

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF
FOX RIVER GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT 3
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, JULY 19, 2010 – 7:00 P.M.
FOX RIVER GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

III. WELCOME TO VISITORS, GUESTS, COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

Board President Pat Hughes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Audience members, Dr. Jackie Krause, Chris Cogburn, Lisa Buss, and Steve Pickering were introduced.

No one signed in to address the Board.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Kris Germain to approve the consent agenda, approve and open to the public the regular minutes of the regular Board meeting of June 21, 2010 and approve the closed minutes of the regular Board meeting of June 21, 2010, approve the June 2010 Treasurer's Report, and approve the July Bills and Payroll from June 19, 2010 through July 16, 2010. Tom Mollet seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Pat Hughes, and Kris Germain. Voting nay – None. Motion approved.

V. REQUEST FOR RECORDS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

None.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Mahaffy reviewed a funding request from Kevin Kandler to help complete his Eagle Scout project. Mr. Kandler made a formal presentation of his project at the June Board meeting. The project includes the creation of a shot put and discus area for our track and field teams. The total project cost will be \$1,300 and Kevin was able to secure donations in the amount of \$1,000. At this time, Mr. Kandler is requesting School District 3 to help with the remaining \$300 to complete the cost of the project. Dr. Mahaffy recommended helping with the cost of this project. All monies are collected by Boy Scout Troop 166.

A motion to approve funding in the amount of \$300 for the Eagle Scout project was made by Lisa Anderson and seconded by Pat Hughes. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Devin Bright, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Pat Hughes, Kris Germain and Susan McGarrigle. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Dr. Mahaffy reviewed the Estimate of Class Sizes for 2010-2011 which was included in the Board packets. There has been no change to the upcoming Kindergarten class with 46 registered students and 4 who are age appropriate but have not registered. There are several families who have indicated that they may be moving but the District has not received any official request for records yet. These students will remain to be counted in the totals until records have been requested.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A motion to approve the Resolution Extending IDOT Approval of Serious Safety Hazards was made by Devin Bright and seconded by Susan McGarrigle. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Pat Hughes, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle and Devin Bright. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the Inspection Checklist for Temporary Facilities was made by Lisa Anderson and seconded by Kris Germain. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Lisa Anderson, Pat Hughes, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright and Tom Mollet. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

The mobiles are currently being used as the reading room, a special education room, a music room and storage. Once the District is able to bring both the reading room and special education room back into the building, one mobile can be completely devoted to storage.

A motion to approve the Application for Usage of Temporary Facilities was made by Devin Bright and seconded by Tom Mollet. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Pat Hughes, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright, Tom Mollet and Lisa Anderson. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the 2010-2011 Alpha Baking Bread Pricing was made by Tom Mollet and seconded by Lisa Anderson. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson and Pat Hughes. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A discussion of the food program followed. Board member Susan McGarrigle would like to challenge the Administration to bring more nutritional value to our lunch program and make our children healthier even if you concentrate on one area (i.e., leaner ground beef, more fat free dressing, low salt option on canned goods, etc.).

Dr. Mahaffy stated that there is always a healthy choice at the Middle School. There are two healthy choices at each meal for students to choose. Dr. Mahaffy will speak with our director of food service to see if there is anything else the District can do and report back to the Board.

A motion to approve the 2010-2011 Grocery Pricing from Fox River Foods was made by Tom Mollet and seconded by Devin Bright. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Pat Hughes and Kris Germain. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to add item “F” to New Business – Possible Participation in the Kasarda Study was made by Devin Bright and seconded by Kris Germain. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Pat Hughes, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle and Devin Bright. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Dr. Mahaffy reviewed a letter from John D. Kasarda, Ph.D., Consulting Demographer to Mr. Brian Coleman, Superintendent for Cary School District 26 outlining what he could do for District 26 and other feeder schools through an enrollment and demographic study. Superintendent Coleman contacted District 155, District 46, District 47 and District 3 to see if we would like to have our 2005 Kasarda study information updated. The total cost for the group would be \$9,800 with School District 3 paying \$1,960. Dr. Mahaffy feels that since we are not a growing district and have very limited space available to build new homes, this study and associated cost is not necessary at this time. The District participated in the original Kasarda study in 1993, and the updates in 1998, 2002 and 2005. Dr. Mahaffy stated that if the cost was prorated based upon enrollment, the District probably would want to participate. Dr. Mahaffy will report back to the Board if any new information/cost is received.

VIII. POLICY

None.

IX. SCHOOL REPORTS

None.

X. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Mahaffy reviewed the FY10 budget. The three main funds were reviewed – Education, Operations and Maintenance (O&M) and Transportation. The District has only received the first and fourth payments of the mandated categoricals from the State. The State has extended the window to make the 2nd and 3rd payments for FY10 and hopefully they will arrive in December. The District should then receive two payments for FY11 but it appears that the State will never

catch up with their payments. The District did save some money in the O&M Fund this year. When the District switched from Santana Energy to the IEC (Constellation New Energy) for gas, there was a surplus of \$70,000 and the District received this refund in June. The FY10 expenditures were either at or below the budgeted amounts.

