

WOOD RIVER-HARTFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT #15
Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2012

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 April 24, 2012 with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in the Cafeteria at Hartford Elementary School. Karen Ferguson, Amy Harding, Lena Hartsock, Darin Redden, Susan Sabolo, Sheila Sorgea and Rodney Green answered the roll call to establish a quorum. Absent: None. Also present were Interim Superintendent James Whiteside, Principal Heather Johnson, Principal Mark Begando, Business Manager Carol Elliott, and Recording Secretary Ann Chandler. Principal Michelle Lee was absent.

Agenda:

Motion by Sorgea, second by Harding, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Guests and Visitors:

Those who signed in as present were District employees Chris Edwards, Natalie Bouillon, Sheryl Ross, Pam Tyler, Lisa Kaman-Ammon, Renee Koprivica, Sharon Wood, Cyndi Duncan, Angela Turner, Rhonda Goldman, Brenda Oseland, Sue Steinmann, Erin Plumb, Michelle Meyers, Kelley Pirtle and Colby Sprague. Parents and/or students in attendance were Rebecca Cornwell and the Oseland family. Also present were FGM representative Mike Staub and Superintendent candidate Pat Anderson.

Community/Staff Comments:

President Green greeted the visitors and asked if anyone wished to make a comment. There were no comments.

Student Recognition:

Mrs. Goldman, National Junior Honor Society Advisor, said 29 members were inducted into NJHS April 19th. They were eighth grade second-year members: Caleb Bentley, Cameron Foust, Katherine Hall, Lori Hickerson, and Heather Martin; seventh grade members: Mackenzie Munn, Lauren Robinson, Allison Mitchell, Timmy Oseland, Victoria Kallal, Emilee Sabatino, Marissa Morrison, Raechel Springman, Liam Metcalf, Ashli Shewmaker, Katie Lindquist, Kayleigh Young, and Sarah Scott; and sixth grade members: Zaide Wilson, Sabrina Hart, Nicholas Hayes, Adelynn Bentley, D.J. Redden, Jacob Martin, Nathaniel Ebner, Blake Unterbrink, Sebastian Ledesma, Morgan Wiegand, and Lora Ruyle. This is the first time in our school's history that sixth graders have been inducted.

Mrs. Goldman said the students would be doing a service project to raise money to build a school in Africa with the theme "Students Building Schools, Building Futures". They will have a walk-a-thon in front of the Junior High main doors by the kiosk on Thursday, May 3, 2012 after school.

Business Manager's Report:

Mrs. Elliott said a bill from RSNLT in the amount of \$300.00 was received late. A warming oven was replaced at Hartford. East Alton Elementary School District's charge to transport our student to CEO was much lower than that charged last year by East Alton Wood River Community High School District.

On the Financial Report, everything is running as anticipated except Olin tax money that we are paying back. Mrs. Elliott said there is no need to amend the FY2012 Budget. CPPRT thus far is at 87% of estimates with one more payment coming. The 2010 tax collections are final with a collection rate of 96% which leaves a total of \$93,000 uncollected in all funds. Madison County has released the 2011 tax cycle. State revenue is flowing as budgeted. A complete round of categorical payments hit our bank this week, but Mrs. Elliott said she is not sure about additional Pre-K and 0-3 payments. The Federal revenue is slower than budgeted.

In 2009, Standard & Poors issued a credit rating, and our District received "A Stable". Mrs. Elliot participated in an oral and written update last week of the District's financial picture. ISBE has finalized the FY2011 profile scores for all school districts. Our score remains unchanged at 3.90 and falls in the category of "Recognition".

We have begun working on the FY2013 Budget, but the Governor and Illinois Legislature still have lots to do. The picture is still bleak, and Illinois has a long way to go before school districts can count on stable funding.

There were no questions. President Green thanked Mrs. Elliott.

Principals' Reports:

Superintendent Whiteside said Ms. Lee was not at the Board Meeting as she was attending a dinner at McKendree College honoring Mrs. Jill Sauls as Mentor of the Year.

Mrs. Johnson said during the ROE visit, everyone was very impressed with their building. She said the staff pulled together. Mrs. Johnson encouraged visitors at the Board Meeting to become better acquainted with her building. There will be a Blood Drive from 3:00-7:00 p.m. May 1st. Mrs. Johnson is going to help the Village cut the ribbon on the new Water Park. The students are looking forward to Field Day and Awards Day in May.

