

Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
February 22, 2011  
7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Fred Huddlestun at 7:00 p.m. on February 22, 2011, in the offices of the Board of Education. Members physically present at roll call: Anthony Richards, Mike Knepper, Gordon Millsap, Fred Huddlestun, Melinda Barthelme, Holly Farley, and Gregg Weber. Members absent: None.

Motion by Gregg Weber, second by Holly Farley, to adopt the agenda as presented. Ayes: Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Weber, Richards. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Gordon Millsap, second by Fred Huddlestun to approve items on the Consent Agenda. Ayes: Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Weber, Richards, Knepper. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Fred asked for comments from the public. A mother and grandmother of a student made a comment to the Board regarding bullying incidents. The mother of an Illinois State Scholar expressed her appreciation of the experience her child has had within the Jasper County School System.

Fred called the public hearing on the Summer School Food Service Program Exemption to order. He asked for comments on the exemption. There were none. The hearing was closed.

Fred called the public hearing on the Intent of the Board of Education to Sell Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds and Working Cash Bonds to order. He asked for comments from the public. There were none.

Motion by Mike Knepper, second by Anthony Richards to close the hearing on the sale of bonds. Ayes: Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Weber, Richards, Knepper, Millsap. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Fred asked for public comments.

Twelve NCHS seniors were recognized as Illinois State Scholars. Those students are: Logan Andrews, Dylan Casey, Natalie Earnest, Natasha Earnest, Mark Fehrenbacher, Jordan Kocher, Eric LeMay, Dalton Pickens, Michael Probst, Aubrey Richards, Elizabeth Taylor and Adam Woods.

Ste. Marie Elementary was recognized for being awarded the Spotlight School Recognition award from the State. This is based on high poverty schools were high academic performance is closing the "achievement gap". There are 300 schools in the state being recognized.

Grove Elementary was recognized for receiving an Academic Excellence Award. Schools must have made Adequate Yearly Progress in 2009 and 2010 and 90 percent of students must have met or exceeded state standards in both reading and math for the three most recent school years.

Dan Cox, Superintendent, reported that a list of items in the district need to be designated as surplus so the district can auction them off.

Motion by Gregg Weber, second by Melinda Barthelme to approve the surplus items as presented. Ayes: Barthelme, Farley, Weber, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Dan recommended setting May 21, 2011 as the date to hold an auction for the surplus items.

Motion by Anthony Richards, second by Holly Farley to approve May 21, 2011, as the date to hold an auction for items declared as surplus at the Newton Community High School wood shop. Ayes: Farley, Weber, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Knepper, second by Anthony Richards to approve Dave Swick Auctions to provide auction services for the sale of surplus items on May 21, 2011. Ayes: Weber, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Gordon Millsap, second by Anthony Richards to approve Jasper Services to move weight room equipment to the basement of NCHS. Ayes: Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Weber. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chris Parr, Transportation Director, presented an informational report to the Board regarding transportation updates for reorganization of bus routes.

Dan presented information on the Governor's proposed cuts of an additional \$95,000,000 to transportation funding; the ISAT

testing window being moved to the week of 3/7/11-3/18/11;  
extending the third quarter to 3/18/11.

Dan presented a presentation of a three year district budget  
projection made to the Board.

Dan recommended that the district make up one of the snow days  
that were used in February on April 25, 2011.

Motion by Fred Huddlestun, second by Holly Farley to make up a  
school day due to the excessive winter weather on April 25.  
Ayes: Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley. Nays:  
Weber, Richards. Motion carried.

Dan recommended adoption of a one time classified retirement  
incentive of \$5000.

Motion by Melinda Barthelme, second by Anthony Richards to  
approve a one-time classified retirement incentive of \$5000 open  
2/23/11-3/16/11. Ayes: Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley,  
Weber, Richards, Knepper. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Melinda Barthelme, second by Fred Huddlestun to go  
into Closed Session for the purposes of the appointment,  
employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal  
of specific employees; collective negotiating matters; and the  
setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the  
public body. Ayes: Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Weber,  
Richards, Knepper, Millsap. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Holly Farley, second by Fred Huddlestun to return to  
open session. Ayes: Barthelme, Farley, Weber, Richards,  
Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Melinda Barthelme, second by Anthony Richards to  
approve Dylan Workman as a JCJH Band Volunteer. Ayes: Farley,  
Weber, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme. Nays:  
None. Motion carried.

Motion by Gordon Millsap, second by Mike Knepper to approve  
Brittany Kraft as 5/6 grade volleyball coach at Grove  
Elementary. Ayes: Weber, Richards, Knepper, Millsap,  
Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fred Huddlestun, second by Anthony Richards to approve  
the resolution authorizing the sale of Muddy/West School. Ayes:  
Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Weber,  
Richards. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Anthony Richards, second by Fred Huddlestun to accept the resignation of Diane Weddell at the end of the 2010-11 school year. Ayes: Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Weber. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Melinda Barthelme, second by Holly Farley to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Weber, Richards, Knepper. Nays: None. Motion carried.  
The meeting adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is Monday March 21, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the offices of the Board of Education.