

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 46, held March 3, 2008 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, Coe Peek, Rohrer and Garcia. Hannan was absent. Supt. Correll & Dan Aggen were also present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance took place at this time.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Garcia and seconded by Facklam to amend the agenda for 3/3/08 to remove discussion item E, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

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

6 ayes            0 nays            1 absent            Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

Beth Cappa stated that it appears there are currently no caps on class sizes, and believes this is the key issue to the high class sizes at Avon. Beth stated that she feels the classes are too full and strongly encouraged the board to put caps on classes going forward.

Paula Forman requested that the Board consider adding additional 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes for next school year, and requested that the Board respond to this proposal.

Supt. Correll asked the Board if she could mention a few things regarding the class size situation at Avon. Supt. Correll stated that all special education classes are in District and there are currently no SEDOL classes in District 46. Supt. Correll also shared that she and Lynn Barkley are working with the Board on projections for next school year. Supt. Correll shared that the board has discussed that class sizes for the following school year range from 22 - 25 students.

Lynn Barkley was asked to say a few words regarding Avon class sizes. Lynn shared that she is working with the Board and Supt. Correll to ensure Avon is comparable to the rest of the District. Lynn stated that Avon is a federally funded Title I school and the District is required to meet comparability requirements. It was mentioned that the District has met the State’s comparability requirements for this school year. Lynn shared that she has walked through Avon multiple times with various board members to review the physical sizes of the classrooms. Lynn shared that she has also been reviewing enrollment reports with the Board and Superintendent. Lynn shared that as

soon as the Board has made a determination regarding class size caps for next school year, the administration will finalize the staffing proposal for next year.

Mike Linder shared that the Board is working very hard to ensure that the class size issue at Avon is addressed for next school year.

Christy Dan thanked Lynn Barkley for addressing the community's concerns regarding Avon's class sizes. Christy requested that the Board determine class sizes for next school year and share that information with the community.

Wendy Sears requested that the board add additional 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes for the next year so Avon students can strive for excellence.

Denise Medina suggested that the administration talk to other Districts in the area to get scheduling strategy ideas in order to help reduce class sizes.

Public comment closed at 7:45 p.m.

**CONSENT  
AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Garcia to approve the consent agenda for 2/19/08 including: Minutes of 2/4/08, 2/11/08 & 2/19/08, accounts payable & the personnel report, w/addendum, as presented.

Amounts paid from each fund are as follows:

Education Fund - \$83,546.52  
O & M Fund - \$310,989.54  
Transportation Fund - \$864.27  
Capital Improvements - \$14,508.02  
Total - \$409,908.35

A roll call vote was taken:

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

6 ayes            0 nays            1 absent            Motion Carried.

**BOARD/SUPT.  
REPORTS:**

Mike Linder shared that the Science Olympiad tournament is at the College of DuPage next Saturday.

Sue Facklam shared that she visited beginning band at Frederick and had a lot of fun attending their practice.

Mary Garcia shared that the District 46 Education Foundation had their fundraiser kick off at Buffalo Wild Wings last Friday. Mary stated that the fundraising efforts of this organization would allow for various projects that will benefit the students and staff of District 46.

Jill Rohrer shared that she has been enjoying volunteering in the Kindergarten room at Avon.

Jill shared that she has been reviewing class sizes at Frederick and the Middle School. She asked the Board if her husband could help with the programming of queries using data from Powerschool to help quicken the process of reviewing the data.

Karen Weinert gave a friendly reminder that the Board Self Evaluation survey is due.

Supt. Correll shared that there was flooding in the basement at Avon, and that everything has been cleaned up. The custodial staff is currently working on the exterior of the building to prevent further flooding.

Supt. Correll shared that there would need to be a hearing in regard to the school calendar prior to it being voted on.

Supt. Correll gave a friendly reminder that March 10<sup>th</sup> is the Joint Board Dinner at Park School.

Supt. Correll shared that she, Lynn Barkley, Dan Aggen, and Shawna Desecki went to an Open Meetings workshop today.

Supt. Correll shared that the company who owns the sign on Route 45 and 120 is giving us free sign space if we would like to utilize it.

**DISCUSSION  
ITEMS:**

Discussion of 2008-09 Registration Fees

Supt. Correll asked the Board if the District should keep the registration fees the same or if changes need to be made. It was discussed that registration for the students in fifth through eighth grade be lowered by \$5.00 to take into account that one less novel is required this school year. The board agreed to leave registration for the other grade levels the same. Registration fees will be discussed and voted on at the next Board meeting.

