

**WOOD RIVER-HARTFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT #15**  
**Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**July 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 July 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 Superintendent Pat Anderson, Principal Heather Johnson, Principal Mark Begando, Business Manager Carol Elliott, and Recording Secretary Ann Chandler.

Agenda:

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

Guests and Visitors:

Those present were District employees Jill Christeson, Sheryl Ross, Carol Fowler-Dixon, Colby Sprague, Jodi Gilmore and Rose Stormer. Also present was Principal candidate Kelly Bohnenstiehl with his wife Kim and daughters.

Community/Staff Comments:

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

Business Manager's Report:

Bill List: Mrs. Elliott said there were some additions to the Bill List in the form of supplies and materials which are usual at this time of year. Mrs. Sorgea asked when we started paying for construction workers to be fingerprinted. Mrs. Elliott said we usually do not, but this was worked out after the contract when we discovered Pre-K Summer School would be in session when workers were present, and we were charged for only two workers. Mrs. Sorgea asked that we make sure that cost is covered in future bids. Superintendent Anderson assured her that is what usually happens. Mrs. Elliott said she had also received a rather large quarterly unemployment bill for over \$5,000 but did not know who was claiming unemployment at this time. If any claims can be contested, she will do so. There were no further questions on the Bill List.

FY12 Year-End Update: Each Board member received a detailed report. The picture is better than we had expected. District salaries and benefits make up over 70% of our budget.

FY13 Preliminary Budget: The same numbers shared with the WREA negotiating team were reported to the Board members in their first look at the new budget. Our financial picture begins to look rather bleak for FY14 and FY15. Each line item will be reviewed for accuracy and need before the August Board Meeting.

Comptroller's Quarterly Report: Mrs. Elliott pointed out the headlines that "little improvement seen as fiscal year ends" were apparent by the \$265,000 of State revenue stilled owed us

added to the fact that our FY13 State Aid was cut by \$218,000.

#### Principals' Reports:

Mrs. Johnson: Mrs. Johnson said there was not much to report. Discipline has been fantastic.

Mr. Begando: Getting ready for the school year has been a long tedious process, but the new school year will be really good.

Superintendent Anderson said the Principals have been instrumental in helping him.

#### Board Member Arrives:

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

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

FOIA Requests: There were no FOIA requests this month.

Health/Life/Safety Updates: The waterproofing in Hartford that was in place has been redone. The piping has been completed and will hopefully help. Registration will be in Hartford, and we will communicate that to everyone.

Board Policies (Second 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 the second reading. It was recommended that the Board accept the changes to policies as directed by PRESS including only the Option provided for Policy 7:340 Student Records. All other policies are best left as directed by PRESS.

Illinois Department of Labor Safety Inspection: Included in the Board packet was the latest IDLS citation. This has been handled. As stated in our reply to the IDLS letter, the needed training has taken place and documented for our records and for their records.

Equity in School Lunch Pricing: Prices for school lunches will need to be raised due to Federal Regulations. We are not the only district having to increase our prices. It was recommended the Elementary lunch be increased to \$1.80 and the Junior High lunch to \$2.15. There are some other concerns with the lunch program, but those will be addressed as the year progresses.

Special Education Survey: This is an informative item provided by the State. This survey outlines our parent perceptions as they relate to special education. This survey will be used when Superintendent Anderson speaks with Mrs. Honerkamp about meeting the needs of our parents with special education children.

Lighting the Way Conference: Superintendent Anderson said he was not sure of past practice about attending the Triple I Conference. He wanted to discuss what the Board wants to do in regards to attending. Reservations and plans need to be made ASAP if we plan to attend.

Class Sizes: At the last Board meeting, class sizes were discussed. Superintendent Anderson recommended that a first grade teacher be re-assigned to a fourth grade class to balance class sizes. He was not sure if this required an action by the Board. In his previous position, this did not have to be an action item because waiting for a Board meeting before re-assigning a teacher was not always beneficial to the teacher or administration. He wanted to

put it on the agenda and see what the Board thought. He suggested keeping it informative and promised to keep the Board updated on any re-assignments. If there are concerns, they can be addressed at a Board meeting.

Mrs. Ferguson said the weekly updates received by the Board Members from the Superintendent are awesome.

Superintendent Anderson thanked Carol and Ann and everyone for all they had done to make him feel welcome. He said it was great being home, and great things are going to happen in our District. We will have a lot of successes.

#### Regular Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Sorgea, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2012 as presented. Nay: None. Abstain: Sorgea and Green. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### Consent Agenda:

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

#### Second Reading of Board Policies:

Motion by Sorgea, second by Ferguson, to approve the second 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 with the Option as recommended. Aye: Sorgea, Ferguson, Harding, Redden, Hartsock, Green, Sabolo. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

#### Lunch Price Increases:

Motion by Harding, second by Sorgea, to approve the increase of lunch prices an additional \$0.15 each to \$1.80 for elementary and \$2.15 for junior high. Aye: Harding, Sorgea, Sabolo, Ferguson, Hartsock, Redden, Green. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

#### Enter into Closed Session:

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

#### Return from Closed Session:

Motion by Sorgea, second by Sabolo, to return from Closed Session at: 7:47 p.m. on July 24, 2012. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### 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 Redden, second by Hartsock, to approve Executive Session Minutes of June 26, 2012 Regular Meeting. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by voice vote.

Destruction of Verbatim Tape Recordings:

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

Personnel – Resignation:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Redden, to approve the resignation of Mr. Jake Flowers from his position as Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach effective immediately. Aye: Sabolo, Redden, Ferguson, Harding, Hartsock, Green, Sorgea. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Personnel – Employment:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Sabolo, to approve the hiring of Mr. Kelly Bohnenstiehl as the Lewis and Clark Elementary School Principal effective for the 2012-2013 school year with his first day of August 1, 2012. Aye: Ferguson, Sabolo, Green, Harding, Hartsock, Redden, Sorgea. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Personnel – Substitute Compensation:

Motion by Sorgea, second by Ferguson, to approve the rate of substitute compensation at \$80.00 per day for custodians/cleaning personnel and to adhere to \$65.00 per day for teacher assistant substitutes. Aye: Sorgea, Ferguson, Green, Sabolo, Harding, Redden, Hartsock.

Personnel – Administrative Salary Increases:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Sabolo, to approve Administrative salary increases for the 2012-2013 school year in the amount of three percent. Aye: Ferguson, Sabolo, Harding, Redden, Hartsock, Sorgea, Green. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Personnel – Substitute List:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Hartsock, to approve the Substitute List. Aye: Sabolo, Hartsock, Green, Ferguson, Sorgea, Redden, Harding. Nay: Green. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Conference Items:

Recommendations from the Board of Education Relative to Agenda Topics for Future Consideration: Interaction with the High School in the area of athletics.

Administrative Review of Topics for Future Consideration: None.

Adjournment:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Ferguson, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote at 7:55 p.m. on July 24, 2012.

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Rodney Green, President

ATTEST:

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Sheila Sorgea, Secretary/Treasurer