

Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
May 19, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 100 was held Thursday, May 19, 2011 at East Elementary. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Ed Test, President. Other members present were Cindy Cannon, John Copley, Bob Gross, Don Mellenthin, Julie Pohlman, Amanda Vaughn. Also in attendance were Ed Settles, Superintendent; Ken Schell, District Administrator; Alan Churchman, Curriculum Director; Tracy Howard, Special Education Coordinator; Keith Norman, Director of Technology; also, Tom Bott, The Telegraph; Robert Lyons, The Journal; Michelle Brown, Michelle Bidlack, Mary Schell, Cynthia Barnhart, Denise Kallal, Lisa Schuenke, Lori Hopkins; Connie Springman, Cindy Russell, Denise Bock, LuAnn Bennett, Melissa Smay, Monica Eschbach, Cliff Kaminsky, Kim Speidel, Kari Nairn, Patty Saettele, Freddy Hatfill, Michelle Pickel, Bonnie Kadell, district employees; Paul Richman, Mike & Marlene McNear, Jo Test, Jessica Andre, Richard & Shirley Allen, Howard & Sue Landon, Pete Hatfill, John Groppe, Grace Mellenthin, and John Hefner.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA**

A motion was made by Pohlman, seconded by Cannon to approve the agenda as presented including the addition of immanent/potential litigation under purpose of closed session, and also the addition of Mooresville, NC update to Items for Discussion. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Copley, seconded by Pohlman to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following:

- Open session minutes
  - April 21, 2011 – regular meeting
  - May 3, 2011 – special meeting
  - May 11, 2011- special meeting
- Closed session minutes
  - April 21, 2011 – regular (held)
  - May 11, 2011 – special (held)
- Bills as presented for payment and orders drawn.
- Personnel
  - Resignation of Maggie McCalla, agricultural teacher at JCHS, effective the end of the 2010-11 school year.
  - Resignation of Sheryle Cooper, JCHS paraprofessional, effective May 31, 2011 to begin retirement.
  - Resignation of Jamie Gorman as 7<sup>th</sup> grade football coach effective the end of the 2010-11 school year.
  - Approve the extra curricular assignments effective for the 2011-12 school year.

Maureen Shortal-Rench as National Honor Society Honor Society Advisor

Chris Skinner as boys/girls bowling coach

**Class Sponsors – JCHS**

Class of 2012 – Jim Bosomworth, Erica Smith

Class of 2013 – Mindy Woelfel, Myra Richards

Class of 2014 – Chris Skinner, Lisa Kolkmeier, David Allsup

Class of 2105 – Julie Geers, Gwen Brunaugh

○ **Summer school employment for Autism classes**

Special Education Teachers – Marsha Erwin, Stacey Kuebrich,

NaShona Staples

Instructional Aides – Jane Miles, Cheryl Nance, Sherry Lichtenberger,

Patty Saettele, Beth White.

Speech Therapist – Kristie Hurley

On roll call, Cannon, yes; Copley, yes; Gross, yes; Mellenthin, no; Pohlman, yes; Test, yes; Vaughn, no.  
Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS /WELCOME VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**BOARD COMMITTEES**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Enrollment** – April Enrollment

**Director's Reports**

Mrs. Steckel reported the status of the State payments, as of to date, the State of Illinois owes District 100 1.4 million dollars.

**Superintendent's Report**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Rental/Selling Outlying District Buildings (Dow/Fieldon)

Mr. Settles reported he is checking with the attorney, waiting on reply, regarding the selling or leasing of Dow and Fieldon Elementary.

**ACTION ITEMS AND NEW BUSINESS**

1. NAIER Membership - \$595/year

A motion was made by Copley, seconded by Mellenthin to continue our partnership with NAIER \$595 annual membership. On roll call, Copley, yes; Gross, yes; Mellenthin, yes; Pohlman, yes; Test, yes; Vaughn, yes; Cannon, yes. Motion carried.

