

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF
FOX RIVER GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT 3
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.
FOX RIVER GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board President Pat Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Susan McGarrigle, Kris Germain, Devin Bright, Lisa Anderson, Tom Mollet, Gerry Blohm, and Pat Hughes. Also present were Superintendent Tim Mahaffy and Principals Karen Machroli and Eric Runck.

WELCOME GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Board President Pat Hughes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ARS Principal Ms. Machroli introduced art teacher Mrs. Mary Ellen Bebber, kindergarten teacher Beth Diller, first grade teacher Paulette Nichols, and parents – Mrs. Buss, Mrs. Monroy, Mr. Pickering and the Herrera family, Angie, Darrell, Jordan and Kaden.

No one signed in to address the Board.

ARS Art teacher, Mrs. Mary Ellen Bebber, introduced Jordan Herrera. Jordan's artwork was recognized by the Illinois Art Education Association. Her artwork will now be traveling throughout the State and will end up back at our District over the summer. Superintendent Mahaffy on behalf of the Board of Education and School District 3, presented Jordan with an Art Achievement Certificate. Congratulations to Jordan and her family.

There were no other comments or questions at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Tom Mollet to approve the consent agenda, approve and open to the public the regular minutes of the regular Board meeting of October 26, 2009, approve the closed minutes of the regular Board meeting of October 26, 2009, approve the October 2009 Treasurer's Report, and approve the Bills and Payroll from October 22, 2009 to November 13, 2009. Gerry Blohm seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Kris Germain, Devin Bright, Lisa Anderson, Tom Mollet, Gerry Blohm, Pat Hughes and Susan McGarrigle. Voting nay – None. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion to approve the following volunteer coaches – Kevin Weber and C.J. Heuer to assist Tom and Janet Mollet for 8th grade boys' basketball and Stephanie Walton for softball – was made by Devin Bright and seconded by Lisa Anderson . A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Devin Bright, Lisa Anderson, Gerry Blohm, Pat Hughes, Susan McGarrigle and Kris Germain. Voting nay – none. Abstain – Tom Mollet. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Mahaffy reviewed the tentative tax levy which is based on information received from both the township assessor's office and the county assessor's office. Dr. Mahaffy stated that when working on the levy you are using three different years of data or numbers including the property assessment cycle, the property tax cycle and the budget cycle. (09-11-01). The District is under a PTELL tax cap (Property Tax Extension Limitation Law) which limits the tax extensions to increase of 5% or the CPI, whichever is lower. The CPI for the 2009 Tax Levy is .1%, which is one tenth of one percent. New property is always taxed at its full value and is not subject to PTELL. Dr. Mahaffy reminded the Board that the District will never receive more than it is entitled to. If a District does under levy, it will receive less than what the District is entitled to receive.

As part of the Truth in Taxation requirements, a notice of the levy request will be published in a timely manner in a local paper after the November Board Meeting. Through Public Act 096-0504, an Item V can now be added to the public notice that basically states – the Taxing district has estimated its equalized assessed valuation to secure new growth revenue and must adhere to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL). PTELL limits the increase over the prior year in the property tax extension of this taxing district to the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). A Truth in Taxation Hearing will then be held at the December Board meeting.

A motion to approve the Tentative Tax Levy was made by Gerry Blohm and seconded by Kris Germain. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Lisa Anderson, Tom Mollet, Gerry Blohm, Pat Hughes, Susan McGarrigle, Kris Germain and Devin Bright. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Board President Hughes asked if there was any other New Business and there was none.

POLICY

None.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Algonquin Road School – Ms. Machroli – Third grade student Tori Cowen served as Principal for a half day as the reward for selling the most Entertainment Books. November 16th-20th is American Education Week with parent visitation scheduled for Wednesday, November 18th from 9-10:00 a.m. Parent/teacher conferences will be held on November 23rd and 24th. The K-2 Holiday Concert is scheduled for Monday, December 14th followed by the 3-4 Holiday Concert on the 16th. Both concerts are at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Machroli gave a thank you to the 4th grade staff

and students as well as the specials teachers and Mrs. Limpus for their help with the Veterans' Day program.

Ms. Machroli discussed the self-funded after-school enrichment program with the Board. This program is offered to qualifying 3rd and 4th grade students. Ms. Machroli stated that she currently has 10 registered students and this will cover the cost of the teacher for the 20 week period. Ms. Machroli has asked to be on the PTO agenda in order to request \$150 for the supplies for this program. Ms. Machroli also asked the Board for permission to use ARS instructional supply dollars in the event the PTO does not fulfill her request. The program was originally offered to about 15-17 students. Ms. Machroli received the 10 positive responses and to be self-funded the program needs 12 students. This decision would set precedence as the program would not be self-funded this year.

Dr. Mahaffy also wanted the Board to know that the busing for this program is also not included in the fee (approximately \$300 for the year). This will also need to be reviewed in the future.

The Board will allow Ms. Machroli to use funds from her ARS instructional supply dollars for the after-school enrichment program this school year only if she does not receive help from the PTO.

Ms. Machroli presented updates to the 2008-2010 School Improvement Plan (09-11-02). Ms. Machroli stated that the District is moving in a very positive direction with the use of RtI. Ms. Machroli stated that if she could change goal # 1 it would now state "To use our research-based interventions to increase the actual number of students meeting or exceeding on the 2010 ISAT". Also, through the use of the Fall MAP testing results, academic strategies for the rest of the year can be established.

Dr. Mahaffy congratulated the ARS staff for embracing RtI and is proud of their accomplishments.

