

Nippersink School District 2
Regular Board of Education Meeting
April 27, 2011

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Nippersink School District 2, was called to order by Board President Patty Anderson at 7:00 p.m. in the Nippersink Middle School Library.

Members Present: Anderson, Callaby, Bianchini, Samuel, Maurer, Langlois

Absent: Bushing

Also Present: Dr. Dan Oest, Superintendent; Mrs. Denise Levendoski, Business Manager, and

Board Members Elect: Mr. Bert Irslinger, Mr. Matt Johnson, Mrs. Mindy Ross

Consent Agenda

Move 11.6, Employment of NMS Associate Principal to 14.0, Action after Closed Session, following discussion in Closed Session.

Items listed on the Consent Agenda for approval include the following:

- ✓ Regular Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2011
- ✓ Closed Session Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2011
- ✓ Special Joint Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2011
- ✓ Special Joint Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2011
- ✓ Board Bills \$909,422.32
- ✓ Treasurer's Report
- ✓ Staff Resignation: Kim Stone, NMS Paraprofessional
- ✓ Employment of Staff: Nanette Schweinberg, SGE Kitchen Staff
- ✓ Discard Closed Session Audio Recordings: 09/29/09 and 10/20/09

Motion by Callaby and seconded by Samuel to approve the consent agenda as modified.

Roll Call

Ayes: Callaby, Bianchini, Maurer, Samuel, Langlois, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Public Input

None

Review of Election Results

Review Canvass of School Board Election of April 5, 2011

Ms Julie Miller, Recording Secretary of the Board of Education, read from the Certificate of Canvass results received from the McHenry County Clerk's Office.

For the office of Member of the Board, 4 year Term:

Melinda Ross	388
Bertram Irslinger Jr.	464
Matt Johnson	358
Diane L. Bushing	347
Adam P. Metz	299
Todd S. Callaby	284

The Board acknowledged the results.

Declare Winners and Seating of New Members

Mrs. Ross, Mr. Irslinger and Mr. Johnson were proclaimed as the winners by Ms Miller and were welcomed to the table.

Mrs. Anderson thanked the departing Board Members and presented a plaque to Mr. Callaby acknowledging his two years of service to Nippersink School District 2, with special thanks for his involvement, knowledge, and expertise that he brought to the Building Committee. Mr. Samuel was presented his plaque in March.

Mrs. Anderson also publicly thanked Diane Bushing who could not be at the meeting. Mrs. Bushing served as a Board member for Richmond Grade School District 13 and then Nippersink District 2 following combination of the elementary districts. Mrs. Anderson strongly suggested that people take the opportunity to thank the outgoing Board members for their dedicated service. Mr. Callaby and Mr. Samuel departed the meeting.

Administer Oath

Mrs. Anderson led all Board Members in reciting the Board Member Oath of Office.

Selection of President Pro-Tem and Recording Secretary Pro-Tem

Following discussion and with no objections heard, Mrs. Anderson directed the record to reflect that the consensus of the Board of Education, for the purpose of selecting the President and Recording Secretary Pro-Tem to have the current Board President and Julie Miller serve in this capacity respectively.

Reorganization of New Board

Mrs. Anderson called for nominations for Board President.

Motion by Langlois to nominate Patty Anderson as Board President, Sue Maurer as Board Vice-President, and Sharon Bianchini as Board Secretary, move to close all nominations, and declare these individuals elected for respective offices by acclamation and direct the recording secretary to so record in the minutes.

Mrs. Anderson asked if there were any other nominations or objections. Hearing none, by acclamation, the new board officers have been declared.

Appointment of Recording Secretary

Motion by Bianchini and seconded by Langlois to appoint Julie Miller as recording Secretary of the District 2 Board of Education.

Roll Call

Ayes: Maurer, Irslinger, Langlois, Johnson, Bianchini, Ross, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried 7 – 0

Select Date and Location for Regular Board of Education Meetings

Discussion revealed that the 4th Wednesday continues to be acceptable except for the July and December meetings.

Motion by Langlois and seconded by Irslinger to establish the Regular Meeting Date of the Nippersink District 2 Board of Education as the 4th Wednesday of the month

in the Nippersink Middle School Library at 7:00 P.M. with the exceptions of the July and December meetings which will be held on July 19th and December 20th.

Roll Call

Ayes: Bianchini, Maurer, Ross, Irslinger, Langlois, Johnson, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried 7 - 0

Board Committee Appointments

Mrs. Anderson described the current standing committees of the Board; Shared Services, Buildings and Grounds, Labor Management, and Finance. In years past, there was a Policy Committee, but Dr. Oest now currently provides policy information to the Board during regular meetings. The Communication Committee has had a sporadic existence, and has not been a standing committee for a number of years. Consideration to re-establish the Communication Committee will be discussed by the Board as a whole at a later meeting. Mrs. Anderson asked Board members to consider which committees they might have an interest in and to please email her with choices. The Board President is responsible for making the final determination with regards to committee appointments.

Reports

Revenue/Expenditure Report, Special Education Revenue/Expenditure Report, Impact Fee Report, Imprest Report, ISDLAF Report, Transportation Report

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent

Dr. Oest shared that the kickoff meeting for the Telecom Project had been held and the transmission to the new phone system has begun. Completion is expected in July or early August. Training for staff will be provided. All contractors were present for the construction meeting related to the NMS project. The calendar is in place for proceeding with the work. Colin Green, the District Architect, has done a fine job orchestrating the project. All work is expected to be completed by August 1st. 8th Grade Graduation will be held Tuesday, May 24th at 6:30 P.M. in the RB Gymnasium. Board of Education Members are invited to sit on the stage.

