

Board of Education
Regular Meeting
September 19, 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 September 19, 2011, in the offices of the Board of Education. Members physically present at roll call: Anthony Richards, Mike Knepper, Gordon Millsap, Fred Huddlestun, Holly Farley, and Mindy Street. Members absent: Melinda Barthelme.

Fred appointed Holly Farley as Secretary Pro-Tem.

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

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

Fred called the hearing on the district budget to order at 7:05. Fred asked for comments from the public. There were none. The budget hearing ended at 7:17 p.m.

Principals introduced the following new teachers to the Board: NCHS/JCJH - Ryan Klier, JCJH - Amy Harris, Newton Elementary - Lori Dion, Tori Manning, SME - Catherine Riordan, Kelsey Bloomberg.

Melinda Barthelme entered the meeting at 7:25.

Fred asked for comments from the public. There were none.

Fred then asked for positive comments.

The following individuals were recognized by the Board of achieving state recognition:

- Travis Wyatt - Illinois Principal's Association Herman Graves Award (Wabash Valley Division)
- Rick Athey - Illinois Principal's Association Stan Struckmeyer Award (Wabash Valley Division)
- Kathy Johnson - Illinois Principal's Association Assistant Principal of the Year nominee (Wabash Valley Division)
- Fred Huddlestun - recognized by the Illinois Association of School Boards for retaining his Master School Board Member status

Kathy Johnson, Curriculum and Grants Director, issued a report on district AYP reports.

Phil Benefiel, Director of Buildings and Grounds gave a report on the junior high renovations. Keith Poettker for Poettker Construction was also on hand to answer any questions from the Board.

Motion by Anthony Richards, second by Holly Farley to approve N.A.H.C. to install an automatic gate opener at the Transportation Office. Ayes: Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Gordon Millsap, second by Holly Farley to approve the quote from Serendipity Play Systems to move playground structures from Grove Elementary and Willow Hill Elementary to be installed at Newton Elementary. Ayes: Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mindy Street, second by Mike Knepper to declare the geodome equipment at Grove as surplus and give back to the Probst family who donated them. Ayes: Barthelme, Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Anthony Richards, second by Mindy Street to declare the remaining playground equipment at Grove Elementary and Willow Hill Elementary surplus and to put them up for sealed bids. Ayes: Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Anthony Richards, second by Fred Huddlestun to adopt the 2011-12 budget as presented. Ayes: Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Dan Cox, Superintendent, recommended that the District purchase the Press Plus service from IASB for their Board policy.

Motion by Mike Knepper, second by Holly Farley to approve the purchase of the Illinois Association of School Board's PRESS Plus policy service. Ayes: Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Street. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on district credit card procedures. The Board was informed and discussed revisions to employee usage procedures for District credit cards.

The Board was informed and discussed revisions to procedures for handling donations to the District and activity fund procedures.

The Board was informed and discussed implications of education reform that has been passed via Senate Bill 7 and the implications and impact of these reforms on the District.

Motion by Melinda Barthelme, second by Mindy Street to go into Closed Session for the purposes of The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees; Purchase or Lease of Real Property; Student Disciplinary Cases. Ayes: Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Street, Richards. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Holly Farley, second by Mindy Street to recognize the resignation of Jeanne Wagner as dishwasher at NCHS/JCJH. Ayes: Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Knepper, second by Fred Huddlestun to approve Kelsey Bloomberg as an elementary teacher. Ayes: Barthelme, Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mindy Street, second by Fred Huddlestun to approve Krista Ochs as a bus chaperone. Ayes: Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Gordon Millsap, second by Mike Knepper to approve Vicki Rubsam as a two hour dishwasher at NCHS/JCJH. Ayes: Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Melinda Barthelme, second by Holly Farley to approve Janet Vahling, Kathy Pitcher, Judy Millsap, Jennifer Tegeler, David Stork, Kelly Edwards, Beth Einhorn and Vicky Wenthe as District Title I teachers per Federal Title I regulations. Ayes: Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Street. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Holly Farley, second by Fred Huddlestun to approve Diane Weddell, Kim Zumbahlen, and Jessica Flowers as volunteers at Ste. Marie Elementary. Ayes: Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Street, Richards. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Gordon Millsap, second by Mike Knepper to approve Karen Bolander and Laura Miller as lunch room supervisors at NCHS. Ayes: Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fred Huddlestun, second by Holly Farley to approve Dana Ruholl as a bus driver for the district. Ayes: Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Anthony Richards, second by Holly Farley that student 9-19-11A be found to have violated school rules and that he be expelled from Jasper County Community Unit School District for two school years beginning 9/20/2011 and ending 5/31/2013. Further moved that the expulsion be stayed and that he be placed on Principal's Probation for that period, the first semester to be served at Optional Ed. After the first semester, pending a threat assessment, he will be allowed to return to NCHS but will not be allowed to park on school property. In accordance with the agreement to be signed by the student, his parents, and the administration, violation of Principal's Probation will result in imposition of the expulsion. Ayes: Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap. Nays: Barthelme, Huddlestun. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Knepper, second by Fred Huddlestun to adjourn the meeting. Aye: Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be Monday, October 17, 2011, at 8:00 p.m. in the offices of the Board of Education.