

WOOD RIVER-HARTFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT #15
Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 23, 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 October 23, 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 Kelly Bohnenstiehl, Business Manager Carol Elliott, and Recording Secretary Ann Chandler.

Agenda:

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

Guests and Visitors:

Those present were District employees Renee Koprivica, Sharon Wood, Erin Plumb, Michelle Meyers, Angela Turner, Sue Steinmann, Colby Sprague and Duane Amistadi.

Community/Staff Comments:

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

Business Manager's Report:

Bill List - Mrs. Elliott said three additional bills had been added to the Bill List.

Quarterly Financial Statement – It is too early to tell any revenue trends. We don't expect a cash flow issue for the Bond Fund. Fifty-five percent of the tax levy has been collected. The State of Illinois is completely caught up with FY2012 revenue payments. Of course, elections aren't far off. The Illinois Comptroller's Report has not been updated. Unfortunately, interest rates remain very, very low. Our checking account still has the best rate for our short-term money at a rate of .19%. We plan to invest \$1,000,000 for 24 months at a rate of .75%.

American Fidelity Flex Plan Renewal – There is a Resolution under Action Items to renew the District's 125K Flexible Benefit Plan effective January 1, 2013. This plan is offered to us at no charge as a member of Egyptian Trust Area School Health Insurance Trust. It not only offers relief for insurance premiums paid through payroll deduction, but medical and dependent care accounts as well. This renewal marks the tenth year of offering a flex plan to our staff. Interest seems to increase every year with current sheltered deductions of over \$17,950 per month.

National School Lunch Program Expansion: The USDA is now including children of certain Medicaid families as eligible for free meals. The data is sent to us in an electronic file. The net effect for us so far has been to add one family.

United States Department of Agriculture: The USDA is also involved in a five-year research project. Illinois is mandated to participate. We are required to export 27 data fields on each

student enrolled for FY2012 and for the next four years. Skyward has been contacted and asked to do this for us as they have many other schools in Illinois which will also need the information.

FY2012 Closed: Our Audit is to be submitted to the Federal Clearinghouse. The last report for FY2012 is the Annual Financial Statement for Publication.

Principals' Reports:

Mrs. Johnson, Principal of Hartford Elementary School, said Preschool teachers were working diligently through outreach and screenings to reach their goal of being at capacity in the Preschool Program. There are approximately 96 students. Mrs. Johnson said she and the Preschool staff are looking at fine tuning the screening process. Our Pre-K students are making great progress in getting ready to come over to the elementary side. The Parents Club purchased the little green plastic men holding flags to line the street in the morning and at dismissal. Duane and Chris worked really hard to get our computer lab up and going. We have a goal to reduce referrals with a promised activity if successful.

Mr. Bohnenstiehl, Principal of Lewis and Clark Elementary School, said things are going very well. The Parent/Teacher Conferences were well attended with only four cancellations. The computer lab is up and running thanks to the hard work of Mr. Amistadi and Mr. Edwards. Testing will be done for reading, math and science. Every third and fifth grade teacher will have math and reading assessments of the students, and fourth grade teachers will have several hours. This will take awhile because of all our sections, but we'll be able to see what needs to be addressed. Through PBIS, we had a Donut Dangle in September which was hilarious. We would swing the donuts while the students were trying to get them. Everyone had a great time. Our parking lot looks very good. Mr. Amistadi plans to do this in the summer months in the future. We are rocking and rolling.

Superintendent Anderson commented how much time and effort Mrs. Johnson is putting into things this month. He continued to say Mr. Bohnenstiehl did something right for a child last month. He has so much compassion for the child and the parents. Mr. Anderson said he took part in a meeting with Mr. Bohnenstiehl, and Mr. Bohnenstiehl totally conducted himself as a veteran administrator.

Superintendent Anderson said Principal Begando would be arriving late at the meeting. He said with Mr. Begando's enthusiasm for his work and for data, we will make AYP. Mrs. Johnson mentioned the three principals will be meeting, which she thinks is a very good idea.

Mr. Begando, Principal of Lewis and Clark Junior High School, arrived at 7:14 p.m. He said things are going pretty well even though testing has been a little hectic to say the least, but it provides us with some good solid data to get the kids moving in the right direction. The testing allows us to see the capabilities of each student. Using Mr. Mangrum as an example, Mr. Begando explained that as soon as kids come in, they are immediately working. Answering two to three questions takes five to six minutes, and then Mr. Mangrum is back to his lesson. It's really cool.

