

COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 46

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

SEPTEMBER 7, 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, September 7, 2011.

President Millington called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. **Members Present:** Ray Millington, Keith Surroz, Sue Facklam, Michael Carbone, Karen Weinert, Shannon Smigielski, and Kip Evans. **Member absent:** None. Also present: Superintendent Ellen Correll, Assistant Superintendent Lynn Barkley and Chief School Business Officer Todd Covault.

Quorum was established.

President Millington called for a motion for the approval of the September 7, 2011 Board Meeting Agenda. Member Facklam requested an amendment to the agenda to include discussions in closed session for personnel under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and security under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8). Motion was made by Facklam, seconded by Smigielski for the approval of the September 7, 2011 Board Meeting Agenda to include the amendment as stated. **Ayes:** Millington, Evans, Facklam, Smigielski, Surroz, Weinert, and Carbone. **Nays:** None. Member absent: None. **Motion carried.**

The Pledge of Allegiance took place at this time.

President Millington requested a motion for the adjournment of open session and enter into closed session at 6:35 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, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8), the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property, and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) when an action against, affecting. Or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending in a court... Motioned by Facklam, seconded by Weinert for the adjournment of open session to enter into closed session as stated. **Ayes:** Smigielski, Facklam, Weinert, Millington, Evans, Carbone, and Surroz. **Nays:** None. Member absent: None. **Motion carried.**

Motioned by Surroz, seconded by Evans to return to Open Session at 7:25 p.m. **Ayes:** Surroz, Weinert, Evans, Carbone, Smigielski, Millington, and Facklam. **Nays:** None. Member absent: None. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS. After President Millington read the public comment statement the following members of the audience addressed the Board Members.

Colleen Wade – Ms. Wade requested the status of the complaints that are now with Judge Tonigan. She also requested the Board to report out the timeline and progress of negotiations and suggested to the Board that the decision regarding the extension of the Superintendent’s contract be made with what is relevant and consider academics and student achievement.

Dee Georgou – Ms. Georgou stated she is a school board member in Lake County and she has been visiting other district’s school board meetings. She read an email and expressed her concerns regarding the extension of the Superintendent’s contract.

Lisa Jarratt – Ms. Jarratt read a statement and shared her concerns regarding the extension of the Superintendent’s contract.

David Shriberg – Expressed his support for the extension of the Superintendent’s contract and shared his concerns regarding the lack of impact the emails have on the children of the district. He requested the Board to vote on what actually matters.

Lennie Jarratt – Mr. Jarratt stated Superintendent Correll spoke with her own attorney after the last board meeting and questioned her reasons for doing so. He read some more emails and asked Superintendent Correll why was she working with other board members by researching to have a board member removed from the board and asked the question who does the additional email findings go to regarding new evidence against the Superintendent.

President Millington requested a motion for the approval of the September 7, 2011 Consent Agenda to include the board meeting minutes for August 10 2011 both Open & Closed Session. Imprest Check Listings for July 2011 as presented, Accounts Payable as presented, Exception Register Summary as presented, Budget Summary as presented, Treasurer’s Report for July 2011 as presented, P-Card Report for July 2011, and the Personnel Report to include the addendum as presented. Motioned by Facklam, seconded by Surroz for the approval of the September 7, 2011 Consent Agenda as stated. **Ayes:** Smigielski, Millington, Carbone, Evans, Surroz, Weinert, and Facklam. **Nays:** None. Member absent: None. **Motion carried.**

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS:

Board Member Facklam stated she attended the new teachers orientation and also the teachers institute day. She informed everyone that she had requested a young lady by the name of Parker Lawson to come and share the speech she read at the staff opening first day. Ms. Lawson is a recent ex-student of D46 with a prior commitment and was not able to attend tonight’s meeting and so Ms. Facklam read excerpts from her speech. Also, because of grant monies and technology expenditures Avon School had iPads. Thank you to Mr. Timmons

who is a technology specialist at Park Campus. Over the summer, Mr. Timmons created a training, which was provided Avon and other technology specialist with the training. Board Member Facklam had the opportunity to sit in on some of the training.

President Millington reported that on Wednesday, August 31st the Board of Education had a self-evaluation workshop with Illinois Associations of School Board Representative Barbara Toney. President Millington felt the workshop was good and he read a follow up letter from Ms. Toney.

Board Member Evans thanked the Board for he and Member Smigielski's attendance at the workshop in Springfield. Member Evans de-briefed the Members on parts of the workshop. He further stated that Superintendent Correll was very accommodating to him when he was first seated on the board. He agreed with President Millington that the workshop with Ms. Toney was good. He also shared his thoughts and concerns regarding the new email information and stated that he would be voting no for the extension of the Superintendent's contract.

