dr. Mahaffy projected the CPI to be at 1.5% in the future. Dr. Mahaffy stated that originally \$56,000 of stimulus money was going to be used for the flooring at ARS. However, this money was pulled and the District ended up using \$45,764 from this year's General State Aid. The GSA was offset by supplanting special education expenses that normally come out of the regular budget with ARRA dollars. We were

only able to do this because we meet our “maintenance of effort”. General State Aid will be decreasing to 42.7% Hold Harmless money and at 0% next year, which results in a loss to District 3 of \$221,096 for this year. FY11 will be an estimated loss of \$385,856. In the future, the District will only receive the General State Aid that our student population allows. The stimulus money that we did receive this year was spent on salaries, benefits, professional development, intervening services with RTI, special education supplies and technology for special education classrooms. Dr. Mahaffy stated that the State Stimulus money supplemented General State Aid, while the district’s ARRA dollars came in the form of Title I and IDEA B Flow Through which is for special education services. The District could not use this money for anything else. The bond that was sold in July for the renovation project will be paid out entirely in this fiscal year and will be a net result. Expenditures included the purchase of the two buses with the recommendation from our auditors. The bus pen was also upgraded – new fence and asphaltting. The District had a veteran staff member retire this year. SEDOM costs for this year have drastically increased with the addition of a move-in student and possibly one additional student needing outside services than currently anticipated. The District also contracted with SEDOM to cover a maternity leave of one of our employees. SEDOM costs therefore were increased by \$137,203. Transportation costs actually decreased to Prairie Grove by using our own staff and bus. Next month, Shelly Casella will review the audit results with the District. Dr. Mahaffy reviewed a graph showing the District’s average fund balance surplus at the beginning of each year. Monies from General State Aid can be put in any of the operating funds. Dr. Mahaffy stated that maintenance of effort means that the District is at a minimal spending on special education what you spent the previous year based on the student population. Dr. Mahaffy stated that last year’s surplus was 3.33% and ended at about 4.4% or 4.5% surplus. Dr. Mahaffy feels this is a conservative number. Any increase in EAV or new property will help the District. There will be about \$32,000 in both IDEA and Title I stimulus money that we can use in FY11. Dr. Mahaffy stated that this is not the best budget, the administration will keep working at it which includes bringing the non-certified salary schedule information to the Board in April, having a meeting earlier in the year to go over capital improvement projects, and to continue to curtail costs. Dr. Mahaffy stated that the District will remain balanced this year. Currently, all funds have a three to six month balance. However, as we continue to lose \$241,000 to \$300,000 of Hold Harmless money, this will impact the fund balances. The District will need to watch closely all the revenues as well as apply for any grants possible. Board member Mollet sent Dr. Mahaffy a grant for an AED. Dr. Mahaffy is currently working with Johnson Controls and CTS for energy grants to replace the boiler at ARS next year. Dr. Mahaffy stated that most grants, approximately 95%, are for school districts that have at least 50% of the student population on free or reduced lunch. District 3 does not qualify for those grants. Many grants are based on the district’s poverty level. Private grants will also be investigated but are very hard to get.

There were no additional comments or questions on the budget.

A motion to close the public hearing and return to the open meeting was made by Susan McGarrigle and seconded by Tom Mollet. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm and Kris Germain. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion to approve the FY10 Budget was made by Tom Mollet and seconded by Susan McGarrigle (09-09-02). A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Devin Bright, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain and Susan McGarrigle. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Mr. Hughes asked if there was any other Old Business and there was none.

The budget must be in by September 30th. Copies will be taken to the County Clerk and the Regional Office of Education.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion to approve the following volunteer coaches/sponsors – Beth MacDuff, Lizzy Dyrek and Alyssa Zintl for 6th-7th grade girls' basketball, Don Lewan for 8th grade girls' and boys' basketball, June Usab for boys' soccer, James Bartlett, Cheryl Geary, Jaclyn Cunningham and Robert Psenka for cross country, Dan Celske and Charlie Keeler for 6th-7th boys' basketball and Christine Conrad-Hartwig and Anne Lindberg for 6th-7th grade girls volleyball and Caroline Vellinga for 8th grade girls' volleyball, Suzanne Blohm and Jake Cunningham for 6th-7th grade boys' volleyball, Janet Mollet for 8th grade boys' volleyball and Phillip Woods and Tom Mollet for track, Steve Pickering for the MS play, and Norene Carr for Scholastic Bowl and Erik Bo-Hansen for girls' soccer was made by Devin Bright and seconded by Gerry Blohm. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle and Devin Bright. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Dr. Mahaffy stated that all coaches/sponsors requiring a background check have been checked through the online Illinois State Police system.

Mr. Runck stated that the only gap remaining is for 8th grade boys' basketball and softball. The District is currently in jeopardy for this sport with not having enough students. There are currently enough students for the 6th-7th grade team. The conference may not let us participate if there is not an 8th grade team. Mr. Runck also stated that coaches are provided with the Coaches Handbook and that this is not online at the present time.

