

**WOOD RIVER-HARTFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT #15**  
**Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**May 22, 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 May 22, 2012 with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in the Board Room at the Lewis and Clark Complex. Karen Ferguson, Amy Harding, Lena Hartsock, Darin Redden, Susan Sabolo, and Rodney Green answered the roll call to establish a quorum. Absent: Sheila Sorgea. Also present were Interim Superintendent James Whiteside, Principal Michelle Lee, Principal Heather Johnson, Principal Mark Begando, Business Manager Carol Elliott, and Recording Secretary Ann Chandler.

Agenda:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Redden, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Guests and Visitors:

Those who signed in as present were District employees Carol Fowler-Dixon, Sheryl Ross, Chris Edwards and Colby Sprague; and former employee Mel Allen. Also present were Andrew Petrolino of Haddock and incoming Superintendent Pat Anderson.

Community/Staff Comments:

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

Business Manager's Report:

Mrs. Elliott said there was nothing unusual about the bill list this month. Everything is routine.

Mrs. Elliott presented a spreadsheet. She said she was scrambling to get a picture of where we are at this time. There is no comfort this year. A lot of legislative reports are coming out of Springfield. No more revenue is coming in. Now the State of Illinois is talking about cutting State Aid. We will possibly be losing \$200,000 in State Aid. The Senate Committee did pass something today about not cutting State Aid so much, but nothing is for certain. Our Building Fund always takes a hit.

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

### Principals' Reports:

Ms. Lee said her students really enjoyed their Field Day with Mr. Moellering and Mr. Herndon at East Alton-Wood River High School on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Springman organized a chorus at LCE and did a wonderful job with the kids. LCE fifth graders won third place at Earth Day for their food collection. The money is being used to get water for Third World countries. This year 123 Patriot Stars were recognized.

Mrs. Johnson said the Blood Drive on May 1<sup>st</sup> resulted in twice the goal amount. The Hartford Police and Fire Department escorted Hartford students to the new water park. The students enjoyed Field Day. Next year the theme for Character Camp will be "Wild About Character" as chosen by the students. The Hartford Parents' Club Carnival was great.

Mr. Begando named Josh Turner, Mackenzie Munn and Joey Barnard as the May Students of the Month and Jennifer Hughes, Ian Patton and Samantha McCafferty as the May Kids of Character. Mr. Begando said three kids needed to pull up their grades in order to pass. They came to his office at lunch where they could get help. All three passed. He thanked Ms. Fowler-Dixon for her fantastic help with one student and asked that she be applauded. Student Jennifer Hughes has a beautiful voice and we'll probably be hearing about her in the future. The eighth graders went to Six Flags. Graduation practice went well. Three kids went to State for track and finished well. Aurora Herbert actually broke a State record. Eighth Grade Graduation is May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at East Alton-Wood River Community High School.

There were no questions. President Green thanked the Principals.

### Board Member Arrives:

Mrs. Sorgea arrived at 6:51 p.m.

### Superintendent's Report – Items for Discussion:

FOIA Requests: There was one FOIA request received on April 25<sup>th</sup> from Katie Jo Anderson of Konica Minolta Business Solutions. A copy of the request and response was included in the Board packet.

Community Eligibility Option (CEO): Last month a request was made that we have further discussion on CEO. Mrs. Harding asked if the amount that can go negative could be increased and that since the food is already prepared after a count is taken, why can't we just feed the child. Mrs. Hartsock asked if there is leftover food. Ms. Ross said her students eat last, and there is very little leftover food.

ISBE Special Education Designation: The highest attainable score is a "meets requirements" which is what we received based on 2010-2011 data.

Board Policies (Second Reading): The following Board policies have been placed on the agenda for second reading and approval: 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. Supt. Whiteside said Board members could obtain Open Meetings Act training online or the IASB may be offering some live training before the December 21<sup>st</sup> deadline. Any new Board members who are elected in the future must get their training within 90 days.

Surveillance Camera Proposal – We have had a camera system in place for a few years. Since the beginning of this school year, Mr. Begando has talked about needing more coverage in the hallways, and Ms. Lee was looking at more coverage. Mr. Begando said he would like a camera downstairs and more in the hallways. Ms. Lee said theirs would be in the basement near the art room, near the after-school program, and upstairs near fifth grade, but there was no way we could put one to cover the LCE playground. President Green asked if they would be hardwired. Mr. Edwards answered affirmatively saying a little bit of wiring would have to be added but not that much. Mrs. Harding asked if we will be buying these or if they were already purchased. Supt. Whiteside said there was a miscommunication which was his fault, and we did already have the cameras, but they could be sent back if the Board did not approve. There were no questions.

