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Summary of Minutes of Board of Education, Jasper County CUSD #1 Regular Meeting, March 21, 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, Monday, March 21, 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:** There were no comments from the public at the meeting.
- 2. Approval of Consent Agenda:** The consent agenda was approved as presented.
- 3. Positive News and Communications:** The local Masonic Lodge was recognized for sponsoring the NCHS scholastic bowl teams. On March 3rd the Masonic Lodge held an appreciation dinner for the Newton and Oblong Scholastic bowl teams.
- 4. Approval of membership with the IHSA for the 2011-2012 school year:** The board approved membership with the IHSA for 2010-2011.
- 5. Approval of Surplus Items:** The following items were declared surplus by the district: track hurdles (67), several residential refrigerators, chest freezers (2), coke wall clock, 1000 gal LP Tank from West, Pallets of Tractor-fed Computer Paper to be recycled (2), Electronic module for teaching, plastics module for teaching, robotics module for teaching, CPU W00-15, Cad/Cam Mill Module for teaching.
- 6. Renovation update:** Mr. Benefiel presented 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.
- 7. Pending Donation of a Stand by Generator:** The board heard details regarding the acquirement and feasibility of a stand by generator that has been offered to the school district.
- 8. Approval of Asbestos Bids:** The Board Approved M&O Environmental Services for the bid on asbestos removal at the NCHS/JCJH renovation with a low bid of \$61,538.99

9. 2011-2012 Transportation Update: Mr. Parr gave the Board an update on proposed traffic plans, flow and parking for the schools during the 2011-2012 school year. Additionally, the Board was informed of the results of the practice run of the initial 2011-2012 bus routes.

10. Budget Update: 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.

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

12. IASB Wabash Valley Meeting: Fred Huddlestun, Anthony Richards, Gordon Millsap, Holly Farley, Mike Knepper, Travis Wyatt, Dan Cox, Mindy Street, Jed Earnest, and Eric Spiker recently attended the Illinois Association of School Boards Spring Meeting on March 1st in Olney. Participants were presented with a legislative update and panel sessions on 1% Sales Tax, A Briefing for School Board Candidates, Hot Topics in Education, How to Orientate New Board Members and TRS/IMRF Changes.

13. Working Cash Fund Bonds: The Board discussed the amount of Working Cash Fund Bonds to be determined after the renovation bid opening on April 12 for approval at the April 21 Board of Education Meeting.

14. Adoption of the 2011 – 2012 School Calendar: The school calendar for 2010-2011 was adopted as presented.

15. Approval of South East Purchasing Cooperative Intergovernmental Agreement for 2011-2012: The agreement was approved in order to stay a member of the purchasing cooperative for food in the cafeterias at a cost of \$100 per year.

16. Consideration of Student Summer Workers: 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.

17. 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 10:53 p.m.

21. Approval of Volunteers: The following volunteers were approved for the District: Eric Schmidt (Boys Tennis); Roger McKinley, Gary Staigl, Gary Staigl Jr., Cleve Bradley and Ryan Michl (Bass Fishing); Steve Mammoser (Boys Baseball); Cherilea Pitcher (JCJH Track).

22. Approval of Special Needs Administrator: Amy Tarr was approved as Special needs Administrator for the District beginning the 2011-2012 school year.

23. Approval of Administrative Assignments for the 2011-2012 school year: The Board was presented with administrative assignments for the 2011-2012 school year as an information item. Staff, students, parents and community will be informed of the assignments following the Board meeting.

24. Approval of Employee Retirement Requests: The following employee retirement requests were approved: Anthea Zumbahlen (2015), Judy Ochs (2011), Kenny Tate (2011), Earlene Rubsum (2011), Debbie Diel (2011). (All votes were unanimous except for that of the retirement of Debbie Diel: Fred Huddleston, Gordon Millsap, Mike Knepper, Gregg Weber, Melinda Barthelme, Holly Farley voted “yes.” Anthony Richards voted “no.”)

25. Approval of Employee Resignation: The resignation of Jennifer Sweitzer was accepted effective the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

26. Action Upon the Dismissal of Certified and Reduction In Force of Certified and Noncertified Employees: The Board Adopted the Resolution to honorably dismiss the following classified personnel as a Reduction in Force: Mark Wilkinson, Debbie Blake, Jodi Dhom, Kathy Smithenry and Gina Correll. The Board Adopted the Resolution to honorably dismiss the following certified personnel as a Reduction in Force: Karrie Stark, Amy Rusk and Jerry Tharp.

27. Action Upon Proposed Reclassification of an Administrative Employee: The Board approved a Resolution Reference the Proposed Reclassification of David Parker.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be Monday, April 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jasper County Unit Office Board Room.

