

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
IROQUOIS COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #9 HELD AUGUST
15, 2016 AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE

PRESENT: James Bruns, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
In attendance were Bob Burd, Don Becker, Brenna Johnson, Crystal
Blair, Kirk McTaggart, and Brittany Cluver.

Also present were: James Bunting, Connie Breeling, Amy Curry, Heather
Gerth, Dawn Garner, Carolyn Short, Brad Welch, Kyle Shay, and Carla
Waters.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Bruns welcomed
guests and visitors.

UNEA REPORT: No report.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Bruns stated that items A-E were routine items. Mr.
Bunting provided a brief explanation of the F Troop account, an
overnight trip for FFA, payment to Bill's Concrete, and partial payment
for roof projects at Nettie Davis, WCHS and GRS. Board had no
questions.

It was moved by Bob Burd and second by Crystal Blair to approve: the
open and closed session minutes from the regular board of education
meeting held on July 18, 2016; the payment of Unit #9 bills; the monthly
imprest expenditures; the Treasurer's Report; the destruction of the
closed session recordings from the board of education meeting held on
February 18, 2015; an activity account at Watseka High School for the F
Troop; an overnight trip for FFA; the payment to Bill's Concrete for
\$18,000.00 for concrete work completed at Wanda Kendall School; and
the approval of partial payment for roof projects at Nettie Davis, WCHS,
and GRS for \$1,022,107.50. Roll call. Aye: 7. Nay: 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION: None.

SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT: Mr. Bunting reported that the Board
approved the construction of a time-out room at Gilman Elementary.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Committee recommendations will be discussed later in the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Annual Review of the Public Complaint Policy. This is an annual task and the policy was provided in the board book.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration and possible approval to set a date, time, and location for the Fiscal Year 2017 budget hearing.

It was moved by Brenna Johnson and second by Kirk McTaggart to set the date, time and location for the fiscal year 2017 budget hearing to be held on Monday, September 19th at 1411 West Lafayette Street, Watseka, IL 60970. The hearing will begin at 5:45 p.m. Roll call. Aye: 7. Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Consideration and possible approval of a tentative budget for fiscal year 2017. Mr. Bunting discussed the budget figures, he stated that HLS funds were received during the last fiscal year, but are being spent this fiscal year, therefore the budget shows large deficits. Mr. Bunting thanked Mrs. Ely for her hard work and dedication in helping to prepare the budget, he stated that she is an asset to the district. Board had no further questions.

It was moved by Brenna Johnson and second by Don Becker to approve the fiscal year 2017 tentative budget as presented. Roll call. Aye: 7. Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Consideration and possible approval of a revision to the health life safety amendment for the roof work at Nettie Davis, WCHS, and GRS. Mr. Bunting reported that this matter was discussed by the Finance Committee. The committee recommended using a portion of the working cash bond money that the board approved the sale of last fiscal year to pay the amount that the Health Life Safety Bond did not cover. This would alleviate the need to levy tax payers for the amount needed. Mr. Bruns stated that he thought this was a good solution. Board had no further questions. This matter was tabled.

Consideration and possible approval of the Iroquois County CUSD #9 Bus Driver, Substitute Teacher, and Substitute Support Staff lists. Discussion for executive session.

Consideration and possible approval of hourly employment for Title I grant services. Discussion for executive session.

Consideration and possible approval of a letter of resignation from the secretary at GRS. Discussion for executive session.

Consideration and possible approval of a letter of resignation from the elementary social worker. Discussion for executive session.

Consideration and possible approval of the employment of a part time secretary at GRS. Discussion for executive session.

Consideration and possible approval of the employment of an elementary guidance counselor. Discussion for executive session.

