

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
FOX RIVER GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT 3  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 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 7:02 p.m. Members present were Lisa Anderson, Pat Hughes, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle and Devin Bright. Also present were Superintendent Tim Mahaffy and Principals Karen Machroli and Eric Runck. Absent were Board members Tom Mollet and Gerry Blohm.

**III. WELCOME TO VISITORS, GUESTS, COMMENTS & QUESTIONS**

Audience members – Jackie Krause, Beth Diller, Sheri Sepeczi, Bob Nunamaker, Steve Pickering and Jerry Cappellania – were welcomed to the meeting.

No one signed in to address the Board.

Mrs. Sepeczi asked if she could address the Board regarding the condition and safety of the playground located behind Algonquin Road School. Mrs. Sepeczi shared pictures of the playground equipment and the grounds under the equipment. Dr. Mahaffy stated that this playground was a topic of last month's PTO meeting. The need of this playground in addition to Stanger Park was discussed. Currently this playground is not used for recess and is only used after school and during Rec. Council games for kids to play on. Options discussed were fixing the current equipment and grounds, tearing down and replacing or just tearing down and not replacing. Dr. Mahaffy stated that he would rather not invest any money into a second playground. If there were additional funds, it would be advisable to add on to Stanger Park. Dr. Mahaffy further stated that if the community needs this playground and the School Board decides to assist with this project since it is on school property that would be another scenario. Ms. Machroli also stated that the playground is not being used by the school at this time. However, she stated that if the playground was safe (either repaired or replaced), it could be used and there would be no problems with supervision. Mrs. Sepeczi suggested that if this playground were to be replaced, perhaps it could be more of gym class type play area. The cost for any replacement would be very high. Dr. Mahaffy will contact Mr. Jon Huizinga or Mr. John Reece at the Village and request a safety inspection and/or recommendation for this playground.

Mr. Hughes asked if there any other comments and there were none.

#### **IV. 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 16, 2010, approve the August 2010 Treasurer's Report, approve the bills and payroll from August 14, 2010 through September 24, 2010 and approve the August Activity Accounts Report. Susan McGarrigle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Pat Hughes, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright and Lisa Anderson. Voting nay – None. Motion approved.

#### **V. REQUEST FOR RECORDS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

None.

#### **VI. PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY11 BUDGET**

A motion to go from the regular Board meeting to a Public Hearing for the FY11 Budget was made by Kris Germain and seconded by Lisa Anderson. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright, Lisa Anderson and Pat Hughes. Voting nay – None. Motion approved.

Dr. Mahaffy reviewed the FY11 Budget and the Fund Balance summary (10-09-01). He stated the District has a balanced, conservative FY11 budget with a 0.61% surplus. The District should receive all 22 General State Aid payments from the State. All other anticipated revenues from the State will be prorated (i.e., regular transportation @ 57%, special education transportation @ 95%, mandated categorical from 86% to 98%). Dr. Mahaffy stated that by State Statute the State Board of Education has to issue four payments a year for the State Treasurer to voucher payments. The State Treasurer does not have to make these payments, but the State has to issue four payments. Dr. Mahaffy has budgeted for one payment from FY11 and one additional payment from FY10. The District has already received one payment from FY10. These are the three payments included in the FY11 budget. Hold Harmless, the ADA Block Grant and the Reading Improvement Block Grant have been totally eliminated. Dr. Mahaffy reviewed a chart showing where the revenues for the District come from – 3.3% from Federal, 6.5% from the State, 73.6% from Local and 16.7% from other. The levying assumptions were also reviewed. The District is not expecting any new property. Cost containment within the budget included not replacing a retiring teacher, supplies across the board were cut by 10%, the establishment of a District Preferred Health Care Plan, the new Contract between the FRGEA and the District was negotiated at step only with no additional increase and the non-certified employees received either their bump or a 1% increase. The changes from last month's tentative budget included the addition of actuals wherever possible with the most recent information. The updated surplus changed from 0.79% to 0.61% which totals \$5,017,891. The increases in expenditures included a FMLA leave with SEDOM, an additional student at Region IV and the Educational Jobs Funds Program. Dr. Mahaffy stated that the ARRA money did help keep the District above water last year.

Board President Pat Hughes asked if there were any additional comments or questions.

A motion to close the public hearing and return to the regular Board meeting was made by Lisa Anderson and seconded by Susan McGarrigle. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Susan

McGarrigle, Devin Bright, Lisa Anderson, Pat Hughes, and Kris Germain. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

A motion to approve the FY11 Budget was made by Lisa Anderson and seconded by Kris Germain. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Devin Bright, Lisa Anderson, Pat Hughes, Kris Germain and Susan McGarrigle. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Gerry Cappellania, the District's Food Service Director, reviewed the nutritional aspects of the hot lunch program. All junk food was eliminated a few years ago. More fresh fruit and vegetables are served to the students as long as the funds from the government are available. Milk is 1% for both white and chocolate milk. More whole wheat products are being introduced. Hot dog and hamburger buns and rolls are wheat. Unfortunately, wheat products continue to be more expensive. Salad and several other options are available everyday at the Middle School. ARS students can take the main entree or a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Only low fat dressings are served. Mr. Cappellania continues to introduce new lunch items slowly at each building. The average cost for making a lunch is \$2.81. The District currently charges \$2.40 and receives \$0.22 from the Federal government. Overall, students are receiving a nutritious lunch under the guidelines. At maximum, children only eat 5 meals a week at school. Eating habits start at home and with the family.

