

WOOD RIVER-HARTFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT #15
Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2013

Call to Order:

The Regular Meeting of the Wood River-Hartford School District #15 Board of Education was called to order by President Rodney Green at 6:30 p.m. on January 22, 2013 with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in the Multipurpose Room at Hartford Elementary. Amy Harding, Susan Sabolo, Darin Redden, Sheila Sorgea and Rodney Green answered the roll call to establish a quorum. Absent: Karen Ferguson and Lena Hartsock. Also present were Superintendent Pat Anderson, Principal Heather Johnson, Principal Mark Begando, Principal Kelly Bohnenstiehl, and Business Manager Carol Elliott. Recording Secretary Ann Chandler was absent.

Agenda:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Sorgea, to approve the agenda with the deletion of item "First Reading of Board Policies" and the addition of "IASB SW Division Spring Dinner Meeting" as a discussion item. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by voice vote.

Guests and Visitors:

Those signing in were District employees Angela Turner, Sharon Wood, Renee Koprivica, Kris Hagen, Michelle Meyers, Duane Amistadi, Kelly Slayden and Erin Plumb.

Community/Staff Comments:

President Green greeted the visitors and asked if anyone wished to address the Board. No one wished to speak.

Business Manager's Report:

Mrs. Elliott presented an extra bill list. Some entries on the bill list that might need explanation were a final payment for our 2012 H/L/S project to Morrissey Construction, a payment to Mt. Olive District #5 for the IESA assessment fee for our 8th grade girls' basketball regional, and a Valero payment for the 2007 settlement agreement where \$330,000 was owed by three districts. Six annual payments were made from state aid funds received on lower EAV. Any funds received after December 31, 2013 will be ours to keep.

Mrs. Elliott introduced a dashboard showing the FY2013 Operating Fund Progress through January 31, 2013.

Interest rates at both the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund and The Bank of Edwardsville continue to drop. The Prime Investor account is our best opportunity to hold our short term cash. The working cash has been invested both long term and shorter terms in an effort to earn interest income.

C3 on the Agenda is Budget Calendar Adoption. Policy 4:10 states, "Each January, the Board of Education adopt a proposed budget calendar, indicating dates for presentation . . ."

January paychecks were e-mailed. Mrs. Elliott continues to look for more ways to use the technology we have in order to cut down on paper and labor.

Mrs. Elliott said she is very excited about BoardDocs.

Principals' Reports:

Mrs. Johnson, Principal of Hartford Elementary School, mentioned the Boot Camp for kids held the week students returned from winter break. The District scheduled a speaker, Dr. Cindy Rice, for the morning session of teacher institute held on January 7, 2013. Dr. Rice gave the group strategies to use with students of poverty. Hartford also held problem solving team meetings. The assessments necessary to satisfy the School Health Index grant requirements are ongoing.

Mr. Bohnenstiehl, Principal of Lewis and Clark Elementary School, reported on the wonderful job his staff and students did with the Boot Camp. He gave Jill Sauls utmost credit for her work using the Art Grant funds she was awarded. He also spoke about the concerns he had for student safety and the procedural changes he made to the way in which students enter the building in the morning. Lewis and Clark parents have been very supportive of the changes for the safety of the students.

Mr. Begando, Principal of Lewis and Clark Junior High School, announced the Students of the Month for January as Kayla Hamilton, 8th grade; Tom Forrester, 7th grade; and Max Ringering, 6th grade. The Kids of Character for January are Devin Rudd, 8th grade; Morgan Wiegand, 7th grade; and Madison Voudrie, 6th grade. As positive behavior reinforcement, six bicycles were given away to Jr. High students. One winner, Justin Englar, gave his bicycle to a student that did not own one. The Board was updated with the procedural changes made to student morning entrance.

Superintendent Anderson made note of the hours of work it takes to remediate kids whose test scores are on the "bubble" in an effort to ready them for ISAT. He commended the Rtl people for their hard work.

Mrs. Harding expressed pleasure in the Boot Camp activities provided by Mrs. Sauls.

Superintendent's Report – Items for Discussion:

FOIA Requests: There were no FOIA requests this month.

Ten-Year Health/Life/Safety Survey and Update: Still in process. FGM will schedule a meeting with the superintendent, building/grounds supervisor, and business manager to discuss the projects and well as funding.

