

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 46, held January 5, 2009 at Grayslake Middle School, 440 N Barron Blvd., Grayslake, IL

CALL TO

ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Linder.

ROLL CALL: Linder, Facklam, Weinert, Rohrer and Garcia. Coe Peek was present for the first half of the meeting via speakerphone. Hannan was absent. Supt. Ellen Correll was also present.

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIENCE: The Pledge of Allegiance took place at this time.

APPROVAL

OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Weinert to approve the agenda for 1/5/09, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

Linder – aye	Facklam - aye
Weinert – aye	Rohrer - aye
Coe Peek – absent	Hannan – absent
Garcia – aye	

5 ayes 0 nays 2 absent Motion Carried.

**CLOSED
SESSION:**

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Garcia to move into Closed Session at 7:35 p.m. to consider information regarding appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the district & collective negotiating matters between the district and its employees or their representatives. A roll call vote was taken:

Linder – aye	Facklam - aye
Weinert – aye	Rohrer - aye
Coe Peek – absent	Hannan – absent
Garcia – aye	

5 ayes 0 nays 2 absent Motion Carried.

**OPEN
SESSION:**

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Linder to return to open session at 7:49 p.m. A roll call vote was taken:

Linder – aye	Facklam - aye
Weinert – aye	Rohrer - aye
Coe Peek – absent	Hannan – absent
Garcia – aye	

5 ayes 0 nays 2 absent Motion Carried.

BOND

DISCUSSION:

A discussion with Liz Hennessy, William Blair and Company representative, took place at this time. Liz reviewed defeasance options with the Board. The Board discussed their past intent regarding the bond money, as well as possibilities for that money in the near future.

PUBLIC

COMMENT:

Public comment was offered and ended at 8:30 p.m. No comments were offered.

CONSENT

AGENDA:

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Weinert to approve the consent agenda for 1/5/09 including; accounts payable, exceptions register summary & personnel report w/ addendum, as presented.

Amounts paid from each fund are as follows:

- Education Fund - \$170,641.35
- O & M Fund - \$12,352.90
- Transportation Fund - \$245,708.12
- Capital Improvements - \$591,952.90
- Total - \$1,020,655.27

A roll call vote was taken:

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| Linder – aye | Facklam - aye |
| Weinert – aye | Rohrer - aye |
| Coe Peek – absent | Hannan – absent |
| Garcia – aye | |

5 ayes 0 nays 2 absent Motion Carried.

BOARD/SUPT.

REPORTS:

Mary Garcia shared Board Evaluation and Superintendent of School information from the IASB Workshop she attended with fellow Board members.

Sue Facklam shared that she attended a technology meeting and stated that another meeting will be scheduled in order to have a more complete discussion regarding what our current needs are.

Supt. Correll shared the freedom of information requests for the month of January: Lennie Jarratt requested electronic copies of 11/10/08, 12/8/08, 12/9/08, 12/16/08, & 12/17/08 board packets. He also requested a screenshot of Ellen Correll's email inbox.

Supt. Correll stated that Avon’s updated lunch schedule was successful and went smoothly.

Supt. Correll stated that Avon is continuing to have water problems and a meeting with the architect will be scheduled to see what the architect's suggestions are.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Review of Progress on Board Goals

“State of the State” Brochure

Ellen shared examples of flyers that other Districts send to the community. The Board discussed the possibility of having a newsletter online verses mailing, and keeping a hard copy at the library and in the District Office for those who do not have access to a computer. Supt. Correll was asked to look at how much the high school spends on their flyers. The Board will continue this discussion at the next meeting, and will identify what the purpose of this newsletter will be.

Board Member Binder

The Board agreed that they are fairly complete with the board member binder.

Parent Involvement Workshops

The Board discussed the possibility of having educational workshops available for parents. The Board agreed to possibly survey the teachers to see what kinds of workshops they feel would be helpful to the parents in their school.

Board Meeting Location

The Board agreed to look into the possibility of having Board meetings at a village hall or another public facility. Supt. Correll will look into the costs with the local villages.

Board Focus on “End Result”; Administration on “Means”

It was discussed that having this goal will help Board members and Supt. Correll remind themselves, as well as each other, to focus on the end result and not the means.

Continued Budget Discussion

Supt. Correll shared that she met with Lynn, Brad, Mary, Kathy, and Sarah over winter break in order to brainstorm cost savings ideas. Supt. Correll stated that the list presented to the Board is a draft. She stated that District Office Administrators reviewed the next three years to see what absolutely needs to be done. Supt. Correll stated that the ideas they came up with were focused on maintaining and improving the quality of education.

