

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
FOX RIVER GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT 3  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.  
FOX RIVER GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Board Vice President Doris Sadik called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Bob Nunamaker, Doris Sadik, Gerry Blohm, Steve Knar and Tom Mollet. Also present were Superintendent Jackie Krause and Principals Karen Machroli and Tim Mahaffy. Board Members Paula Zasadil and Pat Hughes were absent.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**WELCOME GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Superintendent Krause welcomed ARS staff members – Beth Diller, kindergarten teacher, Karen Shallcross, fourth grade teacher and Mary Ellen Bebbler, art teacher and community members – Susan McGarrigle and Steve Pickering.

No one signed in to address the board.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Bob Nunamaker to approve the consent agenda, approve and open to the public the regular minutes of the regular board meeting of February 26, 2007, approve the closed minutes of the regular board meeting of February 26, 2007, approve and open to the public the regular minutes of the special board meeting of March 5, 2007, approve the closed minutes of the special board meeting of March 5, 2007, approve the February 2007 Treasurer's Report, approve the March 2007 Bills and Payroll, and approve the February 2007 Activity Accounts Report. Steve Knar seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Doris Sadik, Gerry Blohm, Steve Knar, Tom Mollet, and Bob Nunamaker. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Board Vice President, Doris Sadik, asked if there was any other old business, and there was no response.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A motion to approve the 2006-2007 Volunteer Coaches and Sponsors as follows: Mr. Bob Nunamaker as head track coach, and Mrs. Mary Lou Nunamaker, Mr. Steve Ippolito, Mr. Mike Casella, Mrs. Kary Casella, Mrs. Holly Comerford, Mrs. Anna Jarnebro and Mrs. Jane Peifer as assistant coaches for track was made by Tom Mollet and seconded by Gerry Blohm (07-03-01). A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Gerry Blohm, Steve Knar, Tom Mollet, and Doris Sadik. Abstaining – Bob Nunamaker. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Softball and Scholastic Bowl will be cancelled.

Superintendent Krause discussed the lease of three one-year-old diesel powered International 71 passenger buses from Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc. This will be the fourth year of leasing buses through Midwest Transit (07-03-02). At the end of each year we then trade these buses in for three other one-year-old buses. This seems to be a reliable system at a reasonable cost for our District. The cost to lease these buses for FY08 will be \$10,500 each for a total of \$31,500. We currently own one small bus (bus 3 1/2) and one full size bus (bus 2). Next year at this time, Dr. Krause, will present to the board a schedule of repairs on these two buses to see if it would be advisable to replace either of these buses.

A motion to approve the lease/purchase of three 2007 one-year-old International 71-passenger diesel powered buses from Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$31,500 for FY08 was made by Bob Nunamaker and seconded by Steve Knar. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Steve Knar, Tom Mollet, Bob Nunamaker, Doris Sadik and Gerry Blohm. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the Resolution authorizing participation in the McHenry County regional safe school program was made by Gerry Blohm and seconded by Tom Mollet (07-03-03). A voice vote was taken. Voting aye – five ayes. Voting nay – none. Absent – two board members.

Board Vice President, Doris Sadik, asked if there was any other new business, and there was no response.

## **POLICY**

It was recommended by the Regional Office of Education after their recent compliance review of the District, that verbiage on bullying as well as placement for home-schooled students be added to our policy manual. Therefore, Policy 7:20 and 7:40 were revised (07-03-04).

A motion to approve the first reading of Policy 7:20 – Harassment of Students Prohibited and Policy 7:40 – Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students was made by Bob Nunamaker and seconded by Gerry Blohm. A roll call vote

was taken. Voting aye – Tom Mollet, Bob Nunamaker, Doris Sadik, Gerry Blohm and Steve Knar. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Board member Pat Hughes entered the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

### **SCHOOL REPORTS**

*Algonquin Road School – Ms. Machroli* – ISAT testing was completed today. Report cards will go home on Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> in time for parent/teacher conferences on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Donations to St. Jude’s Math-a-Thon, under the direction of second grade teacher, Mr. Rick Knapp, have collected over \$5,000. Congratulations to Mr. Knapp! The Middle School band will host a concert for the ARS students on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The PTO-sponsored father/daughter dance is scheduled for Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Ladies Day Out, also sponsored by the PTO, is scheduled for Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Currently there are 304 students at Algonquin Road School. Attendance was quite low this month due to many illnesses.

*Fox River Grove Middle School – Dr. Mahaffy* – The PTO Variety Show has been moved to Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. The girls and boys volleyball teams ended with a very successful season -- 6/7<sup>th</sup> girls’ volleyball under the direction of Mrs. Janet Mollet and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys under the direction of Mr. Tom Gallagher were the conference champions. The 6/7<sup>th</sup> boys ended up being third in the conference. Congratulations to everyone involved. We also have two students competing at the state level this evening in Aurora in the Readers Digest Word Power Challenge – Grace Hartwig and Sarah Lawhun. If they succeed at this competition, they go on to Florida. Congratulations to both of these students as well. All voting, which was currently at both schools, has been moved to the main gym at the Middle School. This will better insure the safety of all students. McHenry County Clerk, Ms. Kathryn Schultz, has approved this move. Residents who originally voted at Algonquin Road School will receive information as to this move prior to elections to be held on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Fourth grade orientation at the Middle School will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Attendance this month at the Middle was also down.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Dr. Krause reported to the Board that the District has not had any serious accident reports in the last couple of months.

