

**WOOD RIVER-HARTFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT #15**  
**Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**June 26, 2012**

Call to Order:

The Regular Meeting of the Wood River-Hartford School District #15 Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Darin Redden at 6:30 p.m. on June 26, 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, and Susan Sabolo answered the roll call to establish a quorum. Absent: Rodney Green and 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 Ferguson, 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, Sheryl Ross, Carol Fowler-Dixon, Diane Honerkamp, Rob Mangrum, and Jane Emerick. Also present were Andrew Petroline of Haddock, Jeremy Frank of Tech Innovation, and incoming Superintendent Pat Anderson.

Community/Staff Comments:

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

Public Hearing on Waiver of Administrative Cost Limitation for 2012-2013:

The Hearing opened at 6:33 p.m. for the purpose of requesting a waiver as outlined in the School Code in anticipation of exceeding the 5% administrative cost limitation for the coming school year. A full-time Superintendent has been employed for the 2012-2013 School Year while an Interim Superintendent was employed during the 2011-2012 School Year. No one wished to ask questions or gave testimony. The Hearing closed at 6:35 p.m.

Business Manager's Report:

There were no questions about items on the Bill List. Mrs. Elliott said there were two bills that didn't make the Bill List. One check was to Acropolis Computers for security software upgrade at \$1606.25 and the other was from the Revolving Fund in the amount of \$25.00 for the Hartford Principal to attend a legal workshop.

Mrs. Elliott said she did not anticipate any deficit spending for the year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>. As we have done every year, we plan to transfer Working Cash interest to the Education Fund. Despite low interest rates, the transfer is in excess of \$6,000 as outlined in Resolution 11-12-14. The Certificate of Resolutions renews our participation through 2015 in a multi-year fixed rate agreement for insurance premiums while the Resolution 11-12-15 is a Renewal of Self-Insurance Agency Agreement.

Our annual audit is scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. We've moved up the date to get it in before our power is shut down on the Lewis and Clark Campus.

An agreement with the WREA has been reached which will require Board approval.

#### Principals' Reports:

Ms. Lee said all her end-of-the-year reports were complete.

Mrs. Johnson said the buses are being inspected.

Mr. Begando remarked the Jr. High halls are quiet.

Superintendent Whiteside recognized Ms. Lee and congratulated her and wished her well in her new position as Superintendent at Riverview in East Peoria and thanked her for her help during his year in District #15.

There were no questions. Vice President Redden thanked the Principals.

#### Board Member Arrives:

Mrs. Sorgea arrived at 6:42 p.m.

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

FOIA Requests: There was one FOIA request received on June 13<sup>th</sup> from Gregory E. Moy. Mr. Moy requested copies of District policies regarding the social and emotional development of students in accordance with the Illinois Children's Mental Health Act of 2003. Mrs. Chandler provided Mr. Moy with copies of three Board policies via email. His request and her response were included in the Board packet.

Health/Life/Safety Updates: Concrete work, excavation, and renovation of a bathroom are scheduled for Hartford. Replacement of handrails and the replacement of two electrical panels are scheduled for the Lewis and Clark Complex. When the panels are replaced, the power will be out in the administrative office area. There was discussion on an area to sell concessions and a folding partition or curtain for the stage area in the Junior High gymnasium. It was agreed that FGM would be contacted by Superintendent Whiteside to see about the structural support.

Prevailing Wage Resolution for 2012-2013: This is an annual requirement. Board members were asked to approve. There were no questions.

Working Cash Interest Repayment Resolution: Mrs. Elliott had talked about this earlier. Board members were asked to approve.

Self-Insurance Renewal Resolution: Board members were asked to approve the Resolution which is necessary to guarantee the lower rate for multiple years.

Curriculum Loft Classroom: At the last Board Meeting, it was agreed to have a presentation of the Curriculum Loft material as the District begins exploring a one-to-one curriculum. Mr. Andrew Petrolino of Haddock and Jeremy Frank of Tech Innovation gave a presentation and answered questions. A discussion followed.

Illinois Department of Labor Safety Inspection: Hartford Elementary was the site of a visit by the Labor Department on March 16<sup>th</sup>. One general citation was given with five items noted as being of a serious nature. None of these items included monetary fines. The District received the official letter and citations on June 11<sup>th</sup> with the requirement that we respond by June 20<sup>th</sup>. We did respond and included photographic proof as required.

Regional Office of Education Compliance Report: The ROE conducted a full visitation of the Wood River-Hartford District on March 29<sup>th</sup>. This visit also included an on-site building inspection of all District buildings. While the Lorena Complex was found to have minor areas that needed to be addressed including occupancy postings, emergency light repair, and additional signage; the ROE building inspector did not find any issues at Hartford. The ROE found the District to be in full compliance.