Monthly Technology Update: We are still using Think Link data to pinpoint instructional deficiencies.

Pre-K Presentation: Erin Plumb presented details on the "Birth-3" program. The Pre-K and ECSE teaching staff presented details on the Pre-K program.

Dashboards: The building principals presented the Board with dashboards.

Student Grade Motivation Techniques: Mr. Anderson stated that discipline trends are going down. Improved PBIS approaches and consistent leadership has a huge impact on behavior.

Equipment and Software Cost for Two Cameras at Hartford: Hardware costing \$1,582.51 and labor to run additional cabling costing \$750.00 will arm Hartford with two exterior cameras.

Date for Eighth Grade Graduation: Thursday, May 23, 2013 and Thursday, May 30, 2013 are the two dates suggested for 8th grade graduation. A final date will not be known until snow season passes.

IASB SW Division Spring Dinner Meeting: The dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 27th at Belle Valley. Superintendent Anderson asked that any interested Board Members contact Mrs. Chandler.

Regular Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Harding, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2012 as amended. Aye: Sabolo, Harding, Green, Sorgea, Nay: None. Abstain: Redden. Motion passed.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Redden, second by Sorgea, to approve the Bill List, the Treasurer's Report, and the Activity Fund Report. Aye: Redden, Sorgea, Sabolo, Harding, Green. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Additional Cameras for Hartford Elementary:

Motion by Harding, second by Sabolo, to approve the purchase of two additional cameras for Hartford Elementary at a cost of \$1,582.51 for equipment and software plus \$750.00 for cabling for a grand total of \$2,332.51. Aye: Harding, Sabolo, Green, Sorgea, Redden. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Budget Calendar:

Motion by Sorgea, second by Redden, to approve the Budget Calendar for 2013-2014 District Budget. Aye: Sorgea, Redden, Green, Harding, Sabolo. Nay: None Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Date for Eighth Grade Graduation:

Motion by Harding, second by Sabolo, to approve either Thursday, May 23, 2013 or Thursday, May 30, 2013 as the date for Eighth Grade Graduation. Aye: Harding, Sabolo, Sorgea, Green, Redden. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Enter into Closed Session:

Motion by Sorgea, second by Sabolo, to enter into Closed Session to discuss (#1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1); (#2) Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2); (#3) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11); (#4) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) at 8:13 p.m. Aye: Sorgea, Sabolo, Harding,

Green, Redden. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Return from Closed Session:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Redden, to return from Closed Session at 8:55 p.m. on January 22, 2013. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by voice vote.

Action Resulting from Closed Session:

Approval of Executive Session Minutes, destruction of verbatim tape recordings, keeping closed Executive Session Minutes of past meetings, and personnel items were subsequently voted upon.

Executive Session Minutes of Regular Meeting:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Sorgea, to approve Executive Session Minutes of the December 18, 2012 Regular Meeting. Aye: Sabolo, Sorgea, Harding, Green. Nay: None. Abstain: Redden. Motion passed.

Destruction of Verbatim Tape Recordings:

Motion by Redden, second by Sabolo, to approve the destruction of verbatim tape recordings of Executive Session(s) of January 2011. Aye: Redden, Sabolo, Green, Harding, Sorgea. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by voice vote.

Executive Session Minutes July through December 2012:

Motion by Redden, second by Sorgea, to approve keeping closed the Regular and Special Minutes of Executive Sessions from July 2012 through December 2012. Aye: Redden, Sorgea, Harding, Green, Sabolo. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by voice vote.

Personnel – Substitute List:

Motion by Harding, second by Sabolo, to approve the Substitute List pursuant to receipt of acceptable FBI and State Police reports. Aye: Harding, Sabolo, Green, Sorgea, Redden. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Personnel – Volunteer List:

Motion by Harding, second by Sabolo, to approve the Volunteer List pursuant to receipt of acceptable FBI and State Police reports. Aye: Harding, Sabolo, Green, Redden, Sorgea. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Conference Items:

Recommendations from the Board of Education Relative to Agenda Topics for Future Consideration: None.

Administrative Review of Topics for Future Consideration: None.

Adjournment:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Harding, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote at 9:00 p.m. on January 22, 2013.

Rodney Green, President

ATTEST:

Sheila Sorgea, Secretary/Treasurer