

Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Open Session
March 19, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 100 was held Thursday, March 19, 2015 in the office of the Board of Education. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Ed Test, President. Other board members present were: Julie Pohlman, Vice President; Amanda Vaughn, Secretary; Ruth Eschbach, and Stan Kary. Board member William Yamnitz entered the meeting at 7:03 P.M. after roll call. Board member Sherry Droste was absent. Also in attendance were Lori Franke-Hopkins, Superintendent; Alan Churchman, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Facilities; Chip Fabry, Special Education Coordinator; Keith Norman, Director of Technology; Michelle Bidlack, Principal/Early Childhood Director; Cory Breden, Principal/Transportation Director; Lisa Schuenke, Principal; Jason Brunaugh, Principal; Kristie Hurley, Principal; Dennis Williams, Maintenance Supervisor; Debbie Trochuck, District Secretary; Tom Bott, The Telegraph; Bob Crossen, Jersey County Journal; District employees Cheryl Schwab, Freddy Hatfill, Tiffany Cazier, Lisa Higgins, Scott Tonsor, Melanie Fessler, Shelly Robinson, Genevieve Mossman, Christy Vice, Christine Herkert; Kim Wackerly, Pam Heitzig, Pete Hatfill, Dave Isringhausen, Terry Hansen, Bob Kincade, Rob Hedger, Jo Test, Pam Shourd, Pamela Mossman, Irene Mossman, Grant Manula, Greg Towell and others.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Pohlman, seconded by Vaughn to amend the consent agenda to include the resignation of Jim Witt, Industrial Arts – Electronics educator at JCHS, effective the end of the 2014-15 school year. On roll call, Eschbach, yes; Kary, yes; Pohlman, yes; Test, yes; Vaughn, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kary, seconded by Vaughn to approve the following consent agenda as amended:

I. Minutes & Finance

A. Approve Board Minutes

1. Open Session(s)

- a. Regular Meeting - February 19, 2015
- b. Special Meeting - February 19, 2015

2. Closed Session(s)

- a. Regular Meeting - February 19, 2015 (held)
- b. Special Meeting - February 19, 2015 (held)

B. Bookkeeper's Financial Position/Treasurer's Reports

C. Budget Report - February 2015

D. Approve Expenditures - March 2015

II. Personnel Items

A. Accept Resignation(s)

- 1. Jim Witt, Industrial Arts – Electronics Educator at JCHS, effective the end of the 2014-15 school year.

2. Brenda S. Saettele, Cook at JCHS, effective March 15, 2015
 3. Ben Bishop, Assistant Football Coach, effective immediately
 4. Joe Johns, Volunteer Football Coach, effective immediately
- B. Approve Extra-Curricular Assignment(s)
1. Josh Brunaugh, Volunteer Football Coach, effective for the 2015 season
 2. Rob Ridenhour, Volunteer Girls' Soccer Coach, effective for the 2015 season
- C. Approve Leave of Absence - None
- D. Approve Non-Certified Personnel - None
- E. Approve Temporary Disability Leave - None
- F. Employ Certificated Personnel - None
- G. Employ Educational Support Personnel - None

On roll call, Kary, yes; Pohlman, yes; Test, yes; Eschbach, yes; Vaughn, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Yamnitz entered the meeting at 7:03 P.M.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS/WELCOME VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Vaughn read the guidelines for those from the public who wished to speak.

Mr. Terry Hansen of Wolves Crossing golf course presented a request to the board for the JCHS golf team to use his course as their home course. He reviewed the reasons he felt it would benefit the team to use Wolves Crossing.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Enrollment and Suspension and Expulsion Reports

Enrollment and Suspension and Expulsion reports were provided for informational purposes.

Principals' Reports

Mr. Brunaugh, Illini Middle School Principal, reported that the fourth day of PARCC testing was completed. He thanked the digital coaches, Melanie Fessler and Shelly Robinson, for their part in making the testing successful. Mr. Brunaugh introduced Pamela and Irene Mossman, fifth grade students at Illini Middle School, who performed a short skit which was part of their living wax museum presentation in their study of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Schuenke, JCHS Principal, reported that there are various events going on this spring including assessments, spring sports, FFA blood drive, competitions, the musical, leadership workshops, PARCC testing, and CPR training. She thanked the digital coaches for their help with the testing as well. A video was shown that was created by Driver's Education students as part of a project in which they won \$1,000.00, which they donated to the After Prom Committee. Mrs. Schuenke announced that the boys' and girls'

basketball teams were honored at the IHSA State Basketball Tournament with the *Legion of Champions* team award by the IHSA and Wilson Sporting Goods. The boys' team had raised over \$10,000 for the Jonny Wade project through various fundraisers. The girls' team dedicated their senior night to Special Olympics and the special needs students in our district. Students from the Life Basics class were invited to the floor and introduced by senior Lia Roundcount. Mrs. Schuenke noted that while you look at test scores and curriculum, these are the things that make our students outstanding citizens.

