

WOOD RIVER-HARTFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT #15
Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 28, 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 6:32 p.m. on August 28, 2012 with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in the Board Room in the Lewis and Clark Complex. Karen Ferguson, Amy Harding, Lena Hartsock, Susan Sabolo and Rodney Green answered the roll call to establish a quorum. Absent: Darin Redden, Sheila Sorgea. Also present were Superintendent Pat Anderson, Principal Heather Johnson, Principal Mark Begando, Principal Kelly Bohnenstiehl, Business Manager Carol Elliott, and Recording Secretary Ann Chandler.

Agenda:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Ferguson, to approve the agenda as presented. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by voice vote.

Guests and Visitors:

Those present were District employees Sheryl Ross, Carol Fowler-Dixon, Brandan LeMarr, and Matt Herndon. Also present was Attorney Garrett Hoerner of Becker, Paulson, Hoerner & Thompson P.C.

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 no surprises on the bill list. There were no questions.

Financial Statement: Mrs. Elliott reported that we are receiving tax money on time in the first month of the new fiscal year. There were no questions.

We have learned about our State Aid reduction. We've also estimated \$130,000 less in corporate replacement tax. Pre-K and Birth to Three grants were reduced. There were no questions.

Principals' Reports:

Mrs. Johnson: Mrs. Johnson said Hartford Elementary was off to a great start. "Have You Filled a Bucket Lately?" is based on a book concept that everyone carries an emotional bucket. Sometimes you fill someone else's bucket and sometimes they fill yours. Hartford Elementary plans to reach out into the community. Last week Pre-K screenings and home visits were conducted. They are working to meet the needs of the community. Some Family Fun Nights are being planned. Grandparents' Day is coming soon.

Superintendent Anderson said Mrs. Johnson is taking on extra duties since Ms. Lee left.

Mr. Begando: Mr. Begando praised Mr. Kinder for a nice job putting together a program to

begin the school year. Students viewed a bus video and did bus evacuations. Language Arts Common Core and Math Common Core were discussed. Expectations for academics, behavior and citizenship were also discussed. While Boot Camp is geared more towards the younger students' needs, Mr. Begando feels the presentations at LCJH were better suited for his students. An abundance of kids have come to us from other districts. It will be very challenging. Our seventh grade class has increased by about ten. The sixth grade seems to be adjusting well.

President Green asked how many kids left and how many new kids came - our mobility rate. Mr. Begando will get that information.

Mr. Bohnenstiehl said LCE has had a very successful first week. The students are excited. They attended Character Camp August 23. They are doing the Buckets for the community as well. The students decorated shopping bags for Shop 'n Save. LCE will have "Dining for Dollars" at Applebees and will receive 15% of all proceeds on those days. The faculty has been very welcoming and helpful in Mr. Bohnenstiehl's transition to Principal of LCE.

Superintendent Anderson talked about how helpful the secretaries and staff have been in identifying displaced kids. Right now 66 students have been identified, and there will be money for 40 of those kids for new shoes and an outfit and for any of them who had to buy PE clothes at LCJH. A large number – between 20-25% - don't want help. The displaced kids will also be able to have free dental and health exams. Mrs. Ferguson asked if the children would just receive dental exams or if they could actually have dental work done. Mrs. Chandler said she wasn't sure about the dental work now, but we have scheduled Mobile Dentists in our Board Room for two days in mid February, and they do fillings and so forth.

Mr. Bohnenstiehl hopes to bring school and parents closer together. He started this year with a "Boo Hoo Ya Hoo" breakfast for the Kindergarten students and their parents. The PTA was a great help and even donated some butter braids. Seven or eight parents signed up for the PTA. Mr. Bohnenstiehl plans to make this a yearly event.

Superintendent's Report – Items for Discussion:

FOIA Requests: There were no FOIA requests this month.

Health/Life/Safety Updates: Mr. Anderson was pleasantly surprised at the cleanup of the railing work. Everything turned out okay. A punch list with Mike Staub of FGM is planned for Thursday. There was an additional charge for one thing. Mr. Amistadi has done a great job since he arrived

Sixth Grade Social Studies Curriculum Purchase: Superintendent Anderson said the sixth grade social studies curriculum purchase had been discussed with Mr. Begando and the teaching staff. All feel this is what is needed to move forward with Common Core. Our textbooks are out of date. Not even 9/11 is included in our current material. These new textbooks are Common Core ready. The cost of these books has been included in the budget.

Thin Clients for Computer Labs Purchase: Purchase of additional thin clients is necessary to progress with benchmarking assessments with AIMSweb and other assessment systems. We can use the labs to remediate students after assessments. We would like to have everything in place by the end of September. We have several assessment systems to use.

FOIA Officers Appointment: This is routinely done each year. The Board was asked to appoint Carol Elliott, Ann Chandler and Superintendent Anderson as Freedom of Information Act Officers.

OMA Officer Appointment: This is also routinely done each year. The Board was asked to appoint Ann Chandler as the Open Meetings Act Officer.