2. Hazardous Roadways

Mr. Schell reviewed the hazardous transportation areas approved through the Illinois Department of Transportation. After discussion, a motion was made by Mellenthin, seconded by Gross to approve the following hazardous areas and file a copy with the Regional Office of Education:

1. Along Route 67 from Indian Lakes Estates to Delhi Elementary School. (100-81-1)
2. Along Route 67 from McClusky Road to Delhi Elementary School. (100-81-2)
3. Along West County Road to West Elementary School. (100-82-2)
4. Along Route 109 (area between Route 109 and Route 67) to West Elementary School. (100-84-1)
5. Along Newbern Road to Dow Elementary School. (100-90-1)
6. Along Sumner Street, Fairgrounds Avenue, and Spruce Street from Horn Drive to East Elementary School. (100-92-1)
7. Along Route 16 West (1.4) miles to Centennial Road. (2000-8)
8. Along Route 67 North and South of Delhi Elementary School. (2000-7)

On roll call, Gross, yes; Mellenthin, yes; Pohlman, yes; Test, yes; Vaughn, yes; Cannon, yes; Copley, yes. Motion carried.

3. Allotment of \$160,000 to Purchase Buses and/or Vans

Mr. Schell presented a list of buses being used for regular routes needing replaced. He also showed the spare buses he would like to sell at the fall auction if new/used buses are purchased. Due to the transportation fund not receiving its share of State Funding, Mr. Schell requests the Board to approve a budget of \$160,000 for bus/van replacement for the 2011-12 school year if funding is available. A motion was made by Pohlman, seconded by Vaughn to approve Mr. Schell's recommendation if funding becomes available. On roll call, Mellenthin, yes; Pohlman, yes; Test, yes; Vaughn, yes; Cannon yes; Copley, yes; Gross, yes. Motion carried.

4. Summer Camps

A motion was made by Vaughn, seconded by Mellenthin, to approve the following summer camps:

- Jersey Ladies Panther Soccer Summer Camp held July 25-28, 2011.
- Summer Tennis Tournament sponsored by JCHS boys/girls tennis teams July 29-3

On roll call, Pohlman, yes; Test, yes; Vaughn, yes; Cannon, yes; Copley, yes; Gross, yes; Mellenthin, yes. Motion carried.

5. Trip Request

A motion was made by Pohlman, seconded by Mellenthin to approve the request of Mrs. Beth Morgan to take JCHS yearbook staff to Jacksonville Illinois College June 28-30. On roll call, Test, yes; Vaughn, yes; Cannon, yes; Copley, yes; Gross, yes; Mellenthin, yes; Pohlman, yes. Motion carried.

6. Consideration of a resolution calling a public hearing concerning the intent to sell \$6,500,000 School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds

The Bond Issue Notification Act requires that a public hearing be called and held in connection with the sale of bonds in the amount of \$6,500,000 for the purpose of conforming its existing facilities that house students to the building code promulgated by the State Board of Education of the State of Illinois, by altering and reconstructing said facilities and having equipment purchased and installed therein and that the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution calling such

public hearing.

A motion was made by Copley, seconded by Pohlman to approve a hearing to be held June 2 at the district office. On roll call, Vaughn, yes; Cannon, yes; Copley, yes; Gross, yes; Mellenthin, no; Pohlman, yes; Test, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Copley, seconded by Cannon to approve the resolution read by Cindy Cannon, secretary.

RESOLUTION calling a public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 100, Jersey and Greene Counties, Illinois, to sell \$6,500,000 School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds.

WHEREAS, Community Unit School District Number 100, Jersey and Greene Counties, Illinois (the "*District*"), is a duly organized and existing School District created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, and is now operating under the provisions of the School Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, including the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the District (the "*Board*") intends to sell bonds in the amount of \$6,500,000 for the purpose of conforming its existing facilities that house students to the building code promulgated by the State Board of Education of the State of Illinois, by altering and reconstructing said facilities and having equipment purchased and installed therein (the "*Bonds*"); and

WHEREAS, the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, requires the Board to hold a public hearing concerning the Board's intent to sell the Bonds before adopting a resolution providing for the sale of the Bonds:

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 100, Jersey and Greene Counties, Illinois, as follows:

*Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles.* The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by reference.

*Section 2. Public Hearing.* The Board hereby calls a public hearing to be held at 7:00 o'clock P.M. on the 2nd day of June, 2011, in the District Office, 100 Lincoln Street, Jerseyville, Illinois, in the District, concerning the Board's intent to sell the Bonds and to receive public comments regarding the proposal to sell the Bonds (the "*Hearing*").

*Section 3. Notice.* The Secretary of the Board (the "*Secretary*") shall (i) publish notice of the Hearing at least once in the *Jersey County Journal*, the same being a newspaper of general circulation in the District, not less than 7 nor more than 30 days before the date of the Hearing and (ii) post at least 48 hours before the Hearing a copy of said notice at the principal office of the Board.

