

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 46, held on February 20, 2007 at Avon, 440 N. Barron Blvd., Grayslake, IL

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

ROLL CALL: Davis, Facklam, Hannan, Rohrer & Surroz. Coe Peek arrived at 7:34 p.m. Weinert arrived at 7:37 p.m. Correll & Aggen were also present.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Hannan to amend the agenda for 2/20/07 to remove action item A-Wellness Policy. A roll call vote was taken:

Davis - aye	Weinert - absent
Facklam - aye	Hannan - aye
Coe Peek - absent	Rohrer - aye
Surroz - aye	

5 ayes          0 nays          2 absent          Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public Comment was offered at 7:33 p.m.

Mary Grogan stated that she feels more math tutoring is needed in the schools and suggested various options for the board to look into.

Josh Armenta is a senior at Grayslake High School who discussed why he feels the music program is important. Josh asked the board to consider reinstating the music program to be part of the regular school day so that students can participate, regardless of their family's financial situation.

Joel Bihn requested the board to consider reinstating the gifted program because he feels this program will enhance learning for those students. John informed the board that the district will be ready to receive grants, when they become available, if a program is in place.

Nicole Bihn asked the board to support the gifted program because she feels this program will better prepare excelled students for high school and college.

Ron Prenta shared his concern that enrollment for the music program at the high school is getting smaller. Ron asked that the board think about what their definition of success for a music program is.

Kathy Craig stated that she feels students who excel will be left behind if a program addressing their needs does not get reinstated.

Kelly Dickson stated that she feels reinstating the gifted program will give an equal education to all students.

Rich Bochman stated that he feels education is something that cannot be supplemented and asked the board to support reinstating the gifted program.

Public Comment ended at 8:03 p.m.

CONSENT  
AGENDA:

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Hannan to approve the consent agenda, minutes of 1/25/07, treasurer's report, accounts payable, & personnel report, as presented.

Amounts paid from each fund are as follows:

Education Fund - \$297,033.02  
O & M Fund - \$110,304.90  
Transportation - \$254,501.64  
Capital Improvements - \$641,124.21  
Total - \$1,302,963.77

A roll call vote was taken:

Davis - aye	Weinert - aye
Facklam - aye	Hannan - aye
Coe Peek - aye	Rohrer - aye
Surroz - aye	

7 ayes          0 nays          0 absent          Motion carried.

BOARD/SUPT.  
REPORTS:

Sue Facklam shared that she attended the 4th Mardi Gras celebration at Avon and stated that it was a fun celebration.

Sue thanked the staff for parent/teacher conferences last week.

Jill Rohrer thanked the staff for all their help cleaning up the schools that had pipe issues last week, due to the weather.

Jill stated that she was impressed with parent/teacher conferences this year.

Cheryl Davis thanked the maintenance staff for all the clean up last week due to the weather.

Supt. Correll stated that she received Arnavaz's availability in regard to the negotiations workshop she had mentioned at the previous board meeting. This workshop is intended to help prepare all parties involved for the next certified staff negotiations. Supt. Correll asked the board if a member would like volunteer to come to this workshop and if Tuesday March 20th or 21st would be ok? Mark Hannan volunteered to attend the workshop.

Supt. Correll stated that the administration is continuing to look at the budget and that she will be meeting with the administrative team tomorrow to review special education staffing numbers. Supt. Correll stated she would come back with an update at the next board meeting.

Supt. Correll reviewed a few possible dates for the board goal setting meeting. The board requested that Supt. Correll come back with dates for March versus February. Supt. Correll stated that she will provide the board with additional options.

Supt. Correll announced the Freedom of Information requests for the month of February. Lennie Jarratt requested electronic copies of 1/16/07, 1/25/07, 2/5/07, 2/12/07 & 2/20/07 Board packets. Lennie Jarratt also requested a copy of the levy schedule for the payment of 1999 bond authority bonds issued November, 2005. Lennie Jarratt further requested names and contact information for all school board candidates. Genevieve Lewis requested a copy of the Ethics & Gift Ban policy. William Mock requested the D46 boundaries report and a copy of the Fanning & Howey 2006 Demographic Study.

Supt. Correll thanked the maintenance staff for all their hard work last week and for keeping the schools clean. Supt. Correll announced that all the buildings with damage due to last week's weather have been repaired.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### Gifted Committee Presentation

The gifted committee reviewed with the board the past gifted program and what is being offered presently. The committee explained that their proposal for services takes into account related research, testing scores, comparison to other schools, and surveys regarding the gifted program that were issued and taken by parents, students and teachers.

##### Math 5-8 - Looking at Realigning Math Sequence

Marcus Smith reviewed with the board the process the math articulation committee went through to implement possible updates/changes in the math program. The committee started this process in order to finalize placement guidelines, discuss consistency in the 5-8 curriculum, and discuss consistent pre and post tests.

