

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 46, held on February 4, 2008 at Grayslake Middle School, 440 N. Barron Blvd., Grayslake, IL

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Linder.

ROLL CALL: Linder, Facklam, Hannan, Weinert and Garcia. Rohrer arrived at 7:05 p.m. Coe Peek was absent. Supt. Ellen Correll, Dan Aggen and Lynn Barkley were also present.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Garcia and seconded by Facklam to approve the agenda for 2/4/08, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

Linder – aye	Facklam - aye
Weinert – aye	Rohrer - absent
Coe Peek – absent	Hannan – aye
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 7:02 p.m. to consider information regarding collective negotiating matters between the School Board and its employees or their representatives. A roll call vote was taken:

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

5 ayes 0 nays 2 absent Motion Carried.

OPEN SESSION: A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Garcia to return to open session at 7:39 p.m. A roll call vote was taken:

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

6 ayes 0 nays 1 absent Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was offered at 7:41 p.m.

Denise Medina shared that she would prefer to see smaller classes sizes rather than the District purchase more computers. Denise suggested that money to purchase computers would be well spent for the upper grades, but strongly encouraged the Board to consider reducing class sizes.

Paula Forman thanked the board for being fiscally responsible and bringing back programs. Paula requested that the board consider the environment the students are in, and to make the reduction of class size a priority.

Jason Moran requested the Board to consider the size of the grade level of students when planning for the next school year. Jason stated that classrooms with thirty students are not conducive to learning; especially at Avon because the classrooms are physically smaller compared to the other schools. Jason requested that the board consider reducing class sizes at Avon.

Public comment closed at 7:47 p.m.

CONSENT
AGENDA:

A motion was made by Rohrer and seconded by Facklam to approve the consent agenda for 2/4/08 including the minutes of 1/7/08, 1/10/08, 1/14/08, 1/22/08 & 1/28/08; accounts payable & personnel report w/addendum, as presented.

Amounts paid from each fund are as follows:

Education Fund - \$362,017.97
O & M Fund - \$200,880.40
Transportation Fund - \$3,600.00
IMRF/Social Security Fund - \$28.59
Capital Improvements - \$18,354.85
Total - \$584,881.81

A roll call vote was taken:

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

6 ayes 0 nays 1 absent Motion Carried.

BOARD/SUPT.
REPORTS:

Jill Rohrer complimented the efficiency of the phone system that calls staff and students of District 46 to give important announcements such as school cancellation.

Mark Hannan shared that he had the opportunity to attend the DARE graduation at Frederick and stated that it went very well.

Mark thanked John Lubrich and the custodial staff for keeping the parking lots and sidewalks cleared, despite the salt shortage in the area.

Sue Facklam congratulated Carrie Yeaman, Social Worker at Woodview School, for being awarded \$1,000 in grant money that she applied for.

Mike Linder shared that he attended a legal seminar on Saturday and stated it was very informative.

Supt. Correll stated that the administration would continue to review all information before closing school on bad weather days. Supt. Correll mentioned that when making the decision to close school, the first priority is always ensuring the safety of staff and students.

Supt. Correll stated that she and Karen Weinert have reviewed options for timing and the facilitator for the board self-evaluation. Karen will be getting back to the board with information once it is compiled.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Presentation on Procurement Cards – Dr. Everett

Dr. Everett, a representative from the Illinois Association of School Board Officials, presented information regarding procurement cards and how they could be helpful for District 46. It was mentioned that the concept behind the procurement card is to streamline the purchasing and payment process for school districts. Dr. Everett stated that the procurement card would reduce paperwork, and reduce costs associated with the time it takes to process the paperwork. Dr. Everett stated that there is no cost to the district to set up this system, and there is a rebate option.

There was a question and answer session at this time. This discussion will continue at a future Board meeting.

7-8 Grade Language Arts Presentation & Proposal

Kathy Ellison, Curriculum Coordinator, and members of the 7-8 Language Arts Committee presented their proposal for the language arts curriculum. Kathy reviewed the steps the committee followed in order to make their recommendation on which curriculum they would be proposing for adoption. The committee recommends that McDougal Littell be the 7-8 Language Arts Curriculum starting in the Fall of 2008-09.

There was a question and answer session at this time. The Board was asked to submit any questions they have to Ellen so that the Language Arts Committee can address those questions at the next Board meeting.

Social Studies Curriculum Discussion

Kathy, Lynn, and members of the Social Studies Committee were present to answer questions the Board had regarding the committee's recommendation. This recommendation was presented and reviewed at the last Board meeting, and will be an action item at the next Board meeting.

Picture Company Recommendation

Eric Detweiler explained that the committee interviewed a few picture companies and the committee narrowed their decision down to two companies. Eric explained that the committee wanted to ensure that the company chosen was well established, had competitive pricing, and was willing to agree to a one-

year contract. The committee will be bringing their recommendation to the Board at the next meeting.

Technology Discussion

The administrators presented to the Board how technology in the classroom affects student learning. This discussion will continue at the next Board meeting.

Special Education Management System

Supt. Correll asked the Board if there were any further questions regarding the proposal for the web based IEP program. The approval for this software is an action item for this meeting.

Approval of Title I e-Plan

Lynn Barkley asked the Board if they had any further questions about the Title I e-plan. Lynn explained that Board approval for the Title I e-Plan is a formality for this grant. The approval for the Title I e-Plan is an action item for this meeting

Board Member Manual Discussion

Supt. Correll mentioned that she would compile and send out items the Board recently requested so they can add that to their manuals. The New Board Member Manual discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Monthly Enrollment Report

Supt. Correll stated that the net change for the month of February compared to last year is an additional 45 students.

Supt. Correll shared that she tweaked the monthly enrollment report per the Board's request, and asked for feedback so she could determine if the Board likes the format.

Future Agenda Items

Procurement Cards
Board Member Manual
7/8 Language Arts
Technology
5-year Facility Plan
Social Studies
Picture Recommendation
Grant
Exception Report
Review/ Approve SIP plans
Updated Board Policy

ACTION
ITEMS:

SPECIAL EDUCATION
MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM:

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Rohrer to approve the special education management system, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Facklam - aye
Rohrer - aye
Hannan – aye

6 ayes 0 nays 1 absent Motion Carried.

APPROVAL
OF TITLE I
e-PLAN:

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Garcia to approve the Title I e-Plan, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Facklam - aye
Rohrer - aye
Hannan – aye

6 ayes 0 nays 1 absent Motion Carried.

PUBLIC
COMMENT:

Public comment was offered at 9:40 p.m.

Paula Forman recommended that the Board review Avon’s physical class sizes compared to other schools in the District. Paula requested that the Board consider the size of the rooms when determining the number of students assigned to a class.

Public comment closed at 9:41 p.m.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Rohrer and seconded by Facklam to adjourn at 9:42 p.m. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Facklam - aye
Rohrer - aye
Hannan – aye

6 ayes 0 nays 1 absent Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawna Desecki, Secretary

Michael Linder, President

The Superintendent recommends approval of the February 4, 2008 Personnel Report, with addendum, as presented.

Appointments

Judith Beckenmeyer - PV Pre-K Asst.

Alexis Burchfield - MV Program Asst.

Morgan Gwaltney - AV ELL Asst.

Devin McKillip - AV Temporary Custodian

Increase in FTE

Megan Ames - Park School Band/Drama - increase from .70 fte to full time as of 10/9/07

Leave Request

Heather Lorenzo - Park School Special Education Teacher