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

Regular Meeting, September 19, 2011

Following is a summary of minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Education of Jasper County Community Unit School District No. 1, held in the Unit Administration Office Board Room, Monday, September 19, 2011. Board Members Present: Mr. Fred Huddlestun, Mr. Gordon Millsap, Mr. Anthony Richards, Mrs. Holly Farley, Mrs. Mindy Street and Mr. Mike Knepper. Mrs. Melinda Barthelme entered the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

**All Votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.*

1. Recognition of Guests and Public Comments: Principals introduced the following new teachers to the Board: NCHS/JCJH – Ryan Klier, JCJH – Amy Harris, Newton Elementary – Lori Dion, Tori Manning, Ste. Marie Elementary – Catherine Riordan, Kelsey Bloomberg

2. Approval of Consent Agenda: The following items were approved via the consent agenda:

- Regular and Closed session minutes
- Bills and Activity Accounts
- Applications for Recognition of Schools
- Authorization to post the Administrative Salary Compensation Report, Collective Bargaining Agreement and District Budget
- Approval of Newton Elementary and Ste. Marie Elementary School-Wide Title I Plans
- Donations to the District
- Destruction of Closed Session Recordings

3. Hearing on Proposed 2011-2012 District Budget: A public hearing was conducted on the FY12 School District Budget. The hearing opened at 7:05 p.m. The superintendent made a presentation of the proposed school district budget after it has been on display for public inspection for the past 30 days. No comments were made from the public on the budget. The hearing was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

5. Positive News and Communications: 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 – Mr. Huddlestun was recognized by the Illinois Association for retaining his Master School Board Member Status.

6. Curriculum & Grants Report: Mrs. Johnson issued a report on district AYP reports.

7. Buildings & Grounds Report:

- A report was issued by Mr. Benefiel on the junior high renovations. Keith Poettker for Poettker construction was also on hand to answer any questions from the Board.
- Consideration of Automatic Gate Installation – N.A.H.C. was approved to install an automatic gate opener at the Transportation Office.
- Consideration of Playground Equipment – Serendipity Play Systems was approved to move approved playground equipment from Grove Elementary School and Willow Hill Elementary School to be placed at Newton Elementary School.
- Surplus Equipment – The geodome structure at Grove Elementary was declared surplus and approved to be given back to the family from which it was donated.
- The remaining playground equipment at Grove Elementary School and Willow Hill Elementary School was declared surplus. The remaining equipment will be sold via sealed bids.

8. SESE Fall Governing Board Meeting: Gordan Millsap attended the fall Governing Board Meeting for the Southeastern Special Education Cooperative as the representative for the JCCU#1 Board of Education.

9. IASB Fall Divisional Meeting: Fred Huddlestun, Gordon Millsap, Holly Farely and Mindy Street attended the Illinois Association of School Board's Fall meeting on September 13. Ben Schwarm from IASB gave a legislative report. Attendees chose from the following panel sessions: Educational Reform in Illinois, Incorporation of Interactive Technology in the Classroom, Merit Pay for Teachers, Reducing/Eliminating Bullying in the School Setting

10. Fall Enrollment – As of September 8, 2011 Jasper County has 1,402 students enrolled in grades PK-8. Not counting PK this is a decline of 39 students from the previous year.

11. Adoption of 2011-2012 District Budget – The FY12 Budget was approved by the Board after a 30 day inspection period and public hearing.

12. Consideration of Policy Service – The Illinois Association of School Board's PRESS Plus service was approved for consultation services in maintaining and updating District policies.

13. Discussion of District Credit Card Procedures – The Board was informed and discussed revisions to employee usage procedures for District credit cards.

14. Discussion of Procedures for Donations Made to the District and Activity Fund Usage – The Board was informed and discussed revisions to procedures for handling donations to the district and activity fund procedures.

15. Discussion of Senate Bill 7 – 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.

11. The Board entered into Closed Session at 9:01 p.m. for purposes defined in the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees; the purchase or

lease of real property; student disciplinary matters. The Board entered into Open Session at 11:55 p.m.

12. Recognition of Resignations: The Board recognized the following resignation(s): Jeanne Wagner from a two hour dishwashing position at NCHS.

13. Approval of Elementary Teacher: Kelsey Bloomberg was approved as an elementary teacher.

14. Approval of St. Thomas Title I teachers as District Employees: Due to Title I regulations the following St. Thomas Title I teachers were approved as District Employees: Janet Vahling, Kathy Pitcher, Judy Millsap, Jennifer Tegeler, David Stork, Kely Edwards, Beth Einhorn and Vicki Wenthe.

15 . Approval of Bus Chaperone: Krista Ochs was approved as a bus chaperone.

16. Approval of NCHS Dishwasher: Vicki Rubsam was approved for a two hour dishwashing position at NCHS.

17. Approval of Ste. Marie Elementary Volunteers: The following volunteers were approved at Ste. Marie Elementary: Diane Weddell, Kim Zumbahlen and Jessica Flowers.

18. Approval of Lunch Room Supervisors – Laura Miller and Karen Bolander were hired as lunch room supervisors in the District.

19. Approval of Bus Driver – Dana Ruholl was approved as a District Bus Driver.

20. Student Disciplinary Matters – The Board voted on a matter of student discipline. *Members voting yes: Holly Farley, Mindy Street, Anthony Richards, Mike Knepper, Gordon Millsap. Members voting no: Melinda Barthelme, Fred Huddleston

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 a.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be Monday, October 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jasper County Unit Office Board Room.