Mrs. Bidlack, West Elementary Principal, reported that April 13th – 17th is the Week of the Young Child. Many activities are planned to celebrate that week.

Mrs. Hurley, East Elementary Principal, reported that PARCC testing would be winding down the next day. Everything went very well with the help of the digital coaches.

Mr. Breden, Grafton Elementary Principal, reported that students would be taking a field trip to the River Works Discovery Project at Union Station. The cost is covered by the group putting on the project and Grafton will cover costs for transportation if the cost goes beyond what the group covers.

Directors' Reports

District Administrator – Mr. Churchman

Mr. Churchman reported that Kindergarten screening will be held after Easter break.

Special Education Coordinator

Mr. Fabry reported that senior Lia Roundcount started a 50/50 drawing at senior night which brought in over \$1,200.00 for the Special Olympics team.

Director of Finance and Human Resources

None

Director of Technology

None

Early Childhood Director

None

Director of Transportation

None

Superintendent Report

Dr. Hopkins distributed certificates of appreciation from Toys for Tots to Mr. Scott Tonsor, Mrs. Michelle Bidlack, Mrs. Kristie Hurley, Mr. Jason Brunaugh, Mr. Cory Breden, and Mrs. Lisa Schuenke for their outstanding support of the Toys for Tots program.

Dr. Hopkins recognized the technology department for their year-long effort to get the district set up for PARCC testing. She credited them as well as the digital coaches for preparing the district for successful testing.

Dr. Hopkins presented information on future planning, the current financial picture, projections and personnel.

Dr. Hopkins shared with the board malicious letters sent to the district and to the spouse of a district employee. She assured the board that in spite of the difficulty created by the current political climate, district teachers and administration are responding with class.

In response to questions about what Mr. Churchman does in the district Dr. Hopkins asked that he stand and inform the board what his duties are. In 2009-10 Mr. Churchman was hired to be Curriculum Director, and two years later Title I Director was added to his responsibilities. Two years ago due to reductions in staff, Director of Facilities as well as student discipline issues were also added.

Dr. Hopkins reported to the board that she is extremely pleased with Mr. Breden's work at the transportation department.

Dr. Hopkins spoke about the attack on public education and expressed her appreciation for teachers, administrators and the board and their service. She said, "Where words fail, music speaks", and sang a song to share what was on her heart.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Grants

After discussion, a motion was made by Eschbach, seconded by Pohlman to approve the writing and submitting of grants by Jersey CUSD No 100 personnel that will provide resources for our schools. On roll call, Pohlman, yes; Test, yes; Vaughn, yes; Yamnitz, yes; Eschbach, yes; Kary, yes. Motion carried.

2. SAPCO Food Cooperative Agreement for the 2015-16 School Year

After discussion a motion was made by Vaughn, seconded by Pohlman to approve the following resolution:

SANGAMON AREA PURCHASING COOPERATIVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, present statutes allow school districts to jointly offer programs for better educational advantages; and

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 10 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois and The Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/1, et seq., authorized the parties hereto to enter into intergovernmental agreements to exercise, combine or transfer any power or function, in any manner not prohibited by law or by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, entering into this agreement is in the best interest of Jersey Community Unit School District School District No. 100; and

WHEREAS, the Jersey Community Unit School District No. 100, has determined it would realize an economic benefit from membership in the Sangamon Area Purchasing Cooperative and desires membership in said Cooperative; and

NOW, THEREFORE let it be resolved that Jersey Community Unit School District No. 100, in the county(ies) of Jersey and Greene, in the State of Illinois is authorized to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Sangamon Area Purchasing Cooperative for the 2015-2016 School Year; and

BE it further resolved that the President and Secretary of this Board of Education are hereby authorized to direct and execute the certification below, and

BE it further resolved that the Superintendent of said school district is hereby designated as the duly voting representative for Jersey Community Unit School District No. 100 in the Sangamon Area Purchasing Cooperative.

CERTIFICATION

I, Amanda Vaughn, Secretary of the Board of Education of Jersey Community Unit School District No. 100, Jersey and Greene County(ies), Illinois, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a certain resolution which was duly passed by said Board of Education, at its appropriately announced meeting held on the 19th day of March, 2015.

ATTEST:

Ed Test, President of Board

Amanda Vaughn, Secretary of Board

On roll call, Test, yes; Vaughn, yes; Yamnitz, yes; Eschbach, yes; Kary, yes; Pohlman, yes. Motion carried.

3. Establishment of District Fees

After discussion a motion was made by Eschbach seconded by Vaughn to approve the 2015-16 district fees as presented. On roll call, Vaughn, yes; Yamnitz, yes; Eschbach, yes; Kary, yes; Pohlman, yes; Test, yes. Motion carried.

