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Summary of Minutes of Board of Education, Jasper County CUSD #1

Regular Meeting, February 22, 2011

Following is a summary of minutes of a special meeting of the Board of Education of Jasper County Community Unit School District No. 1, held in the Unit Administration Office Board Room, Tuesday, February 22, 2011. Board Members Present: Mr. Fred Huddleston, Mr. Gordon Millsap, Mr. Anthony Richards, Mrs. Holly Farley, Mrs. Melinda Barthelme, Mr. Mike Knepper. and Mr. Gregg Weber.

**All Votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.*

1. Recognition of Guests and Public Comments: 1. A mother and grandmother of a student made a comment to the Board regarding bullying incidents. 2. The mother of an Illinois State Scholar expressed her appreciation of the experience her child has had within the Jasper County School System.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda: The consent agenda was approved as presented.

3. Public Hearing on Summer School Food Service Program Exemption (Public Act 95-155) A public hearing was held on the rationale for the district to request a waiver exempting the district from offering mandatory breakfast and lunch meals during any potential summer school programs. There were no public comments during the hearing.

4. Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Board of Education to Sell Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds and Working Cash Fund Bonds: A public hearing was held to present the rationale behind authorizing the intent to sell fire prevention and safety bonds and working cash bonds. There were no public comments during the hearing.

5. Recognition of Illinois State Scholars: NCHS high school seniors 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 were recognized by the Board as 2011 Illinois State Scholars.

6. Grove Elementary Recognition: Grove Elementary was recognized as one of 459 schools across the state for earning the Academic Excellence Award for 2010. To earn the award 90% of students must have met or exceeded state standards in both reading and mathematics for the three most recent school years and must have made adequate yearly progress in 2009-2010.

7. Ste. Marie Elementary Recognition: Ste Marie Elementary was recognized as one of 300 schools across the state for earning the distinction as an Illinois Spotlight School. To earn this award at least 77.5% of students

must be passing the state achievement tests in both reading and math, at least 50% of the students in the school are from low income families, and the school must meet AYP the two previous years prior to receiving the award.

8. Principal Reports: Mr. Carr gave a report on the NCLB parent/teacher committee that recently met at NCHS. This committee meets to review the status of federal grants as well as serving as a sounding board for issues related with the reorganization of schools.

9. Approval of Surplus Items: A list of surplus items within the district was approved for an upcoming auction.

10. Approval of a Date for Auction of Surplus Items: May 21, 2011 was approved as the date to hold an auction for items declared as surplus at the Newton Community High School wood shop.

11. Approval of Auctioneer for Auction of Surplus Items: Dave Swick Auctions was approved to provide auction services for the sale of surplus items on May 21, 2011.

12. Consideration and Possible Action of Estimate to Move Weight Room Equipment: Jasper Services was approved to move weight room equipment to the basement of NCHS.

13. Transportation Report: Chris Parr presented an informational report to the Board regarding transportation updates concerning reorganization of bus routes.

14. Board Reports: The following informational items were presented to the Board: a legislative update; a summary of the Governor's proposed cut 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; the 3rd quarter extending to 3/18/11 (both date extensions are due to the excessive snow days); the IASB spring dinner meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3/1/11 at 6:00 p.m. at East Richland Middle School.

15. Budget Projection Presentation: A presentation of a three year district budget projection was made to the board. This presentation will be made available via www.jaspercountyschools.net in coming days.

16. Consideration and Possible Action to Make-Up Snow Days: The Board voted to approve the date of Monday, 4/25/11 be utilized to make up school due to excessive days missed because of snow and ice. Board Members voting "yes": Fred Huddleston, Gordon Millsap, Melinda Barthelme, Holly Farley, Mike Knepper
Board Members voting "no": Gregg Weber, Anthony Richards

17. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve a Classified Staff Early Retirement Incentive: The board approved to offer a one-time classified retirement incentive of \$5,000 that is open for classified support personnel from 2/23/11 – 3/16/11.

18. Consideration of Summer Workers: A discussion was had regarding the potential need for summer workers. The discussion was for informational purposes only.

19. Discussions Regarding District Reorganization: The board was informed that the initial floor plans for Jasper County Junior High and Newton Elementary Floor will be completed on 2/23/11 and the need to convene as a building committee to review the plans was discussed.

20. The Board entered into Closed Session at 8:40 p.m. for purposes defined in the 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. The Board entered into Open Session at 11:57 p.m.

21. Approval of JCJH Band Volunteer: Dylan Workman was approved as a JCJH Band volunteer.

22. Approval for a 5th/6th grade volleyball coach at Grove: Brittany Kraft was approved as 5th/6th grade volleyball coach at Grove Elementary.

23. Acceptance of employee resignation: The Board accepted the resignation of Diane Weddell as a secretary effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

24. Possible action concerning the sale of property owned by the school district: The board approved a resolution to authorize the District to sell Muddy West School.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be Monday, March 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jasper County Unit Office Board Room.

