

**COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 46
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2011**

The Regular Board of Education Meeting of the Community Consolidated School District 46, Lake County, Illinois was held at Grayslake Middle School located at 440 Barron Blvd., Grayslake, IL on Wednesday, January 19, 2011.

President Mary Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **Members**

Present:

Mary Garcia, Sue Facklam, Colleen Wade, Michael Carbone, Karen Weinert, and Ray Millington.

Member absent: Keith Surroz.

Quorum was established.

Also present: Superintendent Ellen Correll, Assistant Superintendent Lynn Barkley, and Chief School Business Official David Tylavsky.

President Garcia called for a motion to approve the January 19, 2011 Board Meeting Agenda. Motion was made by Facklam, seconded by Millington for the approval of the January 19, 2011 Board Meeting Agenda as presented. **Ayes:** Millington, Garcia, Facklam, Wade, Weinert, and Carbone. **Nays:** None. Member absent: Surroz. **Motion carried.**

The Pledge of Allegiance took place at this time.

Presentation by the Frederick School Band & Chorus.

Under the instructions of Mr. Aaron Mulder and Mr. Eric Rivera, The Frederick School Band and Chorus were invited to perform at the Board of Education Meeting. The songs performed by the Chorus were *Blame it on the Boogie* by The Jackson 5 and *Bridge Over Troubled Water* by Simon & Garfunkel. The Band played *Parade of the Gladiators* by William Owens and *March of the Men of Harlech* by Welsh Air.

President Garcia requested a motion for the approval of the January 19, 2011, Consent Agenda to include the minutes for December 21, 2010 Special Closed Session Meeting and the January 5, 2011 Open Session Meeting. Accounts Payable as presented, Exception Register Summary for the January 14, 2011 payroll as presented. The December 2010 Treasurers Report as presented, December 2010 Revenue Report as presented, and the December 2010 Expenditure Report as presented and Personnel Report as presented. Motioned by Facklam, seconded by Weinert for the approval of the January 19, 2011 Consent Agenda as stated. **Ayes:** Wade, Carbone, Garcia, Weinert, Facklam and

Millington. **Nays:** None. **Abstain:** Garcia. Member absent: Surroz. **Motion carried.**

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS:

President Garcia stated as promised, the Board would be bringing more children focus/educational focus to the meetings and thank you to the Frederick Band and Chorus.

Board Member Carbone commented on a carry over from the last meeting, which President Garcia stated a great initiative for the Board to spotlight some of the positive works in the buildings. He further shared he had the opportunity to visit at Prairieview and the Middle School. Board Member Carbone spoke on the creativity throughout the building and the community feeling that he received while at Prairieview. While visiting with Principal Smith at the Middle School he found out that the staff and students took up a collection and made a donation to the Round Lake Food Pantry for the holidays. Board Member Carbone stated that these are the things that need to be heard and seen with regards to the District. He is going to start visiting the buildings more often.

President Garcia added that Superintendent Correll has asked the principals if their buildings have anything going on in their buildings, to contact the Tribune Local and the Daily Herald.

Board Member Wade thanked the Board Members for reaching out to her and helping her to get settled, she really appreciates their help. She stated she had the opportunity to attend a PTO meeting at Meadowview and it reminded her of how the PTO does so much in the District and a thank you for all they do.

Board Member Facklam reiterated her thank you to Mr. Mulder and Mr. Rivera for the Band and Chorus performance and how the student's did a wonderful job. She also did an impromptu visit at Woodview and was given a tour by Principal Morgan. The school is building a street like downtown Grayslake and one of the parents asked Home Depot if they would make a donation and presented their list and Home Depot supplied them with everything on the list! Thank you to Home Depot.

Superintendent Correll stated to Board Member Weinert that she hoped her foot was getting better and said happy birthday to Lourie.

Superintendent Correll informed the Members that two staff members from Meadowview received a Trustmark Impact Educator Grant. Both grants are to support the Monday Morning Fitness Program and the PE Program at Meadowview. Ms. Joan Ramotar received \$1,000.00, and Mike Kolar, and Chris Ramlow received \$959.73.

