

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 46, held on February 19, 2008 at Frederick School, 595 Frederick Road, Grayslake, IL

CALL TO

ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Facklam

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance took place at this time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Rohrer and seconded by Weinert to amend the agenda for 2/19/08 to remove discussion item E, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

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

6 ayes            0 nays            1 absent            Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment was offered at 7:34 p.m.

Paula Forman encouraged the board to continue to look at class sizes at Avon, especially for the next year. Paula reviewed research she had done regarding the connection between student learning and class space. Paula made copies of her research and shared the information with the board. Paula strongly encouraged the board to consider the physical size of classrooms when determining how many students will be assigned to a class next school year.

Public comment closed at 7:38 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Rohrer and seconded by Weinert to approve the consent agenda for 2/19/08, including the Treasurer's Report w/addendum, accounts payable & personnel report w/addendum as presented.

Amounts paid from each fund are as follows:

Education Fund - \$216,154.91  
O & M Fund - \$27,734.59  
Bond & Interest Fund - \$1,100.00  
Transportation Fund - \$285,670.62  
Capital Improvements - \$178,264.28  
Total - \$708,924.40

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Facklam - aye  
Rohrer - aye  
Hannan – aye

6 ayes            0 nays            1 absent            Motion Carried.

BOARD/SUPT.  
REPORTS:

Mark Hannan thanked the custodial staff for keeping the sidewalks and parking lots cleared of snow and ice.

Mark stated that he visited every single classroom at Avon last week with Lynn Barkley. Mark mentioned that during this tour, he reviewed class sizes as well as the layout of the building.

Mary Garcia stated that she attended a Foundation meeting and mentioned that on Feb 29<sup>th</sup> the Foundation is having a donation kick off celebration at Buffalo Wild Wings. Mary shared that the Board of Education has been invited to attend this celebration and will follow up with further information.

Jill Rohrer stated that after a thorough review of the water fountain issue at the Middle School, it has been determined that this issue has been resolved.

Jill shared that she attended the Middle School ski trip and was happy to learn that the safety procedures were being followed.

Sue Facklam shared that she enjoyed helping with the teacher dinner again this year.

Sue shared that there was an article in the Daily Herald about the playground pal program at Woodview School. Sue invited Jeff Knapp and Pam Marks to briefly review the highlights of the playground pal program, how it has been working so far, and how this program will be assessed at the end of the year.

Supt. Correll announced the Freedom of Information requests for the month of February: Lennie Jarratt requested electronic copies of the 2/4/08, 2/11/08, 2/13/08, and 2/19/08 board packets.

Supt. Correll shared that the calendar committee met today and it was decided that school for District 46 students would begin on August 25<sup>th</sup> and end June 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be five full professional development days next year. The calendar has not been compared to District 127 because it is not yet available for review. Once the D46 calendar committee reviews next year's calendar from District 127, a recommendation will be submitted to the Board.

Supt. Correll shared that the solo ensemble event hosted by Round Lake School District was this month. It was mentioned that the contest went extremely well and many District 46 students received awards.

Supt. Correll shared that she is looking to host a breakfast on March 11th for Middle School staff in celebration of the student achievement award the school received.

Supt. Correll asked the Board if a registration cost discussion could be included on the agenda at the next board meeting. Supt. Correll stated that she would bring comparisons from neighboring Districts for Board review as she has done in the past.

Supt. Correll stated that she received the proposed contract from Durham/Jones Bus Company, and they are asking for a three percent increase. Supt. Correll asked how the Board would like her to proceed regarding bussing services for the next school year.

Supt. Correll stated that the Grayslake Library would like to give all District 46 teachers a library card. She mentioned that there is no cost to do this and that the library would need a list of teacher names to get this started. It was also mentioned that if the Board is in agreement with the library's proposal, the Board will be asked to sign some paperwork as a formality.

Supt. Correll explained that the proposal in the board packet is to have all outside contracts for printing be paid for under one contract.

Consensus – The Board agreed to the printer proposal.