4. IHSA 2015-16 Membership Renewal

A motion was made by Kary, seconded by Vaughn to approve membership to the IHSA for all high school athletics for the 2015-16 school year. On roll call, Yamnitz, yes; Eschbach, yes; Kary, yes; Pohlman, yes; Test, yes; Vaughn, yes. Motion carried.

5. IESA 2015-16 Membership Renewal

A motion was made by Vaughn, seconded by Pohlman to approve membership to the IESA for the 2015-16 school year. On roll call, Eschbach, yes; Kary, yes; Pohlman, yes; Test, yes; Vaughn, yes; Yamnitz, yes. Motion carried.

6. Student Handbooks and Discipline Policy for 2015-16

Mr. Churchman reviewed changes proposed by a committee consisting of building administrators, activities director and parents. After discussion a motion was made by Pohlman, seconded by Kary to approve the student handbooks and discipline policy for the 2015-16 school year. On roll call, Kary, yes; Pohlman, yes; Test, yes; Vaughn, yes; Yamnitz, yes; Eschbach, yes. Motion carried.

7. Reduction in Force Resolution

After discussion a motion was made by Vaughn, seconded by Kary to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE DISMISSAL OF EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL EMPLOYEE(S)

WHEREAS, the educational support personnel employee(s) listed in this Resolution are employed by the Board of Education of Jersey Community School District No. 100 during the 2014-2015 school term; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined to decrease the number of educational support personnel employees employed in the District; and

WHEREAS, the educational support personnel employees with the shorter length of continuing service with the School District, within the respective category of position, must be dismissed first, unless an alternative method of determining the sequence of dismissal is established in a collective bargaining agreement or contract between the Board and any exclusive bargaining representative; and

WHEREAS, an alternative method of determining the sequence of dismissal is not established in an applicable collective bargaining agreement or contract; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the educational support personnel employee(s) named below will be honorably dismissed and not reemployed for the 2015-2016 school term, pursuant to Section 10-23.5 of the *School Code* (105 ILCS 5/10-23.5);

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of Jersey Community Unit School District No. 100, Jersey County, Illinois, that:

Section 1: The following educational support personnel employee(s) shall be honorably dismissed and not reemployed for the 2015-2016 school term because of the decision of the Board to decrease the number of educational support personnel employees employed:

Mrs. Tracy Madson
Mrs. Rita Robertson
Mrs. NaRetta Forrester
Mrs. Melissa Beauchamp
Mrs. Jessica Brady
Mrs. Shannon Fraley
Mr. James Stille

Section 2: The following educational support personnel employee(s) shall be honorably dismissed and not reemployed for the 2015-2016 school term because of the decision of the Board to discontinue some particular type of educational support service(s):

- None

Section 3: The President and Secretary of the Board are authorized and directed to give the educational support personnel employee(s) a written Notice of Honorable Dismissal, together with the reasons therefore, by first class mail at least thirty (30) days before the employee(s) are dismissed. A copy of this Notice is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

Section 4: The Superintendent or designee shall also deliver a copy of the Notice to the educational support personnel employee(s) by certified mail, return receipt requested or personally with a signature receipt. A copy of the receipt is attached as Exhibit B and incorporated by reference.

Section 5: This Resolution is in full force and effect upon its passage.

ADOPTED this 19th day of March, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Ruth Eschbach, Stan Kary, Julie Pohlman, Ed Test, Amanda Vaughn, William Yamnitz

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Sherry Droste

ATTEST

Ed Test, Board President

Amanda Vaughn, Board Secretary

On roll call, Pohlman, yes; Test, yes; Vaughn, yes Yamnitz, yes; Eschbach, yes; Kary, yes. Motion carried.

8. Re-employment of Non-Tenured Staff

A motion was made by Eschbach, seconded by Kary to approve the re-employment of the following non-tenured staff:

4th Year Teachers

Scott Bechtold	Emily DeSherlia	Jamie Jones
Sara Beckman	Heather Dohrn	Jessica Ray
Nathan Blasa	Nikita Egelhoff	Megan Taake
Holly Campbell	Dave Jacobs	Scott Tonsor
Zoe Chin	Lisa Jacobs	

3rd Year Teachers

Nicholas Crnokrak	Neely Kinkel
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2nd Year Teachers

Erin Bittles	Steven Flowers	Christina Vice
Chelsey Bohannon	David Golike	Debra Weiler

1st Year Teachers

Sarah Bland	Christine Herkert	Chelsie Tepen
Amanda Brodbeck	Courtney Schroeder	

On roll call, Test, yes; Vaughn, yes; Yamnitz, yes; Eschbach, yes; Kary, yes; Pohlman, yes. Motion carried.

