

Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
May 16, 2011  
8:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Fred Huddlestun at 8:00 p.m. on May 16, 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 Mindy Street. Members absent: None.

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

Fred asked for comments from the public. A comment was made from a member of the public in regards to working cash fund bonds and how the bond issue relates to building renovations.

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

The "Approval of Interschool Agreement Cooperative Team" was removed from the consent agenda to be discussed as an individual item and voted on individually.

Motion by Anthony Richards, second by Holly Farley to approve the cooperative agreement with St. Thomas for a cooperative girls softball team. Ayes: Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Fred then asked for positive news.

Superintendent Dan Cox reported that all schools in the district were presented with certificates designating all schools as fully recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education for the 2010-11 school year.

Craig Carr, Principal at Grove, along with PTO representatives Julie Jansen and Amy Tarr, reported on meetings of elementary PTO officers from all three elementary schools. The Board was presented with the new PTO vision: "Providing Opportunities - Supporting Education" and the new PTO mission: "In an environment of mutual trust and respect, the PTO will enhance educational excellence."

Travis Wyatt, Principal at Newton Elementary/JCJH, gave a report to the Board about his involvement at the state level with the unfunded mandates task force.

The Board was provided with a summary from the pre-construction meeting held on 5/16/11 with a timetable of construction start and end dates. Photo updates will be linked to the district website documenting renovation.

Chris Parr, Transportation Director, reported that district buses will practice a dismissal trial run utilizing new procedures with the police observing dismissal procedures on 5/25/11.

Dan reported that district employee insurance rates will increase by 18% as well as changes to other related benefits.

Real estate proceedings on West school were closed and ownership transferred on Friday, 5/13/11.

Dan reported that the State of Illinois owes the District \$725,297.82 of the \$2,713,868.73 of mandated categorical payments that have been vouchered during the current fiscal year.

Dan recommended adoption of the resolution authorizing abatement of working cash fund monies.

Motion by Mike Knepper, second by Fred Huddlestun to approve the resolution authorizing the abatement of working cash fund. Ayes: Barthelme, Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Dan recommended placing several policies on first reading.

Motion by Melinda Barthelme, second by Holly Farley to place the proposed updates and additions to board policies as presented on first reading. Ayes: Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Updates and additions to the student handbooks were presented for approval.

Motion by Gordon Millsap, second by Anthony Richards to approve student handbook updates and additions as presented. Ayes: Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Dan recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the state to put funds directly into the District's account instead of going through the regional office for distribution.

Motion by Holly Farley, second by Fred Huddlestun to approve the resolution of electronic transfer of funds from the State of Illinois. Ayes: Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Street. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Dan reported that the 2010-11 budget needed to be amended because it changed more than 10% due to the sale of bonds. He recommended that the amended budget be placed on 30 day layover for public inspection.

Motion by Mike Knepper, second by Melinda Barthelme to place the amended budget as presented on a 30 day layover for public inspection. Ayes: Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Street, Richards. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

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

Motion by Gordon Millsap, second by Melinda Barthelme to approve the retirement request of Karen Buettemeyer, effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year. Ayes: Barthelme, Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Knepper, second by Mindy Street to approve the retirement request of Dave Staley and Randy Loy effective 12/31/11. Ayes: Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Holly Farley, second by Fred Huddlestun to approve the resignation of Mike Cisney effective 6/13/11. Ayes: Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mindy Street, second by Fred Huddlestun to approve the resignation of Dave Parker effective 7/19/11. Ayes: Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Street. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Gordon Millsap, second by Anthony Richards to approve Jerry Tharp as an IT assistant within the District. Ayes:

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

Motion by Gordon Millsap, second by Melinda Street to approve Mark Brandenburg, Scott Mammoser, and Jared Wagner as summer workers. Ayes: Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Knepper, second by Holly Farley, to approve Becca Ochs, Jodi Schnieder and Nikki Tipsword as summer girls basketball volunteers. Ayes: Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Knepper, second by Gordon Millsap to approve the transfer of Amy Tarr to Newton Elementary Assistant Principal. Ayes: Barthelme, Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Holly Farley, second by Mindy Street to approve Kim Kessler as District Special Needs Administrator. Ayes: Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Knepper, second by Anthony Richards to approve the contract for sale of real estate in the amount of \$6,500 to Dion and Debra Urfer. Ayes: Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Holly Farley, second by Mindy Street to approve Melinda Barthelme as a volunteer in the district. Ayes: Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun. Nays: None. Abstain: Barthelme.

Motion by Gordon Millsap, second by Mike Knepper to give the Superintendent permission to hire custodians before the June meeting. Ayes: Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Street, Richards. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be Monday, June 20, 2011, at 8:00 p.m. in the offices of the Board of Education.