The committee has recommended that the current math program be used for the 07/08 school year in order to develop the proposed courses at the 5 -8 grade levels. The committee has recommended that the proposed flow be implemented in the 08/09 school year. For further information in regard to this presentation go to the District website ([www.d46.org](http://www.d46.org)).

##### Language Arts Pilot Update

Lynn Barkley updated the board on how the Language Arts pilots are coming along. Lynn shared that there are currently 28 teachers piloting Language Arts materials. All teachers piloting these materials have received 2-3 days of professional development training. As needs have arisen, the pilot vendors have given further teaching and training. At the

end of December, the pilots were reassessed and it was determined that the 6-8 pilot needed additional materials. Those supplemental materials have been implemented and are being used by those teachers. Lynn shared that the feedback from teachers and parents has been positive in regard to the language arts pilots.

Lynn announced that the writing committee met for the first time today. The committee reviewed the writing curriculum district-wide, ECRA test scores, state standards, and assessment for writing. Lynn stated that consistency in the writing program, and establishing district-wide rubrics K-8 & grade level benchmarks are focal points of the committee .

Lynn asked the board if samples of the language arts pilot materials could be displayed for one hour before the next three board meetings. Lynn stated that with the board's approval, teachers would be there during that hour to answer questions.

#### Integration of Technology into Curriculum Report

Tim Timmons presented to the board how technology is implemented into the curriculum and how technology assists in student learning. Tim reviewed with the board research statistics in regard to the positive effect technology has on students and gave examples as to how technology is being utilized in District 46 schools. For further information in regard to this presentation, go to the District website ([www.d46.org](http://www.d46.org)).

#### Library/Media Presentation

Rob Depke presented a proposal to the board for new library software. Rob reviewed the current library software being used by District 46 and discussed the limitation of this program. Rob stated that the library committee's goal for a new software program is to encourage student learning, as well as provide more resources for students. The library committee presented Follett's Destiny and Companion's Alexandria as the two finalists for the board to vote on. For further information in regard to this presentation, go to the District website ([www.d46.org](http://www.d46.org)).

#### Policy Manual Discussion

Sue Facklam gave fellow board members a copy of the board policy manual with notes she had made. Her notes reflected what she felt the board may want to review to see if removal, additions or changes need to be made in those areas. Sue requested that each board member review the manual so they can discuss at the following meeting.

#### Board Meeting Minutes Discussion

Supt. Correll shared that she touched base with the attorney in regard to meeting minutes. Supt. Correll mentioned that the attorney informed her that there is currently not a general accepted format for minutes. Supt. Correll stated that the attorney advised that the minutes include the nature of the action proposed as well as the nature of the item being discussed. Supt. Correll stated that the attorney will provide minute examples that he feels may be a format the board is looking for.

April Board Meeting Dates

Consensus - The board agreed to decide at a later date when the second board meeting in April will be.

Agenda Items for March 5, 2007

- Policy Manual
- Gifted
- Library Software
- Registration Fees
- Wellness Draft
- Budget and Staffing
- Bidding Process

Future Agenda Items

Bids

PUBLIC  
COMMENT:

Public Comment was offered at 10:11 p.m. There were no comments at this time.

CLOSED  
SESSION:

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Coe Peek to move into Closed Session at 10:12 p.m. to consider information regarding appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body & the probability of discussing action in front of an administrative body. A roll call vote was taken:

Davis - aye	Weinert - aye
Facklam - aye	Hannan - aye
Coe Peek - aye	Rohrer - aye
Surroz - aye	

7 ayes          0 nays          0 absent          Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION:

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Coe Peek to return to Open Session at 10:40 p.m. A roll call vote was taken:

Davis - aye	Weinert - aye
Facklam - aye	Hannan - aye
Coe Peek - aye	Rohrer - aye
Surroz - aye	

7 ayes          0 nays          0 absent          Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Weinert to adjourn at 10:40 p.m. A roll call vote was taken:

Davis - aye	Weinert - aye
Facklam - aye	Hannan - aye
Coe Peek - aye	Rohrer - aye
Surroz - absent	

7 ayes      0 nays      0 absent      Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Shawna Desecki, Secretary

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Cheryl Davis, President

## Personnel Report for 2/20/07

The Superintendent recommends approval of the Personnel Report, as presented.

- **Appointments:**

Christina Kruschwitz - AV Social Worker, replacing Marial Pain, until the end of the year.

- **Leaves of Absence:**

Rebecca Dunham - MS 7th grade  
Amy Ori - MV 1st grade

- **Increase in Pay Rate:**

Jonathan Gorski - Maintenance

- **Retirement Letter:**

Roberta Kerr - AV Kindergarten