Fox River Grove Middle School – Mr. Runck – Mr. Runck stated that the month of November was a very busy month including the November 11th Veterans Day Assembly. Twenty-six veterans along with family members showed up for this program. Mr. Runck shared some very positive feedback for hosting this event with the Board and will also share these letters with the students and staff. This was a great event and a big thank you to everyone involved. There was an all school assembly on November 13th entitled "Hot Dogs on a Nervous Stomach". American Education Week begins on the 16th with parent visitation on the 18th from 8-9:00 a.m. Parent Teacher conferences as well as the MS book fair are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, November 23rd and 24th. Tryouts for Scholastic Bowl will be held on December 1st. Everyone is invited to attend the winter band and chorus concert to be held on Thursday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the main gym at the MS. Mr. Runck also read a thank you letter from the Cary Grove Food Pantry thanking the District for the food collected during Red Ribbon Week. Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Neilson were in charge of this food drive with the 5th grade being the winning grade level.

Mr. Runck presented an 08-10 School Improvement Plan update. Future goals include reviewing the process of the three year goal system and making them into a one year system in order to make annual adjustments. The RtI Committee and the School Improvement Plan Committee are combining into one since the items being covered are inter-related. Goal 1 includes working

with Mr. Eric Rovin, the RtI Coordinator, the Administrative team and the teachers to interpret, triangulate and use data from MAP, AimsWeb, ISAT and local assessments to inform decision making. Goal 2 would be to continue to work with the RtI committee to develop and implement RtI process and procedures. Goal 3 is to continue to introduce and apply the principles and procedures from professional learning communities. Goal 4 includes the training of teachers on the use of the Illinois interactive report card and how to interpret and use data provided as data points for decision making. Goal 5 focuses on the reward system including input from staff, students, coaches and parents. Mr. Runck will be investigating other avenues in order for our students to be more competitive in athletic contests.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Mahaffy reviewed ISAT scores in the areas of reading math and science and how each cohort did in those subjects in previous years (09-11-03). The third grade for last year and this year ranked third in the county in reading. In math, the third grade ranked 4th this year and 3rd last year. Many schools did well in the county this year. Sixth grade math went up from seventh last year to number two in the county this year. Seventh grade reading also jumped up from eighth to 4th in the county. Eighth grade writing scores ranked eighth out of 14 in the county. Writing scores were quite low in some of the counties. In overall averages, our District ranked second in the county at 88%.

Dr. Mahaffy presented an overhead on information from the Illinois Interactive Report Card (IIRC). The State of Illinois records ISAT data, gathers cohort data and comparative data across schools in Illinois. Districts can research their own individual data as well as other school districts for comparison information.

Per Board Policy 4:10, Dr. Mahaffy presented to the Board the Annual Statement of Affairs (09-11-04). As required by State law, the annual Statement of Affairs will be published in a local newspaper by December 1, 2009. Ninety percent of the data comes from the 2009 AFR (Annual Financial Report).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Superintendent Mahaffy reminded the Board members of the Joint IASA/IASB/IASBO Conference scheduled for Saturday, November 21st.

District 46 notified Dr. Mahaffy that they are looking into contacting the State Board of Education to do a Feasibility Study on consolidation in two possible areas – a larger elementary district that may or may not include District 26, 46, 47 and 3 or a unit district looking at District 155 and all the feeder districts. Currently, none of the other districts are jumping on board on those particular ideas but have told District 46 that they will be looking at the implications on their own as to what it would mean to their individual districts. Dr. Mahaffy will continue to update the Board on this issue.

The Board of Education received an email requesting additional bus stops in Foxmoor for the late run due to safety issues. Dr. Mahaffy presented a brief history and the only reason there is a late run is because the bus finishes its daily ARS run close to the Middle School and needs to return to Algonquin Road School. It was originally initiated as a courtesy in helping students get across Northwest Highway and to ARS. With that in mind, random stops were added at various locations along Algonquin Road. Former Superintendent Hill did add a couple of additional stops in Foxmoor and this is what the email in question is referring to. These stops were since eliminated. The late bus does go down Plum Tree Road when there is snow on the ground. There are currently other students on the late run who live in other directions that are walking further to their addresses than Foxmoor. There will be additional bus driver costs to run the late bus for all the students in chorus and band. Bus service is not provided for any other extracurriculars. Currently, there have been no safety issues of which the District is aware. With this in mind, if it is a safety issue, then all students no matter of location should be bused. The Board decided that if transportation cannot be offered for all students for all activities, the current late run will remain. Dr. Mahaffy will respond to the email. The Board also requested that any transportation issues for any extra activity including the after school enrichment program be reviewed each year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:59 p.m. to discuss an individual employee contract was made by Gerry Blohm and seconded by Susan McGarrigle. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Gerry Blohm, Pat Hughes, Susan McGarrigle, Kris Germain, Devin Bright, Lisa Anderson and Tom Mollet. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Dr. Mahaffy stated that there will be no action. ARS Principal Karen Machroli, MS Principal Eric Runck and Board Secretary Lois Bowman were excused from staying for Executive Session.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to return from executive session to open session at 10:40 p.m. was made by Tom Mollet and seconded by Lisa Anderson. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Gerry Blohm, Lisa Anderson, Pat Hughes, Tom Mollet, Devin Bright, Kris Germain and Susan McGarrigle. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 p.m. was made by Gerry Blohm and seconded by Kris Germain. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye – All ayes. Voting nay – None. Motion approved.

Patrick B. Hughes
President
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Lois M. Bowman
Secretary
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