

**WOOD RIVER-HARTFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT #15**  
**Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**December 18, 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 December 18, 2012 with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in the Board Room at the Lewis and Clark Complex. Amy Harding, Lena Hartsock, Susan Sabolo, Sheila Sorgea and Rodney Green answered the roll call to establish a quorum. Absent: Karen Ferguson and Darin Redden. 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 Sorgea, to approve the agenda with the addition of School Safety as a discussion item. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by voice vote.

Guests and Visitors:

Those present were District employee Duane Amistadi, Hartford Policeman John Grigg and Mike Staub of FGM.

Community/Staff Comments:

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

Truth in Taxation Public Hearing:

Business Manager Carol Elliott opened the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing at 6:32 p.m. She explained the tax levy process, maximum tax rates by fund, calculated tax rates, 2011 extension compared to 2012 tax levy and extension, timeline and steps to adoption of the aggregate levy, history of the District's EAV and filing of the Certificate of Tax Levy and Truth in Taxation documents.

There were no questions. The hearing closed at 6:39 p.m.

Business Manager's Report:

Bill List - Mrs. Elliott called attention to a misprint on the Bill List showing over \$20,000 reimbursement for her travel when the amount was actually \$208.

Financial Report – We are beginning to get federal money for lunches and breakfasts. We've received two State Aid payments. We're at approximately 77% of tax payments. It's still a little early to begin predicting anything.

Superintendent Anderson remarked that everyone is in the same situation.

There were no questions.

### Principals' Reports:

Mrs. Johnson, Principal of Hartford Elementary School, said her students were busy spreading Christmas cheer and helping decorate in the Village. Pre-K had a party held at the Community Center. In good weather, some classes walked to the Library and around the Village of Hartford. They also made cards for residents of VIP Manor.

Mr. Begando, Principal of Lewis and Clark Junior High School, announced the Students of the Month for December as Chandler Eckoff, 8<sup>th</sup> grade; Ashton Murray, 7<sup>th</sup> grade; and Jacob Mellenthin, 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The Kids of Character for December are Chantel Carver, 8<sup>th</sup> grade; Adelynn Bentley, 7<sup>th</sup> grade; and Jordan Yenne, 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The PE Stars are Joel Biesk, 8<sup>th</sup> grade; Lora Ruyle, 7<sup>th</sup> grade; and Will Malone, 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Things are running very well in the second round of testing. We love getting this data and feel like we can really make strides. Two girls from Mr. Paynic's class won a rain barrel for us in a contest sponsored by IDOT. Six bicycles will be given away in an assembly; one to a boy and one to a girl in sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Referrals have decreased. Some students participated in a Christmas Jamboree where they were served a meal and selected some gifts. Eighth graders went to the Holocaust Museum for a field trip and are learning about WWII.

Mr. Bohnenstiehl, Principal of Lewis and Clark Elementary School, said LCE's focus in December is on the Character word "caring" and Ms. Hovey's class collected 339 cans of food for Operation Blessing. Mrs. Kirkpatrick came to a Challenge Assembly and was very moved by the students. The students also presented her with one of our buckets to take back to Operation Blessing. A bucket was also presented to the Wood River Post Office. We are trying to help people understand what we are trying to do. After the events of last Friday, the Principals are looking at our safety. We will be doing everything here that we can. Mr. Kinder and Mr. Springman are commended for their hard work with their choral groups. Our teachers are looking at what needs to be done to remediate some of their students. We will keep on utilizing the data so our ISAT scores improve.

Superintendent Anderson said the Administrators are talking about where their energy should be focused. He thanked the Principals for their hard work.

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

In light of the recent violence at Newtown, safety plans and precautions were discussed. Our plans need some tweaking and we will keep on reviewing them and practicing lockdowns as well as emergency evacuations until everyone is satisfied. The Police and Fire Departments of Wood River and Hartford have worked with us and will continue to do so. Hartford Policeman John Grigg addressed safety at Hartford Elementary.