Review of Proposed 2008-2009 School Calendar

Supt. Correll explained that Grayslake High School would be starting a week before our District next school year. Supt. Correll also stated that it was decided not to have half professional development days next school year, but instead four full professional development days. Supt. Correll shared that Winter break and Spring break are the same as Grayslake High School. The proposed school calendar will be voted on at the next Board meeting.

Review of Proposed Transportation Contract

Supt. Correll explained that the District budgeted for a 4% increase, and that the proposal from Jones/Durham reflected only a 3% increase. Supt. Correll asked if there were any more questions in regard to this one-year proposed contract extension. The Board will be voting on the transportation contract at the next Board meeting.

### Discussion of Revenues/Expenditures for Extra Curricular Activities

Supt. Correll stated that if the Board were to take on expenditures for extra curricular activities, it would cost about \$94,000. The Board discussed setting aside money in the budget to help lower extra curricular activity fees. The Board asked the administration if activity fees could be built into the budget for the following school year. The Board also asked the administration to provide a list of all extra curricular activity fees and come back to them with a proposal for lowering activity fees. Extra curricular activity fees will be discussed at the next board meeting.

### Policy Updates – Second Reading

Sue Facklam reminded the Board that she handed out all policy updates at the last Board meeting and proposed that the Board approve those policies at the following meeting.

Supt. Correll stated that she would look into the cost of the IASB updating the policies.

### Technology Discussion

Supt. Correll shared that she and Dan Aggen attended a technology conference on Friday. She stated that Dan is meeting with the technology team at 7:30 a.m. every morning until further notice.

### Intergovernmental Agreement with Library

Supt. Correll stated that in order for our teachers to be issued a Grayslake library card, the Board would have to sign an intergovernmental agreement. Supt. Correll shared that there is no financial attachment to the district for this.

Consensus – The Board agreed to sign the intergovernmental agreement with the library.

### Board Member Binder Review

It was stated that the new board member binder would be a discussion item at the next few board meetings in order to address any questions regarding the contents of the binder that Board members may have.

### Monthly Enrollment Report

Supt. Correll shared that we are up 3 students compared to last year at this time. The Board discussed the possibility of having another enrollment study.

### Future Agenda Items

Registration Fees  
Board Member Binder  
Centralized Registration  
Enrollment Study  
Gifted Committee  
Auditor  
Exceptions Report  
School Calendar

**ACTION  
ITEMS:**

7-8 LANGUAGE  
ARTS  
CURRICULUM  
ADOPTION:

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Weinert to approve the K-8 Language Arts curriculum adoption, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

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

6 ayes            0 nays            1 absent            Motion Carried.

APPROVAL  
OF “P” CARD

PILOT PROGRAM: A motion was made by Garcia and seconded by Facklam to approve the “P” card pilot program, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

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

6 ayes            0 nays            1 absent            Motion Carried.

APPROVAL  
OF BOARD  
POLICIES:

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Coe Peek to approve the board policies, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

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

6 ayes            0 nays            1 absent            Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENT:**

Public comment was offered at 8:52 p.m.

Sarah Waters stated that she feels that if the board chose not to lower fees, then parents would be happy to pay the current cost if they knew that money was going toward technology. Sarah asked if the Board has to approve everything at once in regards to technology or can they take care of the immediate needs?

Public comment closed at 8:53 p.m.

**CLOSED  
SESSION:**

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Garcia to move into Closed Session at 8:53 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 – aye	Facklam - aye
Weinert – aye	Rohrer - aye
Coe Peek – aye	Hannan – absent
Garcia – aye	

6 ayes            0 nays            1 absent            Motion Carried.

**OPEN  
SESSION:**

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Garcia to return to open session at 9:30 p.m. A roll call vote was taken:

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

6 ayes            0 nays            1 absent            Motion Carried.

**ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Coe Peek to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. A roll call vote was taken:

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

6 ayes            0 nays            1 absent            Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Shawna Desecki, Secretary

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Mike Linder, President

The Superintendent recommends approval of the 3/3/08 Personnel Report, with addendum, as presented:

**Resignation Letter**

Matthew Gorski - District Driver/Custodian

**Retirement Letter**

Linda Clark - MS 7th gr. Language Arts

Christine Kocher - MS Art

Becky Patrick - FS Social Worker

Diane Schweizer - FS Sixth

**Leave Requests**

Katherine Gilman - Hearing Specialist

Argy Hamburg - FS Fifth

Diane Roeder - FS Sixth

**Appointments**

Kurtis Decker - FS .50 fte Chorus Teacher

Frank Giannosa, Jr. - Driver/Custodian