Board Member Smigielski stated she also felt the presenters at the Springfield conference did an outstanding job. However, she also had to agree with Board Member Evans and vote no for the extension of the renewal of the Superintendent's contract.

President Carbone asked exactly what did Kevin Gordon have with regards to the emails that stemmed from a previous FOIA request. He also wanted to know how much was paid to Scariano and Himes on the emails and why would the attorney for the District not have all of the information, where are the emails. He also asked Superintendent Correll did she in fact spend district time trying to have a board member removed from office.

Board Member Weinert made a motion to enter into closed session at 8:12 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, seconded by Surroz return to closed session as stated. **Ayes:** Millington, Smigielski, Surroz, Facklam, and Wienert. **Nays:** Carbone and Evans. Member absent: None. **Motion carried.**

Motioned by Facklam to return to Open Session as 8:30 p.m., seconded Weinert. **Ayes:** Smigielski, Facklam, Weinert, Millington, Evans, Carbone, and Surroz. **Nays:** None. Member absent: None. **Motion carried.**

I. SIP PLAN PRESENTATIONS

At this time Mrs. Barkley presented information regarding the process and reasons for SIP Plans and presented the SIP Plan for Avon School. Each building principal presented their own SIP Plan to the Board Members.

Board Member Surroz exited the meeting at 8:49 p.m. and returned at 8:51 p.m.
Board Member Facklam exited the meeting at 8:50 p.m. and returned at 8:53 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

School Breakfast Cost Increase

Mr. Covault reiterated to the Board that with an increase in the cost to \$1.50, the District would recapture funds necessary to pay for the individual breakfast meals received and pay for overhead associated with the program.

Transparency Policy

Each board packet was provided with an updated list of the items showing what would be included in the policy for posting. The Members discussed who would be responsible for posting the documents and having Kevin Gordon work on the details of putting the document into the correct policy format. Discussion followed.

Superintendent Contract Extension

President Millington lead by stating that he felt Superintendent Correll had done a great job in light of some difficult situations that were proven by the presentation of the SIP Plans and that she is deserving of the extension.

Discussion Regarding the 2011/12 Draft Budget

Mr. Covault reminded everyone that the budget hearing is scheduled for September 21st, 6:30 p.m. at Meadowview School. This has been posted on the district web page and with the newspaper via legal notices. Mr. Covault updated the budget draft from the previous meeting. The Members discussed different ways to ensure the community is aware of the hearing and forwarding an invitation to the public/community for attendance. Discussion followed.

ACTION ITEMS

President Millington requested approval for the school breakfast increase from \$1.28 to \$1.50. Motioned by Facklam, seconded by Surroz to increase the breakfast cost to \$1.50. **Ayes:** Weinert, Millington, Surroz, Facklam, Carbone, Evans, and Smigielski. **Nays:** None. Member absent: None. **Motion carried.**

President Millington requested approval of the extension of contract for Superintendent Correll ending June 30, 2013. Motioned by Weinert, seconded by Surroz for the approval of the extension of Superintendent Correll's contract. Said extension ends June 30, 2012. **Ayes:** Facklam, Surroz, Weinert, and Millington. **Nays:** Carbone, Smigielski, and Evans. None. Member absent: None. **Motion carried.**

Future Agenda Items

- Summer Projects
- Book Bridge
- Budget
- Transparency Policy
- Technology Plan
- Bonds
- Finance Committee Continuance
- Classroom Capacity
- Legal Council out for bid

The Members discussed reinstatement of the Finance Committee

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Dee Georgou. Ms. Georgou complimented the district's awesome and wonderful website! She also thanked the Board for conducting their business so openly. She continued by addressing the comment that was previously made regarding people using the children as a screen.

Lennie Jarratt. Mr. Jarratt made a request for the Technology Committee to start back up and again asked for an answer as to what would the Board like for him to do with the additional evidence he has discovered. He also asked, how many former school board members and family members are working in the district.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Millington requested a motion to adjourn the September 7, 2011 Board Meeting at 11:05 p.m. Motioned by Facklam, seconded by Evans for the adjournment of the Board meeting as stated. **Ayes:** Weinert, Millington, Surroz, Facklam, Carbone, Evans, and Smigielski. **Nays:** None. Member absent: None. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

RAY MILLINGTON, Board President

LOURIE SHIPLEY, Recording Secretary