IASB LeaderShop Academy Member Mrs. Karen Ferguson: Mrs. Ferguson was recognized and congratulated on her achievement and her continued professional development.

Mandatory Training for Board Members: Superintendent Anderson reminded Board Members of the required training and that he had included some information in their Board packets. He also said their training should be posted.

IASB Southwestern Division Fall Dinner Meeting: The fall meeting will be held October 3rd at Collinsville Middle School beginning at 6:00 p.m. with registration at 5:30 p.m. Mrs. Harding and Mrs. Ferguson agreed to attend. Superintendent Anderson asked that any other Board Member let himself or Ann Chandler know if they planned to attend.

Interaction with High School Coaches: Athletic Director Matt Herndon said that coaches from EAWRCHS want to see our students learn more fundamental skills in their chosen sports. Several high school coaches have volunteered to assist our coaches so the students are better prepared for high school sports. Superintendent Anderson asked Mr. Herndon if we run sport camps. Mr. Herndon replied that the high school runs camps and last year Mr. Dale Emerick ran basketball camps which were well received. Mr. Herndon hopes to convince Mr. Emerick to have more camps.

School of Choice: Superintendent Anderson said we had just received a letter from Bethalto asking us to be a school of choice. He planned to deny their request.

Superintendent Anderson also advised the Board that he will be gathering some research information for finishing his doctorate. He wanted the Board members to know.

Regular Meeting Minutes:

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

Consent Agenda:

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

Six Grade Social Studies Curriculum Purchase:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Hartsock, to approve the sixth grade social studies curriculum purchase in the amount of \$21,222.47. Aye: Ferguson, Hartsock, Harding, Green, Sabolo. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Thin Clients for Computer Labs Purchase:

Motion by Hartsock, second by Harding, to approve the purchase of thin clients for computer labs in the amount of \$8,173.80. Aye: Hartsock, Harding, Sabolo, Ferguson, Green. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

FOIA Officers:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Sabolo, to approve the appointment of Mr. Patrick Anderson, Mrs. Carol Elliott and Mrs. Ann Chandler as Freedom of Information Act Officers. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by voice vote.

OMA Officer:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Hartsock, to approve the appointment of Mrs. Ann Chandler as Open Meetings Act Officer. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by voice vote.

Enter into Closed Session:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Ferguson, 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); and (2) 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 7:22 p.m. Aye: Sabolo, Ferguson, Green, Harding, Hartsock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Board Member Left Board Room:

Mrs. Harding stepped away from meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Return from Closed Session:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Hartsock, to return from Closed Session at 7:50 p.m. on August 28, 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 Sabolo, second by Ferguson, to approve Executive Session Minutes of July 24, 2012 Regular Meeting. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by voice vote.

Destruction of Verbatim Tape Recordings:

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

Personnel – Resignation:

Motion by Hartsock, second by Green, to approve the resignation of Ms. Jessica Shade from her position as Sixth Grade Girls' Basketball Coach effective immediately. Aye: Hartsock, Green, Sabolo, Ferguson. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Personnel – Employment:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Sabolo, to approve the employment of Mr. Duane Amistadi as Building and Grounds Supervisor with his first day of August 13, 2012. Aye: Ferguson,

Sabolo, Hartsock, Green. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Personnel – Employment:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Green, to approve the employment of Mr. Matt Herndon as Athletic Director beginning with the 2012-2013 school year. Aye: Sabolo, Green, Ferguson, Hartsock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Personnel – Employment:

Motion by Hartsock, second by Sabolo, to approve the employment of Mrs. Terri Tottzell as Co-Assistant Volleyball Coach beginning with the 2012-2013 school year. Aye: Hartsock, Sabolo, Ferguson, Green. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Board Member Returns:

Mrs. Harding returned at 7:55 p.m. to Board Meeting.

Personnel – Employment:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Green, to approve the employment of Mr. Matt Herndon as Seventh Grade Boys' Basketball Coach beginning with the 2012-2013 school year. Aye: Sabolo, Green, Harding, Ferguson, Hartsock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Personnel – Employment:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Ferguson, to approve the employment of Mr. Chris Johnson as Wrestling Coach beginning with the 2012-2013 school year. Aye: Sabolo, Ferguson, Hartsock, Harding, Green. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Personnel – Employment:

Motion by Hartsock, second by Ferguson, to approve the employment of the law firm of Becker, Paulson, Hoerner & Thompson P.C. beginning with the 2012-2013 school year. Aye: Hartsock, Ferguson, Green, Harding, Sabolo. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Personnel – Substitute List:

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

Conference Items:

Recommendations from the Board of Education Relative to Agenda Topics for Future Consideration: Monthly technology updates were requested by Rodney Green.

Administrative Review of Topics for Future Consideration: None.

Adjournment:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Green, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote at 7:58 p.m. on August 28, 2012.

Rodney Green, President

ATTEST:

Susan Sabolo, Board Member