Student/Parent Handbook for 2012-2013: The proposed changes are shown. An e-mail was sent to staff asking for suggestions. Some changes included not bringing siblings to parties and the addition of “gross misconduct.” The latter was defined as repeated misconduct, such as a student repeatedly spitting in the hallway after being told to stop. President Green asked that “severe” be removed and “repetitive” replace it. There was a change from 10% to 4% on chronic truancy. Mr. Begando also wanted to add “tank tops” into the dress code. Mrs. Sorgea asked if it was okay to wear a tank top over a t-shirt. Mr. Begando said he just wanted shoulders covered. Mrs. Harding asked about little girls’ sundresses. She said sometimes that is all they have. She asked if this was just directed at the Jr. High. Mr. Begando said it is definitely a Jr. High problem, and he wants the boys focused on their studies. Mrs. Harding asked if he was talking about tank tops or spaghetti straps. Mr. Begando said he wants a sleeve over the shoulder. Mrs. Harding said kids wear what they have, and some kids are poor. She said she did not agree with the change and felt that parents wouldn’t see it. Mrs. Johnson said she understood, but they provide something for the students who have inappropriate dress. Mrs. Harding said she did not think it was inappropriate, and kids have been dressing this way for years. President Green said he agreed that a six or seven year old was different from a sixth or seventh grader. After more discussion, it was agreed the wording be changed to “Tops with spaghetti straps and tops that expose the back side, cleavage, or midriff are prohibited.” The handbook currently says “peanut butter sandwich” when it should say “sack lunch.” After some discussion, “\$5.00” was changed to “5 meals.” Other changes were made to names of new staff.

Curriculum Loft Classroom: As a discussion item, Mr. Edwards talked about an available program where the District could take the first step toward a one-to-one curriculum. For \$19,000 the District would get 30 new tablets, accessories, software,

and two-day on-site training for the teachers. Andrew Petrolino, the representative for Haddock, was present to answer questions. After some discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Petrolino would give a demonstration at the June Board Meeting.

#### Regular Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Sorgea, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2012 as presented. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### Consent Agenda:

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

#### Second Reading of Board Policies:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Sorgea, to approve the second reading of Board Policies 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.

#### Surveillance Camera Proposal:

Motion by Redden, second by Ferguson, to approve the purchase of 12 additional surveillance cameras from Acropolis Technology Group at a cost of \$2,412.72 for the Lorena Complex. Aye: Redden, Ferguson, Sabolo, Hartsock, Green, Sorgea. Nay: None. Abstain: Harding. Motion passed.

#### Technology Lease-Purchase Agreement:

Motion by Sorgea, second by Sabolo, to approve Resolution 11-12-12 for the Technology Lease-Purchase Agreement. Aye: Sorgea, Sabolo, Green, Harding, Hartsock, Ferguson, Redden. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

#### 2012-2013 Student/Parent Handbook:

Motion by Sorgea, second by Ferguson, to approve the 2012-2013 Student/Parent Handbook with changes as agreed to in discussion. Aye: Sorgea, Ferguson, Harding, Redden, Sabolo, Hartsock, Green. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

#### Enter into Closed Session:

Motion by Harding, second by Sabolo, 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); (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); (C) 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); and (D) 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 7:25 p.m. Aye: Harding, Sabolo, Redden, Sorgea, Green, Hartsock, Ferguson. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Return from Closed Session:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Redden, to return from Closed Session at: 8:47 p.m. on May 22, 2012. Aye: Sabolo, Redden, 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 Sabolo, second by Harding, to approve Executive Session Minutes of April 24, 2012 Regular Meeting. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by voice vote.

Destruction of Verbatim Tape Recordings:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Harding, 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 – Employment:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Sabolo, to approve the hiring for Pre-K Summer School 2012 of Susan Steinmann as Teacher, Stephanie Hinkle and Leisha Talley as Teacher Assistants, Kelly Slayden as Program Coordinator, Debbie Angleton as Bus Driver, and Kelley Pirtle as Bus Monitor and Custodian. Aye: Ferguson, Sabolo, Redden, Harding, Green, Hartsock, Sorgea,. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Personnel – Employment:

Motion by Sorgea, second by Redden, to approve the hiring of Deborah Horton, Toni Carlisle, Dale Emerick and William Balcom as summer custodial help. Aye: Sorgea, Redden, Harding, Sabolo, Hartsock, Ferguson, Green. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Personnel – Reassignments:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Sabolo, to approve the reassignments of (1) Arianna Green to LCJH as a teacher assistant for the 6th grade and to teach a Block Class from 1:32-2:17 p.m. She could potentially be assigned to an 8<sup>th</sup> grade math student for individual help. (2) Jane Emerick to teach a Block Class from 1:32-2:17 p.m. She would be pulled from the ISS room during this time. (3) Karry Thompson from one a.m. class period teacher assistant duty to cover the ISS room for Jane Emerick during the Block Class from 1:32-2:17 p.m. Aye: Ferguson, Sabolo, Redden, Green, Sorgea, Hartsock, Harding. 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 Ferguson, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote at 8:55 p.m. on May 22, 2012.

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Rodney Green, President

ATTEST:

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Sheila Sorgea, Secretary/Treasurer