Superintendent Krause, with the assistance of Dr. Mahaffy, reviewed the 2006 Illinois District Report Card as well as how our students performed on the ISATs that were administered to students last year. Dr. Krause also presented a comparison of District 3 test results to other districts in the county (07-03-05). It is very ironic to look at last year’s test data after just completing this year’s ISATs. Hopefully this year’s test scores will be processed and received back in the District at a faster rate than last years.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Dr. Krause and Mr. Nunamaker attended the SEDOM Governing Board Meeting held on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Krause is the chair of the executive board at SEDOM. All the districts in McHenry County own SEDOM. Some of the larger school districts see an opportunity to pull out of SEDOM and hold their own classes in their respective home districts. It is important to see to it that the allocation of costs is fair to all participants regardless of the size of their district. It is in the best interest of the smaller districts to keep SEDOM for their special education needs. The new funding formula will be used for the next three years and will be reassessed at that time.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

In the Village newsletter, Mrs. O'Reilly-Greene and the Middle School Chorus were commended for their performance at the tree lighting ceremony. Congratulations to all those involved.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:58 p.m. to consider information regarding appointment, employment or dismissal of individual personnel was made by Steve Knar and seconded by Pat Hughes. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Pat Hughes, Bob Nunamaker, Doris Sadik, Gerry Blohm, Steve Knar and Tom Mollet. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Board Vice President Sadik stated that the board expects action after executive session.

A motion to return from executive session and return to open session at 9:07 p.m. was made by Tom Mollet and seconded by Gerry Blohm. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Bob Nunamaker, Doris Sadik, Gerry Blohm, Steve Knar, Tom Mollet and Pat Hughes. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

## **ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion to accept the resignation of retiring custodian Mr. Jorge Brockhoeft as of June 1, 2007 was made by Bob Nunamaker and seconded by Pat Hughes. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Doris Sadik, Gerry Blohm, Steve Knar, Tom Mollet, Pat Hughes and Bob Nunamaker. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to employ Mrs. Leticia Garcia as a full time custodian beginning June 1, 2007 for the balance of the 2006-2007 school year was made by Steve Knar and seconded by Bob Nunamaker. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Gerry Blohm, Steve Knar, Tom Mollet, Pat Hughes, Bob Nunamaker, and Doris Sadik. Voting nay – none. Motion approved

A motion to employ Mrs. Norene Carr as a full time teacher aide for the balance of the 2006-2007 school year was made by Gerry Blohm and seconded by Tom Mollet. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Steve Knar, Tom Mollet, Pat Hughes, Bob Nunamaker, Doris Sadik and Gerry Blohm. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the employment of Mrs. Norene Carr as 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at the Fox River Grove Middle School for the FY08 school year was made by Bob Nunamaker and seconded by Steve Knar. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Tom Mollet, Pat Hughes, Bob Nunamaker, Doris Sadik, Gerry Blohm and Steve Knar. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to re-employ tenured faculty for FY08 – Beth Achey, Stephanie Barham, Jennie Bebber, Mary Ellen Bebber, Pat Beebe, Alisa Bruns, Kathleen Cooker, John Danley, Jackie Grosse, Greg King, Rick Knapp, Lora LeGrand, Don Lewan, Sharon McAtee, Larry Merkel, Mary Beth Miller, Paulette Nichols, Katrina O'Reilly-Greene, Bonny Patterson, Amy Piecuch, Debbie Randle-Hayes, Laura Richards, Barb Savage, Karen Shallcross, Cindy Shaw, Shirley Slater, Donna Stick, Jane Szybowicz, Marge Tietz, Debbie Wagner, Kathy Wagner, Dave Warwak and Debra Yester – was made by Pat Hughes and seconded by Steve Knar. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Pat Hughes, Bob Nunamaker, Doris Sadik, Gerry Blohm, Steve Knar and Tom Mollet. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to re-employ 4<sup>th</sup> year non-tenured faculty, Brian Wetherbee, for FY08, thus granting tenure was made by Gerry Blohm and seconded by Tom Mollet. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Bob Nunamaker, Doris Sadik, Gerry Blohm, Steve Knar, Tom Mollet and Pat Hughes. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to re-employ non-tenured faculty for FY08 – Beth Diller, Kathy Gira, Rachel Person, Kim Scherzer and Laura Winterton – was made by Steve Knar and seconded by Gerry Blohm. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Doris Sadik, Gerry Blohm, Steve Knar, Tom Mollet, Pat Hughes and Bob Nunamaker. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to authorize the Administration to hire a special education certified teacher for the FY08 school year was made by Steve Knar and seconded by Pat Hughes. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Gerry Blohm, Steve Knar, Tom Mollet, Pat Hughes, Bob Nunamaker and Doris Sadik. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to authorize Dr. Krause to pursue the hiring of an additional school psychologist for one day per week from the Special Education District of McHenry County (SEDOM) for the 2007-2008 school year was made by Bob Nunamaker and seconded by Tom Mollet. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Steve Knar, Tom Mollet, Pat Hughes, Bob Nunamaker, Doris Sadik and Gerry Blohm. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. was made by Steve Knar and seconded by Pat Hughes. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye – All ayes. Voting nay – None. Motion approved.

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Paula Zasadil  
President  
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Lois M. Bowman  
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