

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 46, held December 10, 2007 at Prairieview School, 103 E. Belvidere Road, Hainesville, IL

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by President Linder.

ROLL CALL:

Linder, Facklam, Coe Peek, Rohrer, and Garcia. Hannan and Weinert were absent. Correll & Aggen were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance took place at this time.

TAX LEVY HEARING:

Tax Levy Hearing opened at 7:35 p.m.

Tax Levy Hearing closed at 7:37 p.m.

Dan Aggen gave a brief presentation summarizing the tax year 2007 levy. A question and answer session took place at this time

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Rohrer to amend the agenda for 12/10/07 to add discussion items regarding board policies and procedures and new board member binder table of contents, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

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

5 ayes 0 nays 2 absent Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment was offered at 7:52 p.m.

Tracy Ryan thanked the Board for bringing the Challenge Program back to the District.

Public comment closed at 7:54 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Garcia to approve the consent agenda for 12/10/07; including minutes, accounts payable, and personnel report, as presented.

Amounts paid from each fund are as follows:

Education Fund - \$248,311.55
O & M Fund - \$90,493.73
Bond & Interest - \$175.00
Transportation Fund - \$46,828.18
Capital Improvements - \$22,544.24
Total - \$408,352.70

A roll call vote was taken:

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

5 ayes 0 nays 2 absent Motion Carried.

**BOARD/SUPT.
REPORTS:**

Kristen Coe Peek congratulated the administration and staff for the various awards received at the Blue Ribbon Conference.

Jill Rohrer shared that the IASB Conference she attended this past November was very informative. She thanked Mike Linder and Lynn Barkley for their notes and comments on the workshops they attended.

Jill thanked Kristen Coe Peek for sharing the information she had researched regarding technology in education.

Sue Facklam thanked the District Office administrators for their attendance at the IASB conference.

Sue shared that she will forward information to her fellow Board members regarding the resolutions she was the delegate for.

Sue stated that she attended the General Governing Board Meeting for SEDOL.

Mike Linder stated that he enjoyed attending the IASB conference and felt the information from the conference was helpful.

Mike stated that he attended the Blue Ribbon data review presentation at Park Campus and would like to see the district move forward using the results.

Mary Garcia stated that she reviewed the data given by the Blue Ribbon assessment committee and would like to see the District act on the areas that need improvement.

Mary thanked the administrators for attending the board meeting this evening and congratulated them on their Blue Ribbon awards.

Mary shared that she attended the RTI workshop and would be happy to share the information she got from this workshop. Mary stated that she is happy to see District 46 moving forward in this direction.

Supt. Correll shared that she had been asked about the Baldrige assessment and why that was not considered for District 46. Supt. Correll stated that the Baldrige assessment is also a good award, but the Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Model is an ongoing assessment.

Supt. Correll stated that the teachers of District 46 who presented at the Blue Ribbon Conference did a phenomenal job.

Supt. Correll asked the District Principals (Amanda Schoenberg, Laura Morgan, Jeff Knapp, Eric Detweiler, and Tim Irish) to share their awards and thoughts about the Blue Ribbon Conference at this time.

Supt. Correll stated that information about the Blue Ribbon awards will be posted on the District's website.

Supt. Correll announced that the District only has two truck loads of salt and wanted the Board to be aware of this problem. Ellen mentioned that she contacted the Village and they informed her that they are temporarily out of a salt supply. If the storms do come and are as severe as the weather channels are indicating, there may be a need to cancel school.

Supt. Correll announced the freedom of information requests for the month of December. Lennie Jarratt requested an electronic copy of the following: 11/12/07 board packet, 12/10/07 board packet, and closed session minutes approved for public review.

Supt. Correll announced that the District was awarded an additional \$68,667 in state aid with the help of a writer. Supt. Correll stated that this extra money is a huge celebration and mentioned the writer who helped the District receive these additional monies is entitled to 15% according to the contract.

Supt. Correll reviewed Lynn Barkley's curriculum update that was included in the Board packet. It was mentioned that District 46 may be receiving additional funds from Sandy Cole's office in the amount of \$80,000 to be used for science equipment and computers.

**DISCUSSION
ITEMS:**

Presentation of Audit

Scott Klein presented the audit report to the Board and reviewed audit highlights. Mr. Klein announced that the books are in good order and there were no control findings. He did indicate two areas for improvement and Dan Aggen has already begun working on these.

Supt. Correll was asked to find out how the paperwork was filled out for District 46 regarding being a unit District (K-12) or an elementary District (K-8).

Mission/Vision – Another Look

The Board took another look at the current mission and vision draft. The Board agreed to revise the third bullet of the vision to say, “the ability to listen, speak, and write effectively in a variety of settings.”

The Board agreed not to vote on the mission and vision until the following board meeting.

Technology Timeline for Board Approval

Ellen presented a proposed technology timeline and reviewed the key pieces of the proposed timeline: equipment renewal cycle, academy classes, and financial management. According to the proposed timeline, the administration would like to discuss the equipment renewal cycle on January 7th. The administration will be asking for Board approval of the proposed equipment renewal cycle at the January 22 Board meeting. Supt. Correll mentioned that she would like to discuss the financial plan management at the February 4th Board meeting and have approval of this plan at the second meeting in February. Dan Aggen mentioned that the technology plan can be updated from year to year in order to reflect current revenues.

