

Board of Education
Regular Meeting
March 21, 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 March 21, 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 Holly Farley, second by Gregg Weber, to adopt the agenda as presented. Ayes: Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Weber, Richards. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Anthony Richards, 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. There were none.

Fred then asked for positive comments. Superintendent Dan Cox recognized the local Masonic Lodge for sponsoring the NCHS scholastic bowl teams. They hosted an appreciation dinner for both the Newton and Oblong teams.

Dan recommended approval of IHSA membership for 2011-12.

Motion by Mike Knepper, second by Gordon Millsap to approve membership with IHSA for the 2011-12 school year. Aye: Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Weber, Richards, Knepper, Millsap. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Buildings and Grounds Director Phil Benefiel presented a list of items to be declared surplus.

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

Phil gave an extensive review of the most up-to-date floor plans of the renovations to be done at Jasper County Junior High and Newton Elementary School.

The Board heard details regarding the acquirement and feasibility of a stand-by generator that has been offered to the school district. No action was taken.

Motion by Gordon Millsap, second by Fred Huddlestun to accept the low bid of \$61,538.99 from M&O Environmental for asbestos removal as recommended. Ayes: Farley, Weber, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chris Parr, Transportation Director gave the Board an update on proposed traffic plans, flow and parking for the schools during 2011-12 school year. Additionally, the Board was informed of the results of the practice run of the initial 2011-12 bus routes.

Dan reported that the District recently received some of the first quarter MCAT payments totaling \$244,162.34. The District is still owed \$434,922.06 in state payments that have been vouchered for this year while the third and fourth quarter payments have yet to be vouchered.

The Illinois State Board of Education recently released its 2011 School District Financial Profile Designations based on 2009-2010 school year annual financial report. The District received a score of 3.55/4.0 earning "Recognition" status.

The Board discussed the amount of Working Cash Fund Bonds to be determined after the renovation bid opening on April 12 for the approval at the April 18 Board of Education meeting.

Dan recommended approval of the 2011-2012 school calendar as presented. The first day of school will be August 29 and the last day will be June 7.

Motion by Anthony Richards, second by Fred Huddlestun to adopt the 2011-2012 school calendar as presented. Ayes: Weber, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Dan recommended approval of the Southeast Purchasing Coop agreement. This is for the purchase of food for the cafeterias.

Motion by Gordon Millsap, second by Mike Knepper to approve the Southeast Purchasing Cooperative Intergovernmental Agreement for 2011-12. Ayes: Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Weber. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board was presented with information that student summer workers may be able to be funded through the CEFS program at no additional expense to the District.

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

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

Motion by Anthony Richards, second by Holly Farley to approve the following volunteers: Roger McKinley, Gary Staigl, Gary Staigl, Jr., Cleve Bradley, Ryan Michl, Steve Mammoser, and Cherilea Pitcher. Ayes: Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Weber, Richards, Knepper, Millsap. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Holly Farley, second by Anthony Richards to approve Amy Tarr for the position of Special Needs Administrator. Ayes: Barthelme, Farley, Weber, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Melinda Barthelme, second by Fred Huddlestun to adopt the resolution to honorably dismiss Mark Wilkinson. Ayes: Weber, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Anthony Richards, second by Gordon Millsap to adopt the resolution to honorably dismiss Debbie Blake. Ayes: Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Weber. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Knepper, second by Holly Farley to adopt the resolution to honorably dismiss Jody Dhom. Ayes: Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Weber, Richards. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Anthony Richards, second by Fred Huddlestun to adopt the resolution to honorably dismiss Kathy Smithenry. Ayes: Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Weber, Richards, Knepper. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Gordon Millsap, second by Holly Farley to adopt the resolution to honorably dismiss Gina Correll. Ayes: Barthelme,

Farley, Weber, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Melinda Barthelme, second by Fred Huddlestun to adopt the resolution to honorably dismiss Karrie Stark. Ayes: Farley, Weber, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Holly Farley, second by Mike Knepper, to adopt the resolution to honorably dismiss Amy Rusk. Ayes: Weber, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Melinda Barthelme, second by Fred Huddlestun to adopt the resolution to honorably dismiss Jerry Tharp. Ayes: Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Weber. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Holly Farley, second by Fred Huddlestun to adopt the resolution for the proposed reclassification of David Parker. Ayes: Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Weber, Richards. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Anthony Richards, second by Gordon Millsap to approve the retirement of Anthea Zumbahlen, effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year. Ayes: Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Weber, Richards, Knepper, Millsap. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Knepper, second by Fred Huddlestun to approve the retirement of Judy Ochs, effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year. Ayes: Barthelme, Farley, Weber, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Holly Farley, second by Fred Huddlestun to approve the retirement of Kenny Tate, effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year. Ayes: Farley, Weber, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Gordon Millsap, second by Fred Huddlestun to approve the retirement of Earlene Rubsam, effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year. Ayes: Weber, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fred Huddlestun, second by Holly Farley to approve the retirement of Debbie Diel, effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year. Ayes: Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Weber. Nays: Richards. Motion carried.

Motion by Melinda Barthelme, second by Fred Huddlestun to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Weber, Richards. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is Monday, April 18, 2011, at 8:00 p.m. in the offices of the Board of Education.