A motion to appoint Sarah Ireland as the designated representative for the School Board Secretary for FY11 was made by Devin Bright and seconded by Lisa Anderson. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Lisa Anderson, Pat Hughes, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, and Devin Bright. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the following volunteer coaches – 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> girls' basketball – Tim Zintl, Don Lewan and Alyssa Zintl, 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball – Chris Fitterer and Don Lewan, boys' soccer – J. Vincent Rosenthal, Steve Knar and Ben Rosenthal, cross country and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball – Chris Fitterer – was made by Kris Germain and seconded by Pat Hughes. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Pat Hughes, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright and Lisa Anderson. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

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

## **IX. POLICY**

A motion to approve the first reading of the following revised policies – 4:140 – Waiver of Student Fees, 5:280 – Educational Support Personnel – Duties and Qualifications and 6:130 – Program for the Gifted – was made by Devin Bright and seconded by Susan McGarrigle. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright, Lisa Anderson, Pat Hughes and Kris Germain. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

## **X. SCHOOL REPORTS**

**Algonquin Road School – Ms. Machroli** – Ms. Machroli stated that it was an honor for staff at both schools to be highlighted in the Chicago magazine for being ranked as two of the top four elementary schools in McHenry County. The PTO walk-a-thon was a great success. During the early release, a Code Red Intruder drill was held with staff and the FRG police department. The FRG Fire Department will be doing a safety presentation for each grade level on October 1<sup>st</sup>. MAP testing for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders will also begin in October. An assembly entitled “I Love Our School” will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup>. A second fire drill with the Fire Department will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup>. The school year is going along very nicely. There are currently 7 students attending out of district placements.

**FRG Middle School – Mr. Runck** – Mr. Runck also congratulated the staff for working so hard and being in the Chicago magazine. Mr. Runck thanked the PTO for the walk-a-thon. The MS students really enjoyed this event. First quarter midterm reports will go home on September 29<sup>th</sup>. The FRG fire department assembly will be on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Eighth graders begin their Explore tests at Cary Grove High School on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The cross country team is doing really well and the IESA sectionals will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup> followed by the State Meet on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The boys’ soccer tournament begins on October 12<sup>th</sup> followed by boys’ basketball tryouts. The fifth graders will be going on a field trip on October 15<sup>th</sup> to the Trail of History. The girls’ basketball tournament runs from October 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Red Ribbon Weeks begins on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Board member Lisa Anderson thanked Mrs. Mollet and Mr. Runck for the decision to have the girls’ basketball team play the B teams of the other schools.

Mr. Runck complimented Mr. Lewan on all the work that he dedicates to this program. Mr. Runck has heard of no negative feedback on playing the B teams.

## **XI. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Mahaffy congratulated the staff at both Algonquin Road School and FRG Middle School for being ranked first and fourth in the Chicago magazine for McHenry County. Some of the criteria for the award included ISAT scores, the pupil to teacher ratio, and the amount of money spent per child. In essence, the Chicago magazine stated that Fox River Grove is a great place to raise your children because of the school system.

Dr. Mahaffy stated that the District has enrolled a tuition-in student from Cary. School policy allows this as long as we have room. By School Board Policy, the rate a person would pay is 110% of the per capita tuition rate based on last year’s Annual Financial Report.

Dr. Mahaffy stated that the District 3 Salary Compensation Report for 2010-2011 is posted on the District’s web site as per the State Board of Education.

## **XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

**XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:12 p.m. to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District and to review Superintendent goals was made by Kris Germain and seconded by Lisa Anderson. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Devin Bright, Lisa Anderson, Pat Hughes, Kris Germain and Susan McGarrigle. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

**XV. ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion to return from executive session to open session at 8:44 p.m. was made by Devin Bright and seconded by Pat Hughes. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Lisa Anderson, Pat Hughes, Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle and Devin Bright. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the resignation of Ms. Teresa Masterson as a lunch aide 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 and Lisa Anderson. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to employ Mrs. Virginia Tousey as a 2 hour per day lunch aide was made by Kris Germain and seconded by Lisa Anderson. A roll call vote was made. Voting aye – Kris Germain, Susan McGarrigle, Devin Bright, Lisa Anderson and Pat Hughes. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. was made by Lisa Anderson and seconded by Susan McGarrigle. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye – All ayes. Voting nay – None. Motion approved.

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Gerry Blohm  
Vice President  
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