Board Policies (First Reading): Board Policies 3:40, 4:60, 4:120, 4:180, 5:70, 5:130, 5:280, 6:70, 6:145, 6:235, 6:290, 7:50, 7:80, 7:140, 7:220, 7:250, 7:275, and 7:340 were presented for approval of first reading. Many of these policies are legal reference changes and updates. Even though we do not receive e-rate funds, we feel Policy 6:235 is important enough to include. Policy 7:220 refers to student bus conduct was discussed with our attorney. We have video recording on all of our buses. Our attorney recommends the last paragraph of 7:220 be struck to give us more flexibility. If the video is not a student record, it is much simpler to show the video to student witnesses without getting parental approval. Deleting this paragraph also gives the Board the opportunity to decide each incident on a case-by-case basis. On Policy 7:340 Students and Student Records, our attorney recommends Option A.

Board Meeting Schedule for 2012-2013 School Year: This schedule shows we will have every third meeting at Hartford Elementary.

#### Regular Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Sorgea, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2012 as presented. Nay: None. Abstain: Sorgea. 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, Redden, Harding, Hartsock, Ferguson. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Prevailing Wage Rates Resolution:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Sorgea, to approve the Prevailing Wage Rates for the 2012-2013 school year. Aye: Sabolo, Sorgea, Ferguson, Hartsock, Redden, Harding. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Working Cash Interest Repayment Resolution:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Sorgea, to approve the Working Cash Interest Repayment Resolution. Aye: Ferguson, Sorgea, Sabolo, Redden, Harding, Hartsock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Self-Insurance Renewal Resolution:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Sorgea, to approve the Self-Insurance Renewal Resolution. Aye: Ferguson, Sabolo, Sorgea, Hartsock, Redden, Harding. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Application for Waiver of Administrative Cost Limitation:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Hartsock, to approve the Application for Waiver of Administrative Cost Limitation. Aye: Sabolo, Hartsock, Ferguson, Sorgea, Redden, Harding. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Curriculum Loft Purchase

No motion was made.

First Reading of Board Policies:

Motion by Sorgea, second by Ferguson, to approve the first reading of Board Policies 3:40, 4:60, 4:120, 4:180, 5:70, 5:130, 5:280, 6:70, 6:145, 6:235, 6:290, 7:50, 7:80, 7:140, 7:220, 7:250, 7:275, and 7:340. Aye: Sorgea, Ferguson, Harding, Redden, Hartsock, Sabolo. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Board of Education Meeting Schedule:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Ferguson, to approve the Board Meeting Schedule for the 2012-2013 school year. Aye: Sabolo, Ferguson, Hartsock, Redden, Harding, Sorgea. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Certificate of Resolutions for Multiyear Insurance Rate Guarantee:

Motion by Sorgea, second by Sabolo, to approve Certificate of Resolutions for Multiyear Insurance Rate Guarantee. Aye: Sorgea, Sabolo, Harding, Redden, Hartsock, Ferguson. Aye: Sorgea, Sabolo, Harding, Hartsock, Ferguson, Redden. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Enter into Closed Session:

Motion by Harding, second by Hartsock, 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) student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8) at 8:24 p.m. Aye: Harding, Hartsock, Sorgea, Redden, Ferguson, Sabolo. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Return from Closed Session:

Motion by Sorgea, second by Sabolo, to return from Closed Session at: 9:57 p.m. on June 26, 2012. Aye: Sorgea, Sabolo, Hartsock, Redden, Harding, Ferguson. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Action Resulting from Closed Session:

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

Executive Session Minutes of Regular Meeting:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Harding, to approve Executive Session Minutes of May 22, 2012 Regular Meeting. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by voice vote.

Destruction of Verbatim Tape Recordings:

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

Personnel – Resignation:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Sabolo, to approve the resignation of Ms. Michelle Lee from her position as Lewis and Clark Elementary School Principal effective June 30, 2012. Aye: Ferguson, Sabolo, Redden, Harding, Hartsock, Sorgea. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Personnel – Resignation through Retirement:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Ferguson, to approve the resignation through retirement of Mr. Brian Paynic, Lewis and Clark Jr. High teacher, under the “Early Retirement Incentive” option, effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. Aye: Sabolo, Ferguson, Sorgea, Hartsock, Harding, Redden. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion

passed.

Personnel – Employment:

Motion by Harding, second by Hartsock, to approve the hiring of Ms. Meghan Dittman as School Nurse effective the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year. Aye: Harding, Hartsock, Redden, Sorgea, Ferguson, Sabolo. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Personnel – Employment:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Harding, to approve the hiring of Ms. Amanda Aligholi as school bus driver effective the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year. Aye: Sabolo, Harding, Ferguson, Redden, Hartsock, Sorgea. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Personnel – WREA Contract:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Sabolo, to approve the negotiated WREA Contract Agreement as presented. Aye: Ferguson, Sabolo, Sorgea, Hartsock, Redden, Harding. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Administrative Placement of Students:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Sabolo, to approve the administrative placement of Student A and Student B at C.E.O. for the 2012-2013 school year. Aye: Ferguson, Sabolo, Harding, Sorgea, Redden, Hartsock.

Conference Items:

Recommendations from the Board of Education Relative to Agenda Topics for Future Consideration: Class sizes.

Administrative Review of Topics for Future Consideration: None.

Adjournment:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Ferguson, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote at 9:58 p.m. on June 26, 2012.

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Darin Redden, Vice President

ATTEST:

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Sheila Sorgea, Secretary/Treasurer

