

**COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 46  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
NOVEMBER 7, 2012**

The Regular Board of Education Meeting of the Community Consolidated School District 46, Lake County, Illinois was held at Grayslake Middle School, located 440 N. Barron Blvd., Grayslake, IL on Wednesday, November 7, 2012.

President Millington called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. **Members Present:** Ray Millington, Keith Surroz, Michael Carbone, Kip Evans, Shannon Smigielski, and Karen Weinert. **Member absent:** Sue Facklam.

**Quorum was established.**

Also present: Superintendent Ellen Correll, Business Manager Anna Kasprzyk, and O & M Coordinator Keith Grinnell.

Pledge of Allegiance took place at this time.

President Millington called a motion for the approval of the November 7, 2012 Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Motioned by Smigielski and seconded by Surroz for the approval of the November 7, 2012 agenda. **Yeas:** Weinert, Millington, Smigielski, Surroz, Evans, and Carbone. **Nays:** None. **Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

President Millington requested a motion for the approval of the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approval of the following minutes:
  - October 17, 2012 – Open Session
  - October 17, 2012 – Special Board Meeting
  - October 17, 2012 – Closed Session
2. Approval of Exception Registers
3. Accounts Payable as presented
4. Personnel Report as presented

Motion was made by Smigielski and seconded by Evans for the approval of the consent agenda as presented. **Yeas:** Carbone, Weinert, Millington, Evans, Smigielski, and Surroz. **Nays:** None. **Motion carried.**

## **BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

**Member Smigielski** stated that the staff at Grayslake Middle School is doing a great job. She appreciated the note that was sent home to parents with positive feedback.

**Superintendent Correll** updated Board Members regarding negotiations. We have spent approximately \$45,000 on negotiations. Superintendent Correll was asked if we could include the public in the negotiation meetings. It was agreed between the union and negotiation teams to keep it confidential at the start of these meetings. Also shared that she interviewed six candidates this week for the Curriculum Coordinator position. She will have a recommendation for the Board at the next meeting.

**Keith Grinnell** gave an update on the Rt. 83 project. He attended a meeting in Libertyville regarding this project. He will have more details to bring to the Board in March. It will be approximately eight years before anything is started.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Insurance/benefits comparison**

Board members received a report showing the different insurance comparisons that have been presented. Board members stated that they would like a report that's more about the costs. The next step is talking to the insurance committee and meet with the union before bringing it back to the Board. The report will be reformatted to show cost and **Superintendent Correll** will set up an appointment with the union.

### **Budget cuts lists - Superintendent Correll**

Superintendent Correll presented a list of budget cuts from previous meetings and gave an update on each area and asked if Board members would like to proceed with these budget cut areas. The list includes the following areas:

- Close a school – time frame is one to two years.
- Substitute pay.
- Bus options/reduce hazardous routes.
- Year round school – it would increase costs.
- Grade level centers – still researching.
- Eliminate textbooks – three to five years out. Ipads would replace textbooks. The \$356,000 in curriculum budget was carried over from last year. Current curriculum balance includes this \$356,000, but was not increased by this additional amount. Board members discussed curriculum money and what it should cover.
- ESY Program (summer program) – cannot eliminate this program because it is part of students' IEPs. If the program were converted to 60 hours (state mandated), the state would pay per child. Heather Lorenzo will continue to investigate this option.

- Increase registration fees – not in favor of this option.
- Add kitchen facilities – currently use Preferred Meals and food is prepared off site. It would cost more if done in-house. We are breaking even on meal costs currently so we will not pursue this option.
- Increase building usage rental – increased amounts were presented to the Board. These increases would be about \$17,000 more per year.
- Superintendent Insurance Benefits – Superintendent Correll will give back \$11,000 to the district in benefit costs.
- Cut in supply cost – Principals will ask staff to use white paper only to cover shelves for summer months, as white paper rolls are less expensive than colored paper rolls.
- Reduce/eliminate mileage reimbursement for staff – current cost for the district is \$12,000. Will continue to look into other options (i.e. leasing cars).
- Health insurance – will continue to look at ways of reducing costs.
- Reduce cell phone cost – district has already made these reductions.
- P-Cards – District does receive a small revenue on the current P-Cards. Will check into other companies to see if there are other companies that pay a higher interest rate.
- Legal fees – after negotiations the District will obtain bids for other legal council.
- Stipends – amounts are controlled by the union negotiations.
- No Travel/Conferences – will continue to look into this area.
- Grant Writer – will continue to investigate this option.
- Cost of Special Education – will continue to try and decrease in this area.
- Printing – District has 14 copiers that the lease will be up in January. Currently looking at other lease options but does not have a specific amount yet.
- Bank Fees – District has already reduced these fees.
- Newspaper subscriptions for the District have been eliminated.
- Reduction in staff – will start to look at staffing in January.

### **Continued discussion regarding 1999 bonds**

The Board continued a discussion about how to handle the proceeds from the 1999 bonds. The options are to keep the money and use it for capital projects such as Life Safety requirements, etc., abate the money, or defease the money. On a \$200,000 home, each taxpayer would receive an approximate \$87 reduction on their tax bill due to abatement.

### **Superintendent contract extension**

There was no further discussion regarding the contract extension.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Route 83 revenue – what should it be used for**

The revenue on this project is a one-time fee for \$63,800 in March 2013.

Board members discussed areas where this money could be spent including air conditioning for Meadowview and Woodview schools or toward the traffic problem at Park Campus, which is a safety issue. The money has to be placed in the O & M budget.

**Update on Grant Writer**

A grant writer would cost about \$9,900 every quarter. **Superintendent Correll** will bring more information to the Board.

**ELL Assistant change to ELL Teacher (.5) – paid for by grant**

Due to an increase in student numbers, the current .5 ELL Assistant will change to a .5 ELL Teacher.

**Private school SLP**

District currently hires a contracted speech person to address the special education needs at our private school. Salary for this contract comes out of a grant.

**District PT contract**

District lost a PT person at the end of last year. The previous PT is being contracted out for this position.

**ACTION ITEMS**

President Millington requested a motion for the approval of Superintendent's Contract Extension through June 30, 2014. Motioned by Weinert and seconded by Surroz for the approval of Superintendent's Contract Extension. **Yeas:** Surroz, Weinert, and Millington. **Nays:** Carbone, Smigielski, and Evans. **Motion failed due to lack of a majority.**

President Millington requested a motion for the approval of the Private School SLP contract as presented. Motioned by Weinert and seconded by Smigielski for the approval of the Private School SLP contract. **Yeas:** Millington, Surroz, Carbone, Evans, Smigielski, and Weinert. **Nay:** None. **Motion carried.**

President Millington requested a motion for the approval of the PT contract as presented. Motioned by Surroz and seconded by Smigielski for the approval of the PT contract. **Yeas:** Weinert, Millington, Smigielski, Surroz, Evans, and Carbone. **Nay:** None. **Motion carried.**

**Future Agenda Items**

- PMA Presentation
- First look at the Levy presentation
- New Teacher Evaluations

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chrystie Ortega, Park parent – Please keep students foremost. Closing a school and curriculum cuts are not what is best for the students.

**ADJOURNMENT/CLOSED SESSION**

Motioned by Smigielski and seconded by Evans for the adjournment of open session to enter into Closed Session at 7:37 p.m. in accordance with **Open Meetings Act - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)** “Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives.” **5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)** The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. **Yeas:** Carbone, Weinert, Millington, Evans, Smigielski, and Surroz. **Nay:** None. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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**RAY MILLINGTON**, Board President

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**KAREN SENASE**, Recording Secretary