

## MINUTES

**Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Wednesday, March 18, 2009  
6:00 p.m.  
Board Meeting Room, Caddie Woodlawn**

Board Members Present: Alice Baldini, Dave Bauer, Paul Hoch, Tammy Hoyt, Karl Kurth, Paula Myers, Robert Pelke, Becky Richardson (arrived at 7:15), Bob Wittig

Administrative Staff Present: Pat Basche, Bill Clouse, Jan Lund, Jerry Walters

Meeting called to order and roll call

Board of Education President, Mr. Hoch, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Notice of Meeting

Mr. Walters stated that the meeting was properly noticed by publishing the date, time, place, and agenda in the March 12, 2009, issue of the *Courier Wedge* and by posting the agenda at the Durand High School, at Caddie Woodlawn, at the Durand Community Library, and on the district website.

Consent Agenda

- a. Agenda
- b. Minutes of the regular meeting on February 18, 2009
- c. Vouchers: Addendum to the February Fund 10 voucher list including checks numbering 13474 to 13551 in the amount of \$390,101.69; and the March Fund 10 voucher list including checks numbering 13552 to 13713 in the amount of \$330,809.10.
- d. Treasurer's Report: As of February 28, 2009, the total balance of all district funds was \$2,509,724.25.
- e. Personnel recommendation:
  - i. Retirement: Jan Brunner, Secretary

Motion made by Mrs. Baldini and seconded by Mr. Wittig to approve the consent agenda items. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

District Recognition

- a. Nancy Flanagan

A major initiative the district took on a few years ago was the school's sportsmanship. Mrs. Flanagan has been paramount in this initiative where tremendous strides have been made. As advisor to the spirit squad, she has helped to change the image of the Durand fans by directing the students in new, appropriate cheers and organizing pep assemblies. The fans have become known as the "Panther Crazyies" and have received many positive compliments. As the teacher for the Mass Media course, Mrs. Flanagan has worked closely with students on the video broadcasting of games and special events that are rebroadcast on a local cable channel for the community to watch and enjoy. Mrs. Flanagan truly loves and believes in what she does.

Appearances Before the Board

Ann Oberding responded to the "Letter to the Editor" from Margie Biesterveld about using refrigerated biscuits in a 7<sup>th</sup> grade class. She said that questions or concerns should have been directed to the teacher and answers would have been given. Instead of fighting, belittling, and sarcasm, it's time to start treating each other with respect.

Jeremy Tompkins, junior high wrestling and youth wrestling coach, requested that a wall be removed between two classrooms at Caddie for a wrestling practice room. Currently there is inadequate space for the youth wrestlers to practice which becomes a safety concern. By removing a wall, wrestling mats can be completely rolled out, maximizing the practice area. It would also be better to have a space designated just for wrestling so that the mats can stay rolled out.

### Old Business

a. Second Reading of 200 Series Policies

Motion made by Mrs. Baldini and seconded by Mr. Wittig to approve the 200 Series of the Board Policy Manual. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### New Business

a. Approval of the 3-year Technology Plan

LuAnn Hayden headed up the renewal process for the district's 3-year Technology Plan, and the plan has been completed. The plan is due to DPI by June 30, 2009. With this plan, the district will be eligible for e-rate funds, which are used to offset the cost of our internet service. Motion made by Mrs. Baldini and seconded by Mrs. Hoyt to approve the 3-year Technology Plan and to submit it to DPI. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

b. Policy 151: Board Policy Development Amendment

Motion made by Mrs. Baldini and seconded by Mr. Kurth to approve the amendment to Policy 151: Board Policy Development. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### Committee Work and Recommendations

a. Buildings and Grounds Committee

i. Caddie Woodlawn Football Facility

A proposal to make a football practice field at Caddie Woodlawn was made. A field would allow football practices to be held at Caddie, eliminating the need for a shuttle bus to Wayne Field. Also if the field is made for multiple uses, it would be possible to play soccer as well as football on the field. Excavating, black dirt, and seeding are required to make the football field. Motion made by Mr. Bauer and seconded by Mr. Kurth to proceed with getting bids for a Caddie Woodlawn football facility. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

ii. Wayne Field Baseball Renovation Project

A proposal to upgrade the baseball field was made. The project could be done in three phases: 1) field layout; 2) concession stand and bleachers; and 3) lighting. Drawings for the renovated baseball field were made to replicate Carson Park, but on a smaller scale. A monetary commitment from the Board would allow for grant proposals to be written and submitted to try and secure some matching funds for the project. Motion made by Mr. Bauer and seconded by Mrs. Baldini to commit \$90,000 towards the Wayne Field Baseball Renovation project. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Richardson arrived at 7:15 p.m.