Dr. Mahaffy presented an ARS utility analysis of the four winter months in FY09 (pre renovations) to FY10 (post renovations). The impacting renovations included half of the roof which increased the R value and installation of energy efficient windows and doors. The three factors reviewed were cost, usage and heating degree days. Cost was removed from the calculation since it is based upon what therms and kilowatt hours cost. When looking at the heating degree days (October 1 to February 28) for FY09 and FY10, 4906 versus 4586 which was a decrease in usage of 6.5%. A heating degree day constitutes every degree below 65 degrees. In electricity, the kilowatt usage decreased 5%. When reviewing the gas usage for the heating of the building, we saved 30.5%. Dr. Mahaffy stated that when you look at heating degree days, the District still saved about 24% in benefits due to the renovations at Algonquin Road School. Dr. Mahaffy stated that last year Santana Energy recommended the District budget for about \$76,000. The District ended up spending approximately \$47,000 for gas with Santana. In May, the IEC indicated budgeting \$40,000 for gas which is a savings of another \$7,000. Dr. Mahaffy stated that based upon the market and what the predicted heating days will be, combined with the renovations, the IEC has brought the projected expenditure for gas to \$35,000. Dr. Mahaffy still plans to budget \$50,000 to be safe.

Dr. Mahaffy also presented a financial comparison: revenue to expenditures for FY10 for the education fund, operations and maintenance fund, and the transportation fund (10-07-01). The revenues for the education fund were at 98.33% and the expenditures were at 98.34%. The revenues for the operations and maintenance fund were at 122.29% which includes the additional reserves we had with Santana with the expenditures for this fund at 82.77% which also includes the utility savings we experienced. Revenues in the transportation fund were at 92.21% and expenditures came in at 99.47% (which includes the purchase of bus 1 and 3 ½). The cost for the renovations at ARS was not included in these figures.

Board member Devin Bright pointed out that the Secretary of State Library Grant for \$394 has not yet been received. Dr. Mahaffy will look into this.

Dr. Mahaffy stated that all State mandated categorical payments are supposed to be reduced by 19% to 21.9%. Hold Harmless does not appear in the Governor's or State budget at this time.

Dr. Mahaffy also reviewed the Fund Balance Summary (10-07-01). This summary shows a surplus of 2.86% overall. The budget for FY11 will be very tight.

Dr. Mahaffy is meeting with Johnson Controls regarding the energy grants. Although the Board already approved \$40,000 for a new boiler, this may be removed and replaced into the 2012 budget pending the meeting with Johnson Controls. The tentative FY11 budget will be presented at the August Board meeting.

Dr. Mahaffy asked if there were any questions and there were none.

The annual IASBO/IASA/IASB Conference held annually in Chicago was discussed. In order to save on expenses, it was decided only three Board members plus Dr. Mahaffy would attend the

conference this year. Information received at the various presentations at this conference will be shared with all Board members.

Gerry Blohm has again volunteered to represent School District 3 at the SEDOM Governing Board meetings which occur two times per year.

Dr. Mahaffy reviewed the 2010-2011 Inservice Plan Summary (10-07-02). Activities on August 19th and 20th include district meetings, building meetings, presentation by the FRG Memorial Library and PowerSchool Training. On September 28th and January 14th, Phyllis Hostmeyer will be working with the Middle School writing teachers. Institute Day on November 2nd will focus on the 3rd data analysis training using MAP Data. Parent-teacher conferences will be held on November 22nd and 23rd and April 15th. There is a half day teacher in-service on May 13th for school improvement plan development and to cover goals for next year which include budgeting, ordering and practices. Early release days to cover professional development in mandated areas such as RtI will be held on September 21st, October 20th, November 11th, December 2nd, February 3rd, March 2nd and May 5th. Key personnel will also be receiving CPR/AED training at the Fire Station.

Building tours for the Board members and Administration are scheduled for August 16th -- 5:40 p.m. at ARS and 6:20 p.m. at the MS.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:08 p.m. to conduct the semi-annual review of lawfully closed minutes was made by Tom Mollet and seconded by Pat Hughes. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Lisa Anderson, Pat Hughes, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright and Tom Mollet. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

XIV. ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to return from executive session to open session at 8:13 p.m. was made by Devin Bright and seconded by Tom Mollet. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Lisa Anderson, Pat Hughes, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright, and Tom Mollet. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to keep the Executive Session Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meetings held on December 14, 2009, January 25, 2010, February 23, 2010, March 22, 2010, April 26,

2010 and the Executive Session Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting held on March 1, 2010 closed due to their confidential nature was made by Susan McGarrigle and seconded by Lisa Anderson. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Pat Hughes, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright, Tom Mollet, and Lisa Anderson. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to Open to the Public the Executive Session Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on May 17, 2010 was made by Devin Bright and seconded by Kris Germain. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – 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.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. was made by Susan McGarrigle and seconded by Pat Hughes. 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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