Mr. Begando named Cole Ford, Austin Carlisle and Sabrina Hart as the April Students of the Month while Natalie Mundel, Jordan Schmidgall and Jake Friederich are the April Kids of Character. Mr. Begando said it was very positive to honor kids for their achievements. Discipline is down, but on any given day, kids might just blow up.

We're just trying to keep the kids focused and on track.

Mrs. Ferguson asked that invitations be sent to the Board when there were programs honoring the students.

President Green thanked the Principals.

Superintendent's Report – Items for Discussion:

FOIA Requests: There were no FOIA requests this month.

H/L/S Update: FGM representative Mr. Mike Staub was present to discuss the bid opening last Friday. FGM's estimate was \$280,000. Morrissey Construction bid \$237,000. Mr. Staub said the panel outside Mrs. Chandler's office as well as the one on the floor above it will be replaced. President Green asked if the \$237,000 bid included the two alternates. Mr. Staub answered affirmatively. There were no other questions.

Board Policies (First Reading): The following Board policies have been placed on the agenda for first reading; Board Member Development 2:120, Mailing Lists for Receiving Board Material 2:190, Type of Board of Education Meetings 2:200, Transportation 4:110, Safety 4:170, Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment 5:10, Hiring Process and Criteria 5:30, Teacher Qualifications 5:190, Substitute Teachers 5:220, Student Teachers 5:260, Drug and Alcohol testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers 5:285, School Wellness 6:50, Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program 6:110, Grading and Promotion 6:280, Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations, Immunizations and Exclusion of Students 7:100, Student Discipline 7:190, and Administering Medicines to Students 7:270. A short discussion followed.

Community Eligibility Option – Carol put together some information relative to the consideration of the CEO Food Service Option for our District. She will present information and District data based on this year's participation which can be used to produce the potential cost effectiveness of the program had it been in effect for this year based on formulas provided by the State. Mrs. Elliott said Section 104(a) of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 provides an alternative to household eligibility applications for free and reduced price meals in high poverty Local Educational Agencies and schools. CEO is a four-year reimbursement option for eligible high-poverty LEAs and schools. An LEA may participate in CEO for some or all schools within the LEA.

In order to be eligible for CEO, a school must have a minimum level of 40% identified students as of April 1st in the year prior to the implementation of CEO. They must agree to serve free lunches and free breakfasts to all students for up to four consecutive years while agreeing to cover any costs of providing free meals to all students above amounts provided in Federal assistance. They cannot collect free and reduced applications from households in participating schools during CEO participation. They have to count the total breakfasts and lunches served to students.

Identified students are those students directly certified for free meals on the basis of

their participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program also known as SNAP and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families also known as TANF and the extension of benefits to students within the same household. Homeless, runaway, migrant youth, Head Start, or foster children are identified students and must be certified by an official coordinator listing, DCFS or other State agency.

The percentage of free/reduced students in each school is LCJH – 64%, LCE – 60% and HE - 67%. Our percentage of eligible CEO families in each school is LCJH – 38%, LCE – 38% and HE – 49%. Based on this information, we would have a loss of \$23,699.25 at LCJH, \$37,296.57 at LCE, and \$6,892.08 at HE. The total District loss would be \$67,887.90.

Vice President Redden asked if we could do the program on a school-by-school basis. Mrs. Elliott said we could. Mrs. Harding asked if we are meant to just break even. Mrs. Elliott said we lose money. It was decided to revisit this item in May.

School Calendar: The Board was asked to approve the current calendar pending any emergencies at the end of the school year. The Board was also asked to approve the proposed school calendar for 2012-2013 which was discussed at the last regular meeting. If current law changes and we need to flip-flop the last two days, we can do so and amend the calendar. A short discussion period followed.

ROE Compliance Visit: The ROE was in our District March 29th for a full compliance visit. All three schools were visited for H/L/S in addition to paper records being checked. Everything looked to be in pretty good shape. Mrs. Chandler was complimented on her presentation of the information by Assistant Regional Superintendent of Schools Andrew Reinking as was Mrs. Elliott.

Regular Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Redden, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2012 as presented. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by voice vote.

Special Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Redden, second by Ferguson, to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2012 as presented. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by voice vote.