iii. Wee Care Day Care at Caddie Woodlawn

There will be a meeting next week with the Buildings and Grounds Committee and Wee Care Day Care staff to discuss remodeling needs, costs, etc. in regards to possibly moving Wee Care Day Care to Caddie Woodlawn.

iv. Youth Wrestling at Caddie Woodlawn

Youth Wrestling would like some rooms at Caddie for wrestling practice, however, they are looking at the same rooms as Wee Care Day Care. Mr. Hoch stated that the Board needs to look at what our commitment is about the usage of the district's buildings and grounds to Little League, Youth Football, Youth Wrestling, traveling basketball teams, TAG (theater group), etc.

v. Memorial Plaza

There is an approximate outstanding balance of \$25,000 for Memorial Plaza. Revenue from the remainder of the bricks available to sell would be \$13,000. Motion made by Mr. Bauer and seconded by Mrs. Baldini for the district to assume \$12,000 of the cost for Memorial Plaza. After some discussion, Mrs. Baldini withdrew her second to the motion. No action taken.

## Administrative Reports

Mrs. Basche, Director of Pupil Services:

- Enrollment includes 15 students in the virtual education program with another student in the process of enrolling. Seven of the students are in the program full-time and the remaining students are using virtual education for credit recovery or supplemental education. The Maxville and Adult Education programs each have 15-16 students enrolled. Seniors are on track to graduating.

A Board member asked if Durand should be promoting its virtual education program to students in other districts. It was responded that staff working with virtual education students don't have enough time to take on more students, and we also don't want to cause bitterness with neighboring districts by advertising our program and taking their student enrollment away from them.

Mrs. Lund, Elementary Principal:

- "Souper" Math Night was held at Arkansaw. More than 40 students and parents attended and participated in many math activities with the help of some high school students.
- Staff and students at Arkansaw will be participating in a walking club this spring. Teachers are getting ready to promote the walking club to their students.
- Fourth grade students have been monitoring the bluebird houses at school. Each student was also given a bird house to take home.
- Mrs. Heitman's fourth grade students have been making quilts. They will be donating their quilts to the food pantry and have contacted the Department of Human Services about recipients of the quilts.

Mr. Clouse, Jr/Sr High Principal:

- Congratulations to the Academic Decathlon team for placing 1<sup>st</sup> in Division III at State yesterday.
- The girls basketball team and coaches were recognized for their achievement to the State tournament and the fans and pep band were recognized for their outstanding support and enthusiasm during the Girls Basketball tournament series.
- Regarding the State basketball tournament last week, Mr. Clouse and Mr. Johnson would like to set a standard for future state tournaments and are taking a look at what we did, what worked well, and what needs improvement.
- Scheduling for 2009-10 will begin next week. Online registration will be March 27 to April 3.
- The two ½ day professional development days on the use of technology in the classroom were phenomenal for the teachers.
- Mondovi High School will be hosting Reality Check on March 26.
- Interviews for a physical education teacher will be on April 8 and interviews for an English teacher will be on May 6. Any Board member interested in being on a screening committee should contact Mr. Clouse.
- A brochure on cyber bullying was handed out. Information on cyber bullying will be presented to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and brochures will be mailed to junior/senior high parents with 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report cards.

Mr. Walters, District Administrator:

- Durand hosted a Division II Boys Basketball tournament game at UW-Stout Saturday night, which is a fund raiser for the athletic department. Thank you to those that gave up the opportunity to go to Madison to watch our girls and worked at the game instead.
- Reminder of upcoming meetings: Buildings and Grounds on Thursday, March 26 at 3:30; Joint PAC-Board meeting at CESA 11 on Tuesday, March 24—Becky will drive the van and it will leave at 4:30 p.m.; and WASB Effective Bargaining seminar Friday, March 27—Paul will drive the van and it will leave at 7:45 a.m.
- Information from the School Finance Network was passed out.
- Jesse Harness, CESA 11 Director, is looking for nominations for a representative for the State District Boundary Appeals Board. Nomination deadline is April 1.

Mrs. Richardson reported on her attendance at "A Day at the Capitol". She listened to the governor talk about the State budget (handout will be scanned and sent electronically to all Board members) and she also listened to a debate between the two candidates for State Superintendent.

Executive Session 19.85(1)(c)

Motion made by Mr. Wittig and seconded by Mrs. Hoyt to convene into executive session in accordance with §19.85(1)(c). Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion to Return to Open Session

Motion made by Mrs. Baldini and seconded by Mrs. Hoyt to return to open session. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Report of Action Taken During Closed Session

None.

Any Other Business Properly Brought Before the Board

None.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mrs. Baldini and seconded by Mrs. Hoyt to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Secretary,

Linda Komro