A motion to approve the Application for Recognition of Schools for Algonquin Road School and the FRG Middle School was made by Kris Germain and seconded by Gerry Blohm (09-09-03). A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Lisa Anderson, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright and Tom Mollet. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the changes to the School Crisis and Safety Management Plan (09-09-04) was made by Lisa Anderson and seconded by Gerry Blohm. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright, Tom Mollet and Lisa Anderson. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

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 policies and exhibit – 2:70E – Checklist for Filling Board Vacancy by Appointment, 2:100 – Board Member Conflict of Interest, 2:240 – Board Policy Development, 2:260 – Uniform Grievance Procedure, 5:220 – Substitute Teachers and 6:15 – School Accountability was made by Kris Germain and seconded by Pat Hughes. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson and Pat Hughes. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Algonquin Road School – Ms. Machroli – The year has been off to a great start with the main thrust focusing on scheduling assessments (Aimsweb for K-2). ARS is also in the beginning process of using MAP testing in lieu of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. There is a 48 hour turnaround on data from the MAP testing. The staff will be reviewing the data on the November 3rd Institute Day. The 4th grade was also chosen to do a writing pilot assessment for ISAT. Mr. Eric Rovin will be training the staff on how to interpret the Aimsweb data. The first week in October is Fire Prevention Week and the Fire Department will be giving presentations at each grade level with a Fire Drill scheduled on October 9th. A PTO walk-a-thon fundraiser is scheduled for October 16th. Congratulations go to second grade teacher, Mr. Rick Knapp, for being featured in an article entitled “Head of the Class”. Jordan Herrera, will have her artwork featured at the Illinois Art Association Student Art Show in November in Lisle. Jordan’s work was one of forty chosen across the State. Jordan and her family will be at the November Board meeting. Ms. Machroli thanked Paulette Nichols for sharing with the first grade parents a Touch Math presentation.

Fox River Grove Middle School – Mr. Runck – Picture Day is scheduled for October 1st. The 8th graders will be taking their High School Explore Test which is part of the ACT program. The PTO walk-a-thon fundraiser will be part of the P.E. classes. Various activities are planned for Red Ribbon Week – October 26th-30th. The 5th grade did their first MAP testing today and beginning feedback has been very favorable. Surrounding districts including Prairie Grove District 46, Cary District 26, Huntley and Grayslake currently use MAP testing.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Mahaffy reviewed the 2009 Illinois District Report Card as well as the Illinois School Report Card for the FRG Middle School and Algonquin Road School (09-09-05). These report cards are posted on the District’s website. The report cards do show ISAT data (reading and math) which is used for AYP (page 14 of the District Report Card). The District does test in ISAT for reading, math, writing and science.

Dr. Mahaffy also reviewed the 2009 ISAT Longitudinal Test Score Summary (09-09-06). Reading scores for 2009 ranged as follows: 3rd – 86.2%, 4th – 87.5%, 5th – 92.1%, 6th – 88.9%, 7th – 89.5% and 8th – 85.9%. The District also had healthy scores in math – 3rd – 94.8%, 4th – 98.2%, 5th – 90.5%, 6th – 93.7%, 7th – 91.2% and 8th – 93.8%. Writing tests for ISAT are independent from each level and each test. Our teachers continue to be frustrated by the writing test. It continues to change yearly and has actually changed vendors independent of other ISAT assessments. Dr. Mahaffy stated that through articulation meetings, the high school has stated

that our students are prepared when they transition to 9th grade. Science scores remained strong for 7th grade at 96.5% and 4th grade at 94.6%. Once county ISAT scores are available, Dr. Mahaffy will compare the scores and report back to the Board.

Dr. Mahaffy stated that the District is budgeted for four Board members plus the Superintendent to attend the tri-conference in November. Board members Susan McGarrigle, Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain and Devin Bright will also be attending.

Dr. Mahaffy stated that through Public Act 960434 the administrator's compensation report must be presented to the Board of Education and posted on the District's webpage prior to October 1st of each year (09-09-07). Also by July 1st each year Public Act 960266 requires that all base salaries and benefits for administrators and certified staff be reported to ISBE. All collective bargaining agreements must be posted on the website also. No date has been officially given for this yet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

A thank you note was passed around to the Board members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:16 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 Gerry Blohm. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, 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 9:38 p.m. was made by Susan McGarrigle and seconded by Lisa Anderson. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Lisa Anderson, Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright and Tom Mollet. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to accept the resignation of Mrs. Ilona Buetsch as an ECE teacher aide was approved by Tom Mollet and seconded by Gerry Blohm. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Pat Hughes, Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright, Tom Mollet and Lisa Anderson. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the employment of Dianne Suchy as a four day per week ECE teacher aide for the remainder of the 2009-2010 was made by Lisa Anderson and seconded by Kris Germain. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Gerry Blohm, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson and Pat Hughes. 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 9:39 p.m. was made by Devin Bright and seconded by Tom Mollet. 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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