Consent Agenda:

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

Bid for Summer 2012 H/L/S Projects:

Motion by Redden, second by Sabolo, to approve the acceptance of the following low bids for Summer 2012 H/L/S Projects from Morrissey Construction with a base bid of \$227,500; Alternate 1 of \$6,992; and Alternate 2 of \$4,310 for a total of \$237,002.

Aye: Redden, Sabolo, Green, Sorgea, Harding, Hartsock, Ferguson. Nay: None.
Abstain: None. Motion passed.

First Reading of Board Policies:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Sorgea, to approve the first Reading of Board Policies 2:120, 2:190, 2:200, 4:110, 4:170, 5:10, 5:30, 5:190, 5:220, 5:260, 5:285, 6:50, 6:110, 6:280, 7:100, 7:190 and 7:270. Aye: Ferguson, Sorgea, Hartsock, Sabolo, Harding, Green, Redden. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

School Calendar for 2012-2013:

Motion by Redden, second by Sabolo, to approve the 2012-2013 School Calendar. Aye: Redden, Sabolo, Ferguson, Hartsock, Harding, Green, Sorgea. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Final School Calendar for 2011-2012:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Sorgea, to approve the final 2011-2012 School Calendar. Aye: Ferguson, Sorgea, Green, Harding, Sabolo, Hartsock, Redden. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Enter into Closed Session:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Sorgea, to enter into Closed Session to discuss (A) 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); and (B) 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); and (C) 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) at 7:40 p.m. Aye: Sabolo, Sorgea, Green, Hartsock, Ferguson, Harding, Redden. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Return from Closed Session:

Motion by Redden, second by Sabolo, to return from Closed Session at: 8:18 p.m. on April 24, 2012. Aye: Redden, Sabolo, Ferguson, Hartsock, Sorgea, Harding, Green. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Action Resulting from Closed Session:

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

Executive Session Minutes of Regular Meeting:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Sabolo, to approve Executive Session Minutes of March 27, 2012 Regular Meeting. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by voice vote.

Executive Session Minutes of Special Meeting:

Motion by Redden, second by Sorgea, to approve Executive Session Minutes of March 23, 2012 Special Meeting. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by voice vote.

Destruction of Verbatim Tape Recordings:

Motion by Hartsock, second by Redden, to approve the destruction of verbatim tape recordings of Executive Session(s) of April 2010. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by voice vote.

Personnel – Resignation Through Retirement:

Motion by Redden, second by Harding, to accept the resignation through retirement of Mrs. Sharon Wheeler, School Nurse, effective at the end of her contract in the 2011-2012 school year. Aye: Redden, Harding, Sabolo, Green, Hartsock, Sorgea, Ferguson. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Personnel – Resignation Through Retirement:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Sorgea, to accept the resignation through retirement of Mr. Lloyd Woolverton, Building and Grounds Director, effective July 31, 2012. Aye: Ferguson, Sorgea, Harding, Sabolo, Hartsock, Redden, Green. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Personnel – Resignation:

Motion by Harding, second by Sabolo, to accept the resignation of Mrs. Terri Totzell from her position as Girls' Volleyball Co-Assistant Coach effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year. Aye: Harding, Sabolo, Redden, Green, Sorgea, Hartsock, Ferguson. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Personnel – Resignation Through Retirement:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Redden, to accept the resignation through retirement of Mrs. Rose Stormer, Lewis and Clark Elementary School Teacher, under the "Early Retirement Incentive" option, effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. Aye: Ferguson, Redden, Sabolo, Green, Hartsock, Sorgea, Harding. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Personnel – Employment:

Motion by Hartsock, second by Harding, to approve the employment of Mr. Patrick Anderson as District #15 Superintendent of Schools for a period of three years

commencing July 1, 2012 per the Superintendent's contract. Aye: Hartsock, Harding, Sabolo, Redden, Green, Ferguson, Sorgea. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Conference Items:

Recommendations from the Board of Education Relative to Agenda Topics for Future Consideration: Community Eligibility Option discussion at May Board Meeting.

Administrative Review of Topics for Future Consideration: None.

Adjournment:

Motion by Redden, second by Sabolo, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote at 8:22 p.m. on April 24, 2012.

Rodney Green, President

ATTEST:

Sheila Sorgea, Secretary/Treasurer