9. County School Facility Sales Tax Allocation for Use Resolution

Mr. Yamnitz asked if he could speak before a motion was presented. He asked to present a motion after attending many of the forums and talking with many other counties who have the tax, who don't have it, who wish they did, and those who wish they did not.

Mr. Yamnitz made a motion to pass an irrevocable resolution with 90% going toward debt and 10% used for facilities improvements. Should an emergency situation arise the percentages may be changed, but only with a unanimous vote of the board, after which the percentages would return to the 90/10 split. Additionally, no bonds or loans could be issued against the income stream. Furthermore, the 1% sales tax would remain in place until all current bonds are paid off and then dissolved at the end of the following year unless kept in place by a unanimous vote of the school board.

After discussion the motion failed due to the lack of a second to the motion.

A motion was made by Kary, seconded by Vaughn to approve the following resolution:

COUNTY SCHOOL FACILITIES SALES TAX POTENTIAL REVENUE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Jersey Community Unit School District No. 100 is aware of the potential revenue (estimated to be around \$1,098,000) from the County School Facilities Sales Tax ballot initiative and the impact it will have on school facility improvements and lowering property rates if successful; and,

WHEREAS, this board is mindful to provide property tax relief while improving school facilities; and,

WHEREAS, this board intends to use the potential revenue if the ballot initiative is successful in the following manner:

- Provide allocation of 45% of total revenue to abatement of capital improvement debt;
- Begin completing the following facility improvements as outlined on the 2014-2015 Jersey Community Unit School District No. 100 Strategic Plan:
- Complete of Health/Life/Safety projects at Illini; asbestos abatement throughout West Elementary, remove fencing in front of West Elementary, and replace West Elementary doors/windows; update security systems in all buildings; replace baseball bleachers at the sports complex and improve the all-weather track at the sports complex and JCHS; repair roofing; replace worn carpeting; and provide continued maintenance to parking lots and playgrounds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

Adopted this 19th day of March, 2015.

JERSEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100

BY: _____
ED TEST, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

AMANDA VAUGHN, SECRETARY

On roll call, Vaughn, yes; Yamnitz, no; Eschbach, yes; Kary, yes; Pohlman, yes; Test, yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Integration of Technology into Curricula
Mrs. Melanie Fessler and Mrs. Shelly Robinson, Digital Coaches, presented information to the board about what is happening in various classrooms throughout the district.
2. Driver Education
Dr. Hopkins presented justification to the board regarding a fee increase for driver education that will be presented at the April board meeting.
3. Grafton Erosion
Mr. Churchman informed the board that Mr. Yamnitz inspected the erosion issue at Grafton along with board candidates Grant Manula and Barry Webster, who he brought with him. Mr. Yamnitz had proposed correcting the problem at no cost, however, should the district sell the property he asked that he be paid \$10,000.00. Mr. Churchman reported that he talked with the architects and they would like to inspect underground to be sure there is not an underground erosion problem. Mr. Churchman was in agreement that it should be done.
4. Regulatory Compliance
Dr. Hopkins informed the board of the compliance visits and audits that will be coming up soon. Some are the Regional Office of Education Compliance visit, the Cafeteria audit, General State Aid audit, Special Education Personnel audit, Transportation Regular and Vocational audit, Transportation Special Education audit, Early Childhood Block Grant 0-3 audit, Early Childhood Block Grant 3-5 audit, Title I Low Income audit, Title II Teacher Quality audit.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

Mr. Kary addressed Mr. Yamnitz about an article that he had published in the paper which Mr. Kary felt was an attack on Board President Ed Test. Discussion was held.

Mr. Yamnitz exited the meeting at 9:21 P.M.

Mr. Kary praised the administrators and faculty for what they do.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S PREROGATIVE

Mr. Test shared his thoughts about the community holding teachers and administrators in a place of honor.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Kary, seconded by Eschbach to move to closed session for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; and student disciplinary cases (5 ILCS 120). An aye or nay vote was taken with all in favor, none opposed.

Mr. Test read announcements.

The board moved to closed session at 9:26 P.M. Mr. Yamnitz rejoined the meeting at that time.

The board returned from closed session at 9:56 P.M.

A motion was made by Vaughn, seconded by Eschbach to resume open session. An aye or nay vote was taken with all in favor, none opposed.

Mrs. Pohlman exited the meeting.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Vaughn, seconded by Eschbach to approve a leave of absence for Kari Nairn, West Elementary educator, for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year as discussed in closed session. On roll call, Yamnitz, yes; Eschbach, yes; Kary, yes; Test, yes; Vaughn, yes. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Eschbach, seconded by Vaughn. An aye or nay vote was taken with all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

The regular meeting of March 19, 2015 adjourned at 9:58 P.M.