Consideration and possible approval of a part time family consumer science teacher at WCHS. Discussion for executive session.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Bunting reported that he received one FOIA request from NBC5 Chicago, regarding the use of school property by tele communication providers. He has responded to that request. He stated that registration went well, new teacher orientation is this week. district wide teacher orientation is next week. Mr. Bunting asked everyone to keep Mary Langellier's family in their thoughts, Mary's nephew passed away after being hit by a car while riding his bike. The portable building at Wanda Kendall is a work in progress, installers continue to work on the portable, and the hope is to have it ready before school starts. Mr. Bunting spoke to Dr. Murphy from I-KAN, Dr. Murphy will meet with Mr. Bunting when building is ready to issue a temporary occupancy permit. Mr. Bunting also reported that the annual audit went well.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS:

Mr. Welch reported that summer has been busy with the transition of Woodland classrooms to Glenn Raymond. He stated that the move went well, 5th grade teachers have been working on their new rooms. Changes were made to the front office so that the Assistant Principal and Guidance Counselor can have office space in the main office. Coaching positions are all filled, baseball starts this week, weather permitting.

Mrs. Garner stated that the move from Woodland to Wanda Kendall went well. Teachers have been in working on their classrooms. The summer help has been outstanding. There are still items to be moved as soon as the portable is finished. Total number of Wanda Kendall students enrolled as of today's date is 230. Mrs. Garner also reports that Nicor Gas is planning on installing new gas lines directly across the street from

Wanda Kendall. The street in front of Wanda will have to be closed. Nicor assures Mrs. Garner that the work will take approximately 3 days and will be complete before school starts.

Mrs. Gerth stated that roofing work continues at Nettie Davis. The gutters and downspouts are still being installed. Ameresco, the roofing company, has replaced two windows broken by the roofers. Mrs. Gerth thanked Dale Verkler and PC Wellborn for all their hard work. Teachers have been in getting rooms ready for school. Total number of Nettie Davis students enrolled as of today's date is 141.

Mrs. Short reported that teachers have been in getting rooms ready. She sent out a survey to teachers and results showed that teachers are proud of their school and of school programs. Freshman orientation is this week, NHS members will be giving tours of the school. Clubs will be setting up tables to encourage freshman to sign up. Mrs. Short has scheduled a guest speaker during teachers institute next week, a licensed clinical social worker, to discuss identifying and helping students with depression, which is a growing problem. Roof work continues at the high school. Enrollment as of today's date is 316.

Board briefly discussed declining enrollment. Mr. Bruns stated that this is a county wide problem. He stated that discussions about consolidation will have to be seriously considered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: It was moved by Brittany Cluver and second by Crystal Blair to enter executive session at 6:32 p.m. to consider information regarding appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of individual employees, impending litigation, and emergency security procedures. Roll call. Aye: 7. Nay: 0. Motion carried.

It was the consensus of the Board to return to open session at 7:02 p.m.

PERSONNEL: It was moved by Kirk McTaggart and second by Brittany Cluver to approve the Iroquois County CUSD #9 Bus Driver, Substitute Teacher, and Substitute Support Staff lists as presented. Roll call. Aye: 7. Nay: 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Bob Burd and second by Crystal Blair to approve the hourly employment of Sue Butler to complete and submit the Title I Grant as presented. Roll call. Aye: 7. Nay: 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Bob Burd and second by Crystal Blair to approve a letter of resignation from Julie Hasbargen as part-time secretary at GRS as presented. Roll call. Aye: 7. Nay: 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Brittany Cluver and second by Crystal Blair to approve a letter of resignation from Anna McCarthy as elementary social worker as presented. Roll call. Aye: 7. Nay: 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Bob Burd and second by Brittany Cluver to approve the employment of Jennifer Dixon as part-time secretary at GRS as presented pending proper paperwork and favorable background checks. Roll call. Aye: 7. Nay: 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Brittany Cluver and second by Brenna Johnson to approve the employment of Katherine Coulter as elementary guidance counselor as presented pending proper paperwork and favorable background checks. Roll call. Aye: 7. Nay: 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kirk McTaggart and second by Bob Burd to approve the employment of Sue Janssen as part-time family consumer science teacher at WCHS as presented pending proper paperwork and favorable background checks. Aye: 7. Nay: 0. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S PREROGATIVE: Mr. Brunns had no additional comments.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Brittany Cluver and second by Don Becker to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Roll call. Aye: 7. Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Breeling
Recording Secretary

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education