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

Regular Meeting, May 16, 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, May 16, 2011. Board Members Present: Mr. Fred Huddlestun, Mr. Gordon Millsap, Mr. Anthony Richards, Mrs. Holly Farley, Mrs. Melinda Barthelme, Mr. Mike Knepper. and Mrs. Mindy Street.

**All Votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.*

- 1. Recognition of Guests and Public Comments:** A comment was made from a member of the public in regards to working cash fund bonds and the bond issue relates to building renovations.
- 2. Approval of Consent Agenda:** The following items were approved via the consent agenda:
 - Regular and Closed session minutes
 - Bills and Activity Accounts
 - Surplus Items – Vulcan Commercial Oven and Tech Lab Furniture
 - Proposed Board Policies: 2:220, 2:230, 3:50, 3:60, 4:10, 4:170, 5:90, 5:120, 5:150, 5:200, 5:220, 5:260, 5:285, 5:300, 6:150, 6:160, 6:190, 6:300, 7:50, 7:100, 8:95, 8:110.
 - Athletic Trainer Services Agreement with Biomax
 - Renewal of Student insurance for 2011-2012 with Jasper County Insurance/Markel Insurance Company
 - Destruction of Closed Session Recordings

The “Approval of Interschool Agreement Cooperative Team” was removed from the consent agenda to be discussed as an individual item and voted on individually. The Board approved the Interschool Cooperative Agreement with St. Thomas for junior high girls softball.

3. Positive News and Communications: JCCU #1, Grove Elementary, Ste. Marie Elementary, Willow Hill Elementary, Newton Elementary, Jasper County Junior High and Newton Community High School were presented with certificates designating all entities as fully recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education for the 2010-2011 School year.

4. PTO Report: Mr. Carr 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.”

5. Instructional Mandates Report: Mr. Wyatt gave a report to the Board about his involvement at the state

level with the unfunded mandates task force.

6. Building Renovations Update: The Board was provided with a summary from the pre-construction meeting held on 5/16/11 as well as provided with a timetable of construction start and end dates. Additionally, it was stated that photo updates will be linked to the district website documenting renovation progress on a bi-weekly basis.

7. Transportation Report: Mr. Parr reported that District buses will practice a dismissal trial run utilizing new procedures with the police observing dismissal procedures on 5/25/11.

8. Egyptian Trust Insurance: District Insurance rates will increase by 18% as well as changes to other related benefits.

9. West Closing: Real Estate proceedings on Muddy West school were closed and ownership transferred on Friday, 5/13/11.

10. Budget Report: 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.

11. Legislative Report: A report was issued to the Board covering the Senate, House and Governor's proposed education budgets as well as the status of impending education reform bills.

12. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Abatement of Working Cash Fund: The Board determined it necessary and in the best interest of the District that the Working Cash Fund be abated to the sum of \$2,000,000.00 be permanently transferred to the Capital Projects Fund.

13. Consideration of Proposed Updates and Additions to Board Policies: The following polices were approved to be placed on first reading for a possible June adoption: 2:140, 2:260, 4:15, 5:30, 7:310.

14. Approval of Student Handbook Updates and Additions: The Board approved K-12 student handbook updates and additions as presented by administration.

15. Approval of Resolution for Electronic Transfer of Funds from the State of Illinois: The resolution approved permits the District to receive funds electronically (direct deposit) from the State of Illinois.

16. Consideration of Amended 2010-2011 Budget: The Board placed the amended budget as presented on a 30 day layover for public inspection. The amended budget reflects the revenue from the bonds of \$2,000,000.000 in Capital Projects and \$100,000.00 in Health Life Safety.

17. The Board entered into Closed Session at 9:18 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; probable or imminent litigation. The Board entered into Open Session at 11:23 p.m.

18. Approval of IT Assistant: Jerry Tharp was approved as an IT Assistant within the District.

19. Approval of Retirements: The following retirements were approved: Karen Buettemeyer (2014-2015), Dave Staley (12/31/11), Randy Loy (12/31/11).

20. Approval of Resignations: The following resignations were approved: Mike Cisney/NCHS Custodian (6/13/11), Dave Parker/Newton Elementary Asst. Principal (7/31/11).

21. Approval of Student Summer Workers: The following students were hired as summer workers: Marc Brandenburg (O&M), Jarod Wagner (O&M), Scott Mammoser (IT Asst).

22. Approval of Administrative Transfer: The Board approved the transfer of Amy Tarr to Newton Elementary Assistant Principal.

23. Approval of District Special Needs Administrator: The Board approved Kim Kessler as a District Special Needs Administrator.

24. Approval of Contract for Sale of Real Estate: The high bid of \$6,500.00 was accepted for the lot owned by the District located in the James Hill Addition.

25. Approval of District Volunteers: Becca Ochs, Jodi Schnieder and Nikki Tipsword were approved as summer girls basketball volunteers. Melinda Barthelme was approved as a girls track volunteer in order to chaperone students to the state track meet. **Votes were unanimous on the girls basketball volunteers. **All Board Members voted "Yes" on the approval of Melinda Barthelme as girls track volunteer with the exception of Melinda Barthelme who "abstained" from the vote.*

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be Monday, June 20, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. at the Jasper County Unit Office Board Room.