

## MINUTES

### Regular Board of Education Meeting Thursday, June 18, 2009 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting Room, Caddie Woodlawn

Board Members Present: Katie Garrett, Paul Hoch, Tammy Hoyt, Karl Kurth, Audrey Martin, Robert Pelke, Becky Richardson

Board Members Absent: Paula Myers, Bob Wittig

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

#### Meeting called to order and roll call

Board 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 June 11, 2009, issue of the *Courier Wedge* and by posting the agenda at the Durand High School, at Caddie Woodlawn, and at the Durand Community Library.

#### Consent Agenda

- a. Agenda
- b. Minutes of the regular meeting on May 20, 2009, and the special meeting on June 3, 2009
- c. Vouchers: Addendum to the May Fund 10 voucher list including checks numbering 14266 to 14385 in the amount of \$401,513.05; addendum to the May Fund 39 voucher list including a wire transfer in the amount of \$2,500.00; and the June Fund 10 voucher list including checks numbering 14386 to 14520 in the amount of \$369,558.60.
- d. Treasurer's Report: As of May 31, 2009, the total balance of all district funds was \$668,292.58.
- e. Personnel recommendation:
  - i. Retirement: Bonnie Fleishauer, Head Cook at Arkansaw Elementary
  - ii. Retirement: Joyce Bauer, Paraprofessional at Durand Jr/Sr High
  - iii. Hire: Danielle Torkelson, Varsity Volleyball Coach
  - iv. Hire: Jenna Ginsbach, JV Volleyball Coach

Motion made by Mrs. Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Hoyt to approve the consent agenda items. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

#### District Recognition

- a. Penny Halling

Penny Halling has been volunteering for 13 years at both Caddie Woodlawn and Arkansaw Elementary. She helps the students and the staff in a variety of ways such as making copies, doing bulletin boards, and listening to kids read. Penny takes the initiative to seek out where her help is needed. Mr. Hoch presented a certificate of recognition to Penny.

#### Appearances Before the Board

Tim Hartmann said he disagreed with Mrs. Martin's refusal to sign the Board Member Code of Ethics. Also, regarding the football and baseball fields, he stated that the district needs to take care of its facilities. Durand used to have some of the best facilities in the Middle Border Conference but that is no longer the case.

#### Old Business

- a. Tennis Court Resurfacing

Additional bids were solicited for tennis court resurfacing and four bids were received. Motion made by Mrs. Hoyt and seconded by Mrs. Martin to accept the bid from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers in the amount of \$33,933, with a one year written warranty, to resurface the tennis courts this summer. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

## New Business

### a. Transfer of Funds to Close Out Accounts for 2008-09

Motion made by Mrs. Richardson and seconded by Mr. Kurth to allow the transfer of funds between functions to close out accounts for 2008-09. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### b. School Nurse Contract with Pepin County for 2009-10

Motion made by Mrs. Richardson and seconded by Mr. Kurth to approve the 2009-10 school nursing service contract with Pepin County for 1,500 hours at a cost of \$65,646.04. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### c. Maxville Alternative School Discussion

#### i. Buy-in Cost

#### ii. Location of Program

Superintendents of the cooperative schools (Durand, Alma, Plum City, and Pepin) and a couple Board members met yesterday. The consensus of the superintendents is that the alternative education program has been successful and they feel some of the success is due to the program's location at Maxville. They are not interested in moving the program to another location.

There was a lot of discussion regarding the alternative education program, as well as the adult education program, but no action was taken on changing the buy-in cost for the cooperative programs or changing the location of the alternative education program.

### d. Review of School Improvement Survey Results and Plan for 5-year Strategic Planning

Results from the School Improvement Survey that was taken by teaching staff were shared. The survey results will be a good baseline for the 5-year strategic plan and also for the principals in developing goals for their buildings.

### e. Approval of the Changes to the Jr/Sr High Student Handbook

Motion made by Mrs. Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Hoyt to approve the changes to the Jr/Sr High Student Handbook as presented. Motion made by a unanimous voice vote.

## Administrative Reports

Mr. Clouse, Jr/Sr High Principal:

- Summer school began on Monday and will continue through next week Friday. About half of the students should finish their remediation work by the end of the session on this Friday.
- Mr. Clouse received word this afternoon that Jake Wrasse finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation with his National History Day project and he also won an award for "Outstanding State Entry".

Mrs. Lund, Elementary Principal:

- Mrs. Lund recognized her kindergarten staff for their work with the kindergarten certificate day and the staff at Arkansaw Elementary that worked with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade certificate day. She also recognized Mrs. Betty Imler for her work with the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade band.

Mr. Walters, District Administrator:

- The 2009-10 board meeting schedule was handed out.
- Lori Snapp received milk bids for 2009-10. Last year the district switched from Kemps to Morning Glory because they were the low bid, but some problems were experienced with Morning Glory this past year. Fortunately for 2009-10, Kemps had the low bid so the district will be going back to Kemps as their milk supplier.
- The district's auditor, Baumann and Associates, had three days scheduled for a preliminary audit of district records. On the first day, four auditors came; on the second day, only one auditor came; and the third scheduled audit date was cancelled. The smooth audit can be attributed to Sharie Weisenbeck's knowledge and work with the district's finances.
- A picture of the Board of Education for the district's web page needs to be updated. The plan is to take a picture at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Pelke commented that he likes the look of the district website. Mr. Walters said that Mr. Poeschel and some students are working on updating the website. He also said that a student, Meghan Ausing, recently redid the City of Durand's website.

Executive Session 19.85(1)(c)

Motion made by Mrs. Richardson 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 Mr. Kurth and seconded by Mr. Pelke 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. Martin and seconded by Mrs. Hoyt to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 p.m.

Secretary,

Linda Komro