FOIA Requests: There were no FOIA requests this month.

Ten-Year Health/Life/Safety Survey and Update: Mike Staub of FGM discussed the initial findings for necessary work at Lewis and Clark Elementary, Lewis and Clark Jr. High and Hartford Elementary. Classroom door locks that can be locked from inside the classroom were also discussed.

BoardDocs: Board Members were asked to approve purchase of BoardDocs so we can have paperless Board Meetings. We will have one paper copy on file.

Board Policies – Second Reading: 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 recommended going with Option 1 on Policy 4:170. We already have 5:125 in place so it is not necessary to update it. A short discussion followed.

Triple I Conference Reports from Board Members: Mrs. Sorgea recounted the sessions she attended and the knowledge she gained at the Triple I Conference. She would have preferred to arrive earlier and asked that future reservations be a night earlier so more sessions could be attended. Mrs. Hartsock talked about the sessions she attended and congratulated the Superintendent and the Principals on the direction they are taking our District. Superintendent Anderson explained that his mantra is “How does this affect the children?” before making any decisions.

Life Skills Grant: Superintendent Anderson explained he has applied for a grant for new science books but is not sure if he will get it as the criteria keeps growing. It’s available for schools with high free/reduced lunch populations.

School Health Index Grant: This grant was approved when Interim Superintendent Jim Whiteside was in the District. Principal Johnson explained it is a grant that will help us do a better job of meeting the health needs of our students.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Gift Cards and Gifts: Superintendent Anderson thanked everyone including the Misfitz, Acropolis, Bassett Law Office, PTA, PTO and our employees who did a great job in making Christmas better for some of our students and their families. He also thanked Susan Weshinsky for putting everything together.

Student Assessment: Superintendent Anderson feels that we are getting our money’s worth from Discovery Education’s student assessment software. Examples of a recent test were shared with the Board.

Regular Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Sorgea, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 27, 2012 as written. Aye: Sabolo, Sorgea, Green, Harding, Hartsock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

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

Certificate of Tax Levy Resolution:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Green, to approve the Certificate of Tax Levy Resolution 12-13-06. Aye: Sabolo, Green, Harding, Sorgea, Hartsock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

BoardDocs:

Motion by Harding, second by Sabolo, to approve purchase of BoardDocs. Aye: Harding, Sabolo, Hartsock, Sorgea, Green. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Board Policies:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Sorgea, Approve the second 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 with Option 1, 5:30, 6:60, 6:65, 6:110 and 6:210. Aye: Sabolo, Sorgea, Green, Hartsock, Harding. Nay: None.

Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Enter into Closed Session:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Harding, 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 8:13 p.m. Aye: Sabolo, Harding, Green, Sorgea, Hartsock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Return from Closed Session:

Motion by Harding, second by Sabolo, to return from Closed Session at 9:03 p.m. on December 18, 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 PTAB settlement were subsequently voted upon.

Executive Session Minutes of Regular Meeting:

Motion by Harding, second by Sabolo, to approve Executive Session Minutes of the November 27, 2012 Regular Meeting. Aye: Harding, Sabolo, Hartsock, Sorgea, Green. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Destruction of Verbatim Tape Recordings:

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

Personnel – Substitute List:

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

Personnel – Volunteer List:

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

Olin PTAB Settlement:

Motion by Harding, second by Hartsock, to approve the Olin Settlement and Intergovernmental Agreement Resolution 12-13-07. Aye: Harding, Hartsock, Green, Sabolo, Sorgea. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Conference Items:

Recommendations from the Board of Education Relative to Agenda Topics for Future Consideration: None.

Administrative Review of Topics for Future Consideration: None.

Adjournment:

Motion by Sabolo, second by Hartsock, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote at 9:07 p.m. on December 18, 2012.

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Rodney Green, President

ATTEST:

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Sheila Sorgea, Secretary/Treasurer