

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 46, held April 13, 2009 at Grayslake Middle School, 440 N Barron Blvd., Grayslake, IL

CALL TO

ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:46 p.m. by President Linder

ROLL CALL: Linder, Facklam, and Rohrer. Weinert was present until 7:49 p.m. Coe Peek, Garcia and Hannan were absent. Supt. Ellen Correll and Brad Goldstein were 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 Rohrer to amend the agenda for 4/13/09 to move public comment after the approval of the consent agenda, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

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

4 ayes 0 nays 3 absent Motion Carried.

**CONSENT
AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Rohrer to approve the consent agenda for 4/13/09 including; minutes of 2/26/09 & 3/2/09, treasurer’s report/accounts payable, exceptions register summary, and personnel report, as presented.

Amounts paid from each fund are as follows:

Education Fund - \$111,107.37
O & M Fund - \$1,342.22
Total - \$112,449.59

A roll call vote was taken:

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

4 ayes 0 nays 3 absent Motion Carried.

PUBLIC

COMMENT: Public comment was offered at 7:49 p.m.

Marilyn Sloan applauded the Board for their fiscal responsibility. Mrs. Sloan questioned the Board's decision to approve the Blue Ribbon trip, as well as the purchase of new computers. She expressed her concern regarding the staffing cuts, as well as the elimination of the gifted program. Mrs. Sloan asked the Board to monitor events before making decisions; such as, not allowing Middle School students to watch the movie *The Outsiders*, as a class, after having read the book. Mrs. Sloan suggested that there be a parent liaison at each school.

Shannon Smigielski asked the Board about the \$813,000 in SEDOL money the District would be receiving.

Heather Lennartz thanked the Board for meeting with parents earlier in the evening to discuss the gifted program. Mrs. Lennartz stated that she hopes accelerated math will be able to continue.

Public comment closed at 7:55 p.m.

**DISCUSSION
ITEMS:**

Summer O & M Project Update

Brad Goldstein reviewed the summer project list and bid results for Avon projects. Supt. Correll suggested that the Board go out to bid for these items.

Discussion Regarding Cold Weather/Plowing Policy

The Board discussed updating the Board policy to include a statement indicating that if school is open during extremely cold weather, a student will receive an excused absence if the parent calls them in due to the weather.

Discussion Regarding contract with Preferred Meal Systems

The Board asked Brad to review the food service figures to see if the District is breaking even in that account. There will be further discussion regarding the District's food service at an upcoming Board meeting.

Discussion Regarding Energy Audits

Supt. Correll stated the Board and administration have had conversations regarding wind and solar energy. After some preliminary research, the administration has found that if wind and solar energy were to be used, 70% of the cost would be covered by the government, and the other 30% is typically covered with grant money. The Board discussed the possibility of having three energy vendors conduct an energy audit and present their findings at a Board meeting. There will be further discussion regarding energy audits at the following Board meeting. Supt. Correll stated that she has been in contact with District 127 to see if they would be interested in possibly combining efforts in order to save costs for both Districts.

It was mentioned that if the Board chose to do an energy project, the O&M fund would be used, as this fund can only be used for specific items.

Discussion Regarding Student Transportation Bids

Brad Goldstein stated that four vendors provided transportation rates for the next 3 years. There would be a 6.61% drop if the District continues to work with Durham Transportation. The administration recommended that the District continue working with our current transportation company.

Discussion Regarding PTAB Resolution for 2007 Assessment Appeals

The state requires that a resolution be adopted by the Board in order to have someone represent the District at the PTAB hearing. The administration is recommending Scariano, Himes & Petrarca to file the PTAB appeals for District 46.

Discussion Regarding Lack of Restrooms in AV & WV Multi-Purpose Rooms

Supt. Correll stated that adding restrooms to the Avon and Woodview multipurpose rooms would be cost prohibitive at this point. This is because restrooms would need to be added to the outside of the building. Supt. Correll suggested that the Board consider looking into the cost of gates to close off portions of these buildings during use after regular school hours.

Discussion Regarding Budget/PMA Update

Brad Goldstein stated that the PMA module with all the District's budgetary changes for 2009-10 has been updated. The 2009-10 model is being used to see projections for the next 5 years.

Brad stated that the District is on target with the current budget, and announced that the District is up and running on Skyward with payroll. Brad shared that the District received the 2008 levy extension and it came back in line with projections. The administration is still seeing a \$400,00 shortfall in revenue, but is hoping to have this made up by the end of the year.

Discussion Regarding Interest Transfers for Skyward & SEDOL

Brad Goldstein stated that he re-worded the interest transfer resolution to say, "earned interest should be transferred from the Working Cash Fund of the District for the payment of the necessary expenses of the District for Education Fund purposes".

Discussion Regarding Remodeling of Grayslake Historical Society

Supt. Correll shared that the Grayslake Historical Society is asking for Board and Administrative support by allowing the Society to have penny jars in each of the buildings. The Grayslake Historical Society would like to involve students in their remodeling project by asking them to bring in a penny for the jar in their building. The Board asked Supt. Correll to refer the Grayslake Historical Society to the PTO's for this request.

Discussion Regarding Renewal of Unemployment Management Service Agreement

Brad Goldstein shared that \$918.00 is paid yearly for the unemployment management service agreement. This will be on discussion and action at the following Board meeting.

Discussion Regarding Band and Chorus Fees

The Board discussed the possibility of charging a small activity fee for band and chorus. There will be further discussion regarding these fees at the next Board meeting

Discussion Regarding School Improvement Plans

Supt. Correll stated that the Administrators are using an updated format for their School Improvement Plans. One of the updates includes the graphs that the Board requested be included.

Monthly Enrollment Update

Supt. Correll stated that the District is up by 26 students compared to April of last year.

Future Agenda Item

Interest Action Item

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment was offered at 9:04 p.m.

Marlene Sloan shared that parents are responsible for paying for music and parts for their band students. Mrs. Sloan asked the Board to consider a cap on extracurricular activity fees.

Public comment closed at 9:06 p.m.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Linder and seconded by Facklam to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. A roll call vote was taken:

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

3 ayes 0 nays 4 absent Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Facklam, Secretary

Mike Linder, President