

WOOD RIVER-HARTFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT #15
Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 27, 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 November 27, 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, 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, Principal Kelly Bohnenstiehl, Business Manager Carol Elliott, and Recording Secretary Ann Chandler.

Agenda:

Motion by Harding, second by Sorgea, to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion items Triple I Convention, USAgain Recycling, and BoardDocs. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by voice vote.

Guests and Visitors:

Those present were District employees Lisa Kaman-Ammon, Sheryl Ross, Erin Plumb, and Colby Sprague as well as visitor Stacy Rorie.

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. One of those items was inspection of the bleachers.

Mrs. Sorgea asked Mrs. Elliott if we were done with the bonds. Mrs. Elliott explained we were finished with 2002 and starting 2009.

Financial Report – It is too early to tell about revenue trends. We have received two payments, but the payment schedule has been changed.

Resolution – There is a resolution to borrow money from Working Cash to make the Bond payment. We have done this the last four to five years since Madison County has divided the property tax payments.

There were no questions.

Principals' Reports:

Mrs. Johnson, Principal of Hartford Elementary School, said all testing data is being reviewed to see where the students are in their subjects and how they can improve. Pre-K will have a Family Reading Night. Mrs. Johnson attended a workshop on the Pre-K grant. Hartford

collected cleaning supplies and blankets for those less fortunate. An upcoming Cornbread show will feature Hartford students giving the Pledge of Allegiance. The students also enjoyed their turkey bowl.

Mr. Begando, Principal of Lewis and Clark Junior High School, recounted the joys of being on the roof to throw the pumpkins and see if there were any left that didn't break. Mr. Begando, who does not like heights, made the sacrifice for the students, and the kids loved it. He picked up some scrap lumber so the kids can practice their building skills. Mr. Begando invited the Board to visit the LCJH Student Lounge to see the fantastic painting of the Patriot logo. The student just nailed it. We're very proud of the students. They are working in every class to get ready for the second round of testing.

Mr. Bohnenstiehl, Principal of Lewis and Clark Elementary School, said the Character Education Team is very busy. We've experienced an influx of ten students over the last two days. With those students who have moved, we're up seven. We are making sure we have the necessary supplies. We are establishing a dedicated nursing area at Lewis and Clark for the privacy of the new mothers. We will be using Dawn Tranen's current office, and she will be moved to an office nearby. This should be accomplished by next Friday. Use of our computer lab continues to increase. We are very excited with the good resources this offers. We're laying the foundation for the younger kids to learn to use the computers. Mr. Bohnenstiehl complimented the Patriot Pride students on doing an excellent job cleaning up in front of his building. So far this year, 27 displaced students have been identified at LCE and offered services after making sure to double check to see if they qualify for services. Veterans Mr. Barber and Mr. Duncan were invited to school for our recognition of Veterans Day, and both were given buckets. They commented on the good behavior of our students. Mr. Bohnenstiehl told the visitors that we are very big on respect here.

Superintendent Anderson said he enjoyed attending the Hartford Elementary assembly where the students enjoyed hearing Mr. Sprague speak.

Superintendent's Report – Items for Discussion:

Superintendent Anderson said there would be an opportunity for any of the Board members who attended the Triple I Conference in Chicago to speak about their experience before he began his discussion items. He went on to say that he learned a lot from two sessions on pensions.

Mrs. Sorgea said she would like to bring some of it back at the next meeting.

Mrs. Harding said she spent a lot of time on Common Core, and she really wondered how many teachers here are National Board certified. Mr. Anderson said there were none at this time, but we have a lot enrolled in Master's programs.

Mr. Redden said he went to legal sessions and learned a lot about the new laws.

Superintendent Anderson told the Board members that Mrs. Skinner had asked him about USAgain which is a recycling program for unwanted clothes. We would be placing another bin in the parking lot. This would not cost us, and we would earn two cents per pound. It was suggested that the clothing bin be a different color than the paper bin so there would not be any mistakes. There were no objections.

Mr. Anderson then spoke about going paperless for Board meetings. This would require the purchase of BoardDocs, but we already have laptops that can be used by Board members at the meetings. Going paperless was discussed before Mr. Anderson became Superintendent. He said it would cost approximately \$2,000 to acquire the program, but there is a donation in

place of \$500 which would lower the cost to between \$1,000 and \$1,500. He told the Board if they wanted to vote on the expenditure, they could do so at the next meeting.

Mrs. Sorgea asked how soon they would be able to see the agenda and information for the next meeting. Mr. Anderson said as soon as the agenda is posted by Ms. Chandler, it would be available. He said his previous district was paperless, and it worked very well.

Mrs. Ferguson asked about the programs she can't open. Mr. Anderson replied Mr. Edwards would help any Board member with program problems. He also said it will take Ms. Chandler, Mrs. Elliott and himself some time for training, and it probably won't be until January or February that we would be ready.

President Green said that he had not said anything to the Superintendent about this and that the Superintendent did this on his own.

Superintendent Anderson added that we will have one hard copy on hand at all times because we have to by law.

FOIA Requests: There were no FOIA requests this month.