**DISCUSSION  
ITEMS:**

7-8 Grade Language Arts Discussion

Lynn Barkley asked the Board if they had any questions concerning the proposed 7-8 Language Arts adoption. A question and answer session took place at this time. The Board will be voting on the 7-8 Language Arts proposal at the next board meeting.

Technology Discussion

Joe Nowak presented leasing comparisons between Dell Computers and Apple. There was a question and answer session concerning these comparisons at this time. Supt. Correll stated that she would be working with Joe on getting information from Dell and Apple concerning specifics regarding costs, per the Board's request. Supt. Correll stated that she would also review the Principal's technology needs, as well as wish lists, and get that information to the Board. The Board asked Supt. Correll to have Joe Nowak forward information regarding any infrastructure needs the District may have if the school were to receive new hardware.

Procurement Card Discussion

Supt. Correll proposed that the District pilot the procurement card system in a few of the schools from now until the end of the year. She mentioned that the pilot is free and she would submit to the Board data from the pilot at the end of the year so they can determine if this system is effective. Supt. Correll stated that she would also touch base with School Districts in the area that are currently using this program to get their opinions on the pros and cons of this system.

Consensus – The Board agreed to pilot this program from now until the end of the school year.

Board Member Manual Discussion

Kristen Coe-Peek stated that once the last few documents are collected for the binder, it will be sent to the print center. The Board will then review this first edition of the Board Member Manual and see if there is any other data or sections that need to be added.

Board Policy

Sue asked the board to review the Board policies that were included in the Board packet and to get back to her if there were any others that needed to be brought to the Board’s attention. Once the Board Policy Manual has been completely updated, it will be reviewed and/or updated quarterly.

Picture Company Recommendation

Supt. Correll announced that the committee recommends the board to approve Lifetouch as the picture company for the 2008-09 school year.

Future Agenda Items

- Registration Fees
- Transportation Contract
- Board Member Binder
- Board Policy Reading
- Procurement Card Pilot
- 7/8 Language Arts Adoption
- Board Goals
- Extra Curricular Activities

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**K-8 SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM**

**ADOPTION:** A motion was made by Rohrer and seconded by Garcia to approve the K-8 social Studies curriculum adoption, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

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

6 ayes            0 nays            1 absent            Motion Carried.

**APPROVAL OF PICTURE COMPANY RECOMMENDATION:**

A motion was made by Weinert and seconded by Garcia to approve Lifetouch as the picture company for the 2008-09 school year, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

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

6 ayes            0 nays            1 absent            Motion Carried.

APPROVAL  
OF ANTI-VIRUS  
PROTECTION  
SOFTWARE:

A motion was made by Coe-Peek and seconded by Garcia to approve the purchase of Sophos anti-virus protection software, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

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

6 ayes            0 nays            1 absent            Motion Carried

PUBLIC  
COMMENT:

Public comment was offered at 9:25 p.m.

Sondra Adams urged the Board to diligently review all data and then move things along so that the students can get the technology they need in the schools.

Public comment closed at 9:26 p.m.

CLOSED  
SESSION:

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Garcia to move into Closed Session at 9:27 p.m. to consider information regarding appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and collective negotiating matters between the School Board and its employees or their representatives. A roll call vote was taken:

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

6 ayes            0 nays            1 absent            Motion Carried.

OPEN  
SESSION:

A motion was made by Weinert and seconded by Coe Peek to return to Open Session at 10:00 p.m. A roll call vote was taken:

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

6 ayes            0 nays            1 absent            Motion Carried.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Weinert and seconded by Hannan to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. A roll call vote was taken:

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

6 ayes          0 nays          1 absent          Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Shawna Desecki, Secretary

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Michael Linder, President

The Superintendent recommends approval of the 2/19/08 Personnel Report, with addendum, as presented.

**Appointments**

Maurice Crews - Night Custodian  
Maria Loukopoulos - AV 4th grade Title I Asst.

**Retirement Letter**

Patricia Bartus - WV/AV Gifted

**Leave Requests**

Joan Casey - AV Program Asst.  
Kristen Dugan - Park School Social Worker  
Denisa Kerekes - PV School Psychologist  
Melanie Palo - WV Fourth Grade