Supt. Correll asked the Board if they would be willing to have a special meeting with the building administrators to discuss building cost saving ideas. The Board asked Supt. Correll to move forward in scheduling this meeting.

Bussing Discussion

Brad Goldstein shared the District current bus route schedule. It appears that the District can currently cut two routes while maintaining similar student counts on these routes. In the next week, Brad will be sending out an RFP for bussing and will be requesting a discussion on bussing at the end of February.

Review of Policies

Sue Facklam presented the first reading of policy 6:60. The Board reviewed policies 2:80e, 2:220, 4:60, 4:70, 5:905, 5:150, 5:240, 5:290, 6:10, 6:120, 6:230, 7:20, 7:50, 7:210, and 7:230.

Sue gave a second reading on policies 4:20, 4:50, 4:55, 4:80, and 6:210.

Review of all Contracts in the District, including Policy 4:60

Supt. Correll shared two binders full of various contracts that the District has on file. Supt. Correll gave examples of the types of contracts the District currently has, and asked for guidance regarding facilities usage forms. The Board asked Supt. Correll to touch base with the District lawyer regarding facilities usage forms and if they are to be considered a contract.

Discussion of Resolution of Negative Balancers in Treasurer's Report

Brad stated that he and Anna have compiled a draft resolution to get the balance above zero. Brad stated that he would have this available at the next meeting.

Discussion of Curriculum Renewals

Supt. Correll reviewed the health, music, and art curriculum adoption proposals with the Board. Kathy Ellison explained that the proposed adoptions for health, music, and art were a two-year process, and that the Board approved curriculum renewal process was followed.

Discussion of Middle School Washington DC Trip

Supt. Correll stated that the District would like to post on the web that the Washington DC Trip is a District 46 sponsored event. Supt. Correll stated that this trip is not a cost to the District because the fee students' pay covers the cost of the entire trip. The Board gave their consensus to have this posted.

Monthly Enrollment Report

Supt. Correll shared that we are down by 4 students compared to this time last year.

Future Agenda Item

State of the State

PMA

Technology

Contracts

Bonds

Policies

Washington Trip

Transportation

Curriculum

Transparency

**ACTION
ITEMS:**

**APPROVAL
OF CHECK
COLLECTION
AGENCY:**

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Weinert to approve the check collection agency Bottom Line Services, Div. of RBF Services, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

Linder – aye	Facklam - aye
Weinert – aye	Rohrer - aye
Coe Peek – absent	Hannan – absent
Garcia – aye	

5 ayes 0 nays 2 absent Motion Carried.

**APPROVAL
OF POLICIES
PRESENTED:**

A motion was made by Garcia and seconded by Facklam to approve policies 4:20, 4:50, 4:55, 4:80 and 6:210, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

Linder – aye	Facklam - aye
Weinert – aye	Rohrer - aye
Coe Peek – absent	Hannan – absent
Garcia – aye	

5 ayes 0 nays 2 absent Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT:**

Public comment was offered at 10:13 p.m.

Sarah Waters congratulated the Board regarding the opening of the Avon addition. She mentioned that she likes the way Frederick does their Friday Flyer and suggested the Board model that format if they decided to move forward with a newsletter. Sarah stated she does not feel there would be a good turn out for the workshops the Board is suggesting because it does not involve direct student participation. Sarah stated that she does not feel it would improve Board meeting attendance if the Board started to have meetings at village halls.

Public comment closed at 10:15 p.m.

**CLOSED
SESSION:**

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Garcia to move into Closed Session at 10:16 p.m. to consider information regarding appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the district & collective negotiating matters between the district and its employees or their representatives. A roll call vote was taken:

Linder – aye
Weinert – aye
Coe Peek – absent
Garcia – aye

Facklam - aye
Rohrer - aye
Hannan – absent

5 ayes 0 nays 2 absent Motion Carried.

**OPEN
SESSION:**

A motion was made by Linder and seconded by Rohrer to return to open session at 10:55 p.m. A roll call vote was taken:

Linder – aye
Weinert – aye
Coe Peek – absent
Garcia – aye

Facklam - aye
Rohrer - aye
Hannan – absent

5 ayes 0 nays 2 absent Motion Carried.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Garcia to adjourn at 10:55 p.m. A roll call vote was taken:

Linder – aye
Weinert – aye
Coe Peek – absent
Garcia – aye

Facklam - aye
Rohrer - aye
Hannan – absent

5 ayes 0 nays 2 absent Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawna Desecki, Secretary

Mike Linder, President

The Superintendent recommends approval of the 1/5/09 Personnel Report w/addendum, as presented.

Leave of Absence Request

Kathleen Strott - WV Psychologist

Resignation

Susan Brom - Park Program Asst.

Appointment

Jessica Damore - Park Program Asst.