Superintendent Correll informed Board Member Wade that she, David, and Lynn are working on the fact sheet and they hope to have it completed within a week for her to review and then present to the Board. Also, Sue, Mike, David and Superintendent Correll met this week to review the budget process. A handout was provided for Board review. Superintendent Correll briefly explained the groups and their responsibilities would be. The groups are Finance, Steering, and the Oversight. The process will also include the Leadership Team, which are the administrators of the district. Also included on the handout was a list of needs. Discussion followed, which included the Board as a whole being a part of the process.

The Superintendent closed her comments with a letter of congratulations from the Illinois Positive Behavior Intervention System Support Network, which recognized all seven of the District's school for one of five levels of implementation achievement during the 2009/2010 school year. Each school will receive a letter of recognition along with a window decal. Congratulations to the buildings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Garcia read the newly revised Public Comment Sheet, which would give clarification as to why the Board Members do not answer questions during public comment.

Shannon Smigielski – Smigielski started out by stated she appreciated what President Garcia had just read and was actually glad to hear that the Board is trying to change the current image that is out there. She further stated that she wanted to clarify a couple of things from her perspective. She stated Board Members needed to listen and acknowledge everyone and not just those that agree with the Board. At the December 8th Tax Levy Hearing there was over 70 people in attendance and of those in attendance 11 people spoke and only three people had comments listed on their names and they were all in agreeance with the Boards decision. She further stated that the Board collectively left off the majority and asked the question – “What kind of message is that sending?” Ms. Smiegielski stated that by the Board categorically dismissing the majority, it sends a horrible message.

Kip Evans – Mr. Evans stated that he had a comment and wanted to ask a simple question. He addressed the Members regarding transparency and the Board having a policy on transparency.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Cell Phone Policy Review

Superintendent Correll stated that she had been in contact with the attorney for the District and was advised against a policy but instead a “work rule”. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on Developer Donations Fund

David presented the Members with a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the Developer Donations Fund (Presentation Attached). The value of donations was \$3,116,367.42 and this amount is invested by PMA.

Review of Quarterly Budget

David presented the Members with a PowerPoint Presentation with the status of the Quarterly Budget. His recommendation was to move the funds from O&M to Capital Funds (Presentation Attached).

Discussion Kindergarten Fees for 2011-21

Superintendent Correll stated that the kindergarten fees had not been increased in a few years and currently they are at \$100.00. The increase presented was for \$25.00. Discussion followed which included why raise the fees if it's not that great of a revenue increase and what would the fees go towards.

Development of Budget Parameters

Superintendent presented the parameters of 2008. The Members reviewed each one and discussed the changes.

Discussion Regarding Need for Policy on Website and Content

Vice President Facklam provided a handout for everyone to review and discussion followed.

Discussion Regarding need for Policy on Handling of Closed Session Tapes

Attorney Gordon provided information for the Members to use as a guide or starting point.

Regarding Recommendation for Facilities Engineer Consultant

Information was provided in each board packet for the Members to review. Discussion followed which included the question as to why there is a need for a Facility Consult.

Update on FOIA Requests

Superintendent Correll asked Lourie to report the information. Since December 17, 2010, the District has received FOIA request from Bob Susjanara, Shannon Smigielski, and Mary Jane Lucas.

Call Reach Discussion

Superintendent Correll explained the process of the service and the cost. She recommended the service be maintained for emergency purposes only. Discussion followed.

Future Agenda Items

- PMA
- Facility Process
- Kindergarten Fees

Public comments. None.

The Members were reminded that the February 2nd board meeting would begin at 6:00 p.m. at Grayslake Middle School.

President Garcia requested a motion to adjourn open session and enter into closed session at 9:50 p.m. in accordance with 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) for the purpose of discussing information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the district, and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), The setting of a price for sale or lease property owned by the public body. Motioned by Facklam, seconded by Weinert for the adjournment of the January 19, 2011 Board Meeting as stated. Ayes: Weinert, Garcia, Carbone, Wade, Millington, and Facklam. **Nays:** None. Member absent: Surroz. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

MARY GARCIA, Board President

LOURIE SHIPLEY, Recording Secretary