President Green asked whether ISAT tests were the only tests used before our new testing procedures. Mr. Begando replied that we were just getting a general view before. Now the teachers are getting much better information and can now remediate deficiencies. We can see specifically what a child needs to be successful.

Superintendent's Report – Items for Discussion:

FOIA Requests: There were no FOIA requests this month.

Ten-Year Health/Life/Safety Survey and Update: FGM came in and took a long time to do a very expensive but necessary examination of our facility. It is a big deal. There will be things that need to be addressed within one-and-a-half to two years and those that can wait longer. Mr. Amistadi toured the facility with FGM.

Monthly Technology Update: The Principals have done a very good job, but these color prints are just 1/500th of what we can do. The data from one eighth grade Language Arts classroom was discussed. One student can be followed or a classroom or a grade. The data will guide our focus for remediation aspects.

District Report Card 2012 SY: Board members were given a copy of the 2012 District Report Card which gives a snapshot of what is going on in the District. Math is obviously a concern, but it is not as much of a concern as Reading at this time.

Special Board Meeting: We will need to have a Special Board Meeting to discuss our tax levy. There was a general consensus to hold the meeting November 13th at 6:00 p.m.

ROE Annual Report for FY 2012: The ROE Annual Report is an informational item.

Maritz Arts and Education Fund for Teachers Grant: Mrs. Sauls successfully wrote a \$1,500 grant for a special art project utilizing our "Filling the Bucket" concept. She will be working with the students and using clay pots as the buckets.

Board Policies: We'll have the first reading at the November Board Meeting on the 27th. Meanwhile, there will be extra time to study the policies.

Regular Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Sorgea, second by Sabolo, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2012 as written. Aye: Sorgea, Sabolo, Ferguson, Green, Harding, Redden, Hartsock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

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

Flex Plan Resolution:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Harding, to approve the Flexible Benefit Plan Resolution 12-13-03. Aye: Sabolo, Harding, Green, Ferguson, Sorgea, Hartsock, Redden. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

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) the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students 5ILCS 120/2(c)(10); and (#3) 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 7:23 p.m. Aye: Sabolo, Ferguson, Redden, Green, Harding, Sorgea, Hartsock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Return from Closed Session:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Redden, to return from Closed Session at 7:55 p.m. on October 23, 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, personnel items, and a student issue were subsequently voted upon.

Executive Session Minutes of Regular Meeting:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Hartsock, to approve Executive Session Minutes of September 25, 2012 Regular Meeting. Aye: Sabolo, Hartsock, Ferguson, Redden, Harding, Sorgea, Green. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Destruction of Verbatim Tape Recordings:

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

Personnel – Employment:

Motion by Redden, second by Ferguson, to approve the employment of Mrs. Kelly Slayden as Extracurricular Sponsor for the Garden Club at Hartford Elementary effective immediately. Aye: Redden, Ferguson, Harding, Sabolo, Sorgea, Hartsock, Green. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Personnel – Substitute List:

Motion by Harding, second by Sabolo, to approve the Substitute List pursuant to receipt of acceptable FBI and State Police reports. Aye: Harding, Sabolo, Sorgea, Redden, Ferguson, Hartsock. Nay: None. Abstain: Green. Motion passed.

Personnel – Volunteer List:

Motion by Hartsock, second by Harding, to approve the Volunteer List pursuant to receipt of acceptable FBI and State Police reports. Aye: Hartsock, Harding, Sabolo, Green, Redden, Ferguson, Sorgea. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Student – Alternate Placement:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Redden, to approve the placement of LCJH Student 12/13-10-01 at CEO for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year. Aye: Ferguson, Redden, Sorgea, Sabolo, Green, Harding, Hartsock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Conference Items:

Recommendations from the Board of Education Relative to Agenda Topics for Future Consideration: Bus transportation of students and District Website information about activities and student recognition.

Administrative Review of Topics for Future Consideration: None.

Adjournment:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Ferguson, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote at 8:05 p.m. on October 23, 2012.

Rodney Green, President

ATTEST:

Sheila Sorgea, Secretary/Treasurer