Ten-Year Health/Life/Safety Survey and Update: Nothing new to report. As soon as everything is ready, FGM will present their findings which will hopefully be the December meeting.

Monthly Technology Update: Right now it's all about assessments. The Principals are going to give a presentation on information from the Illinois Interactive Report Card.

Mrs. Johnson began the PowerPoint presentation on ISAT data and trends with assistance from Mr. Begando and Mr. Bohnenstiehl. ISAT performance statistics were covered by different groups, (1) all students from 2007 through 2012, (2) IEP students in reading, (3) low-income students in reading, (4) IEP students in math, and (5) low-income students in math. Adequate Yearly Progress was discussed next. Our goal is to raise student achievement in reading and math across the board. A problem behavior in the elementary schools is disrespect while tardies are the leading problem in the junior high. Data drives how the offending students are handled. SWIS and Skyward data are used. Students are analyzed through the PBIS process via the universal, secondary, and problem solving team. Interventions used may be one or a combination of (1) incentive, (2) re-teaching, (3) boot camp, (4) check in and check out, (5) social groups, and (6) community resources. Our goal is to increase positive student behavior. Mrs. Johnson finished the presentation by saying that together we can make Wood River-Hartford School District a place where all students can achieve.

Superintendent Anderson told Board members they will be receiving reports on this as we are keeping a close watch on these kids.

Bus Transportation: Superintendent Anderson talked with Transportation Director Mrs. Johnson about this. Mrs. Johnson explained that we lease four buses and own one. The bus we own is a handicap one and an old dinosaur, but it's fun to drive. We have three drivers and two substitutes who run our routes. The fourth bus is used for games or if another bus breaks down. Our numbers are going up, and our routes are packed. We try to balance routes without too much disruption to the students. Our lease is up next year. Numbers are increasing. If we get a minivan, a CDL is not needed. However, when we're transporting students, it's always best to have a CDL.

Superintendent Anderson asked the Board to think about this.

President Green asked what we would do if we have three buses and one is in the shop. Mrs. Johnson replied that can become an issue if a bus is held for repairs.

Superintendent Anderson told the Board that this information was given to them so they could think about it and then sit down and try to hammer out a final plan.

District Website: The Principals have been submitting articles and pictures. Mrs. Chandler checks them and Mr. Edwards posts them. We have also had some nice newspaper articles lately.

First Reading of Board Policies: Policies 2:20, 2:30, 2:110, 2:125, 2:140-E, 2:200, 2:220, 4:45, 4:100, 4:110, 4:170, 5:30, 5:125, 6:60, 6:65, 6:110 and 6:210. Superintendent Anderson would go with Option 1 on Policy 4:170. We already have 5:125 in place so it is not necessary to update it.

Regular Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Redden, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2012 as corrected. Aye: Sabolo, Redden, Ferguson, Green, Harding, Sorgea, Hartsock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Special Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Sabolo, to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2012 as written. Aye: Ferguson, Sabolo, Hartsock, Harding, Green, Redden. Nay: None. Abstain: Sorgea. Motion passed.

Consent Agenda:

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

Board Policies:

Motion by Harding, second by Hartsock, Approve the first reading of Board Policies 2:20, 2:30, 2:110, 2:125, 2:140-E, 2:200, 2:220, 4:45, 4:100, 4:110, 4:170, 5:30, 6:60, 6:65, 6:110 and 6:210. Aye: Harding, Hartsock, Redden, Ferguson, Green, Sabolo, Sorgea. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Working Cash Loan:

Motion by Redden, second by Ferguson, to approve Resolution 12-13-05 for a Working Cash loan to Bond Fund in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. Aye: Redden, Ferguson, Sorgea, Green, Sabolo, Hartsock, Harding. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Enter into Closed Session:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Sorgea, 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); (#2) 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); (#3) 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); (#4) Discussion of 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 7:55 p.m. Aye: Sabolo, Ferguson, Redden, Green, Harding, Sorgea, Hartsock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Return from Closed Session:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Hartsock, to return from Closed Session at 8:52 p.m. on November 27, 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 Sabolo, to approve Executive Session Minutes of the October 23, 2012 Regular Meeting. Aye: Redden, Sabolo, Hartsock, Ferguson, Harding, Sorgea, Green. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Executive Session Minutes of Special Meeting:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Redden, to approve Executive Session Minutes of the November 13, 2012 Special Meeting. Aye: Ferguson, Redden, Green, Harding Hartsock, Sabolo, Sorgea. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Destruction of Verbatim Tape Recordings:

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

Personnel – Substitute List:

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

Personnel – Volunteer List:

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

Conference Items:

Recommendations from the Board of Education Relative to Agenda Topics for Future Consideration: BoardDocs, Triple I Conference Reports by Board Members, Dashboards, and Student Grade Motivation Techniques.

Administrative Review of Topics for Future Consideration: None.

Adjournment:

Motion by Ferguson, second by Sabolo, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote at 9:20 p.m. on November 27, 2012.

Rodney Green, President

ATTEST:

Sheila Sorgea, Secretary/Treasurer