*Section 4. Form of Notice.* Notice of the Hearing shall appear above the name of the Secretary and shall be in substantially the following form:

On roll call, Cannon, yes; Copley, yes; Gross, no; Mellenthin, no; Pohlman, yes; Test, yes; Vaughn, abstain. Motion carried.

Board of Education of Jersey CUSD No. 100  
County of Jersey, State of Illinois

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

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Secretary, Board of Education

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. K-7 Response to Intervention Plan (RtI)

Mr. Churchman reviewed the K-7 Response to Intervention Plan (RtI) mandated by the State of Illinois providing services to students before assigning to special education services.

2. Standards Based Kindergarten Report Card

Mr. Churchman presented the Kindergarten standards based report card being used by kindergarten students this year. The plan is to produce a report card for first grade students next year using the state standards.

3. Title 1 Program

Mr. Churchman reported the Title 1 program is a Federal program to assist students struggling with at risk situations based on the senses and poverty.

4. Summer Professional Development Activities

Mr. Churchman updated the board on the status of the districts professional growth activities. Numerous trainings are scheduled over the next few months funded through Title 1.

5. Class Placement for 2011-2012

Mr. Churchman reviewed the handout showing the number of kindergarten students enrolled for the 2011-12 school year. Discussion was held comparing larger classes, (approximately 30 students per class) with 4 teachers versus smaller classes (approximately 22 students per class) with 5 teachers. No action was taken at this time.

6. Medical Insurance

Mr. Settles explained the reason for the rate increase effective September 1, 2011 for the Egyptian Trust Employee insurance. District 100 is a member of a large insurance pool with other districts. Our district is one of the loss districts in revenue.

7. Residency

Due to residency questions, Mr. Mellenthin was asked to clear confusion by stating where he lives since using two different addresses when picking up petitions and filing petitions. Mr. Mellenthin stated he lives in Fidelity Township under the address of 21492 Oak Rest Road, Piasa, but receives mail and votes in Piasa Township under the address 30743 Delhi Road, Brighton.

8. Building Air Quality

Mr. Schell spoke of the air quality at Illini Middle School. After checking with the architect, Mr. Schell reported it would cost the district thousands to analyze Illini and the Architects are confident the air quality is up to standards for the students.

9. Mayoral Letter from Mr. Tom Thompson

Mr. Settles reported the City of Grafton passed a resolution requesting the name of Grafton Elementary remain the same. After discussion, a motion was made by Vaughn, seconded by Mellenthin not to change the name of Grafton Elementary. The intent has always been to unify the district. Grafton Elementary school colors will be blue and carry the Panther mascot. On roll call, Vaughn, yes; Cannon, yes; Copley, yes; Gross, yes; Mellenthin, yes; Pohlman, yes; Test, yes. Motion carried.

10. Class Trips

JCHS provided a summary showing the trips taken by students either on a sporting or class trip. Discussion was held with Mr. Kaminsky present to answer questions. Everyone agreed the community is being flooded with various fund raisers, but at the same point would hate to see those experiences taken from the students.

11. Correspondence: Letter of Support

Julie Pohlman read a letter of support written to Mrs. Schuenke from Jim & Helen Cassens, parents of JCHS student, acknowledging the role model Mrs. Schuenke is to the students and how much she does above and beyond assisting the students of JCHS.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Mooresville Update

Mr. Settles reported Mr. Churchman is preparing for the trip to Mooresville, North Carolina for personnel to attend asking for 2 volunteers from the board. Cindy Cannon and Julie Pohlman have offered to attend.

## **BOARD PRESIDENT'S PREROGATIVE**

Ed Test, President, provided quote "Education is not an expense it is an investment."

## **CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Cannon, seconded by Vaughn to move to closed session for the purpose of the employment, appointment, discipline, compensation, negotiations, and immanent/potential litigation. Motion

carried. On roll call, Copley, yes; Gross, yes; Mellenthin, yes; Pohlman, yes; Test, yes; Vaughn, yes; Cannon, yes. Motion carried. The Board, along with Mr. Settles and Mr. Schell moved to closed session at 8:58 P.M.

The Board returned to open session at 10:52 P.M. A motion was made by Mellenthin, seconded by Test to reconvene open session. Motion carried.

**ACTION RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

None

A motion was made by Pohlman, seconded by Cannon to adjourn. The regular meeting of May 19, 2011 adjourned at 10:55 P.M.