Supt. Correll was asked to come back with information on how the technology plan will be measured once implemented.

Supt. Correll was asked to look into whether or not RFP’s are necessary for this project.

The Board requested the administration to follow the directed approval process going forward. The administration is to present at one meeting, the Board will discuss at a second meeting, and last the Board will discuss and vote at a third meeting. The Board stated they would make exceptions to this process, but this will be the standard format when committees and/or the administration request approval.

Supt. Correll stated that she would adjust the technology time line in order to comply with the Board’s approval process.

Special Education Policy Re: Isolated Time Out & Physical Restraint

Supt. Correll informed the Board that SEDOL will not train District 46 staff in the proper restraint techniques until there is a Board policy. Ellen stated that she has samples of policies from other districts and will be creating a proposed Physical Restraint Policy for the Board to review.

2007-2008 Seniority Lists

Supt. Correll provided the 2007-2008 current seniority lists for certified and non-certified staff. The state mandates the Board to approve these seniority lists annually.

Request for Additional Title I Aide

Lynn Barkley recommended the Board approve a 1.0 Title 1 aide due to the growing needs of K-2 at Avon. Lynn mentioned that the state has approved the funds for the salary of 1.0 Title 1 aide. Lynn also recommended that

\$87,000 of Title 1 money be used for mini computer labs at Avon if the grant amendment is approved by the state.

Supt. Correll was asked to provide the Board with enrollment information and focus that report on class size averages.

Formation of Policy Committee

Sue Facklam proposed that there be a policy committee for the purpose of reviewing Board policies and keeping policies current. The committee would present updates to their fellow board members and would request approval for updates/changes as needed. The Board agreed to this committee and agreed that the dates, times, and locations of these committee meetings would be posted so that anyone can participate.

Board Newsletter

A Board member proposed that the board newsletter be discontinued and that going forward, the primary communications from the Board would be through the District Website and Board meeting minutes. The Board discussed this proposal and the majority of the board agreed that due to improvements in the website and meeting minutes, they will be able to continue to effectively communicate. The Board agreed to inform the community in the next Friday Flyer that they would be discontinuing the newsletter. They also discussed including in the next few newsletters a link to the website and Board member contact information.

Consensus – The Board agreed to discontinue the newsletter.

New Board Member Manual

Kristin Coe Peek presented a draft of the Table of Contents for the New Board Member Binder and asked if anyone had any questions. It was agreed that the New Board Member Binder would be a discussion item at the following Board meeting.

Monthly Enrollment Report

Supt. Correll stated that the net change for the month of December compared to last year is 19 students.

It was mentioned that if a pre-k class needed to be added there is room at Prairieview that could cover that need.

Future Agenda Items

Mission/Vision

New Board Member Binder Table of Contents

Technology Equipment Timeline

Special Education Restraint Policy

Auditor RFP

Blue Ribbon Recognition

**ACTION
ITEMS:**

**RESOLUTION
REGARDING
AMOUNTS
TO BE LEVIED
FOR THE YEAR
2007:**

A motion was made by Rohrer and seconded by Coe Peek for the approval of the resolution regarding amounts to be levied for the year 2007, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

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

5 ayes 0 nays 2 absent Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO
LEVY SEDOL
IMRF LEVY:**

A motion was made by Rohrer and seconded by Garcia for the approval of the resolution to levy SEDOL IMRF levy, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

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

5 ayes 0 nays 2 absent Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO
LEVY CERTAIN
SPECIAL TAXES
FOR SPECIAL
EDUCATION
DISTRICT IMRF
PURPOSES:**

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Garcia for the approval of resolution to levy certain special taxes for special education district IMRF purposes, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

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

5 ayes 0 nays 2 absent Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION
TO LEVY
SPECIAL
ECUCATION
TAXES:

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Rohrer for the approval of the resolution to levy special education tax, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

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

5 ayes 0 nays 2 absent Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION
TO LEVY
WORKING CASH
TAX:

A motion was made by Rohrer and seconded by Facklam for the approval of the resolution to levy working cash tax, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

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

5 ayes 0 nays 2 absent Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION
PUBLICATION
TRUTH AND
TAXATION
NOTICE:

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Garcia for the approval of the resolution publication truth and taxation notice, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

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

5 ayes 0 nays 2 absent Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF
REQUEST FOR
ADDITIONAL
TITLE 1 AIDE:

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Garcia to approve the request for the additional Title 1 Aide, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Facklam - aye
Rohrer - aye
Hannan – absent

5 ayes 0 nays 2 absent Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT:**

Public comment was offered at 10:02 p.m.

Public comment closed at 10:03 p.m.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Garcia to adjourn at 10:04 p.m. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Facklam - aye
Rohrer - aye
Hannan – absent

5 ayes 0 nays 2 absent Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawna Desecki, Secretary

Mike Linder, President

The Superintendent recommends approval of the 12/10/07 Personnel Report, as presented:

Resignation

Colleen Ivins - MV Program Asst.

Appointments

Deborah O'Connell - MS Special Ed

Beth Osterndorf - FS Program Asst.

Jason Stebbings - FS Program Asst.

Leave Request

Heather Dainas - PV Fourth Grade

Jean Mall - PV Fourth Grade