Business Manager

Mrs. Levendoski reported that FEMA had originally approved reimbursement of 48 hours of emergency snow removal costs during the blizzard, but recently notified the district that the reimbursement would cover up to 72 hours, which translates to approximately \$6100.

Student Board Member

Arielle Wzientek shared recent happenings around school including:

- Honor Band students competed at Creekside Middle School on April 14th and did great
- 7th graders held their Science Expo.
- Celebrity Pizza Night at Papa Savario's was a success and a portion of the night's sales was donated to NMS.
- 8th graders toured the Holocaust Museum in Skokie; extremely educational and emotional.
- Qualifying NMS FPS students competed for state at Bloomington Normal. A few teams placed in the top 10. Emily Mace, Karen Maurer, Rachel Thomas, and

Beau Hunsaker qualified for internationals. Beau was the state champion this year.

- The Variety Show took place on the 20th; a lot of talent was shared.
- The 2011 Spring Fling, a Student Council Dance will take place on Friday.

RGS Principal

Mrs. Jones told of a recent faculty meeting that had classroom teachers experiencing what goes on with “Specials” classes. Mini lessons were presented to the classroom teachers.

SGE Principal

Mr. Pittman was unable to attend the meeting.

NMS Principal

Mr. Molitor reported that the mural in the NMS foyer is progressing. 5th grade orientation will be taking place soon and also at a point during the summer. Teachers from each grade level were able to participate in an exciting opportunity by attending the National Teacher Math Conference that was held nearby. Attendees came back super motivated.

Special Education Director

Dr. Miller and Mrs. Veillon facilitated grade level RtI discussion group meetings at both elementary schools during the previous months. Information collected will be used to develop and draft an action plan, timeline, prioritization of issues to address. Input will be sought from the RtI committee and the plan will be shared with staff and the Board once complete.

Curriculum Director

Mrs. Veillon presented a reference guide of acronyms that are regularly used and will continue to be used in the future in relation to education at the local, state, and national level.

Old Business

None

New Business

Treasurer Appointment/Bond Removal

Motion by Maurer and seconded by Langlois to appoint Denise Levendoski as District Treasurer and to renew the corresponding Treasurer’s Bond.

Roll Call

Ayes: Maurer, Ross, Irslinger, Bianchini, Langlois, Johnson, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried 7 - 0

District Auditing Services FY11

The Board of Education authorized soliciting bids for the FY11 audit. Mrs. Levendoski presented the RFP to various companies. Final Quotes were received from four firms as listed:

Eder, Casella & Co. \$17,500

Evans, Marshall & Co. 15,000

Milburn Cain & Co. 11,000

current company and the same fee as FY10

Miller, Cooper & Co. 17,500

Dr. Oest and Mrs. Levendoski wrestled with a recommendation. The bid range is somewhat amazing. The current service may come with some frustrations, but is sufficient and provides what is needed. With concern for controlling costs, additional money for the service may not be justified. With that in mind, the recommendation is to stay with Milburn Cain & Co.

Motion by Langlois and seconded by Irslinger to authorize the FY11 District 2 Auditing Services to Milburn Cain & Co. at an annual sum for services of \$11,000.

Roll Call

Ayes: Ross, Maurer, Langlois, Irslinger, Johnson, Bianchini, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried 7 – 0

Richmond Business Incentive Program

Dr. Oest explained that the Board of Education has been working with the Village on this document for over a year. Revisions were requested by the school districts prior to final consideration. The items requested, including missing exhibits that were referenced have now been included. Legal council has reviewed the document. Nippersink District 2 approved the document at their meeting last night.

Motion by Bianchini and seconded by Maurer to approve the Village of Richmond Business Incentive Program intergovernmental agreement as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes: Langlois, Bianchini, Ross, Johnson, Irslinger, Maurer, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried 7 – 0

Resolution Extending Participation in the Regional Safe Schools Program

Motion by Irslinger and seconded by Langlois to approve the Resolution authorizing the participation in the McHenry County Regional Safe School Program for the 2011-12 school term.

Roll Call

Ayes: Irslinger, Langlois, Johnson, Bianchini, Maurer, Ross, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried 7 – 0

Board Policy – 1st Reading - 5:135 Electronic Communications/Social Networks

Dr. Oest provided the Board with a 1st reading on Policy 5:135 Electronic Communications/Social Networks, stating that there will be an additional component added to the policy for review next month. The new information relates to communication with students no longer in the district. This policy was developed out of concern for both students and staff and for the protection of all involved. The Tech Policy Committee was established as a spinoff of the Tech Committee. The Tech Policy Committee met a few times and reviewed sample policies. Legal Council has been involved. The committee hopes to have the second reading of the policy in May. Creation of the policy essentially puts controls around social networking that does not involve an educational component. Dr. Oest thanked Mrs. Bianchini for contributing her interest and expertise.

FOIA Requests

Two FOIA requests were received and replied to:

- Neopost; for contract information on the postage machine

- Notification was received from the Attorney Generals' Office stating that Nippersink District 2 prevailed in their position to withhold the release of bus videos related to a FOIA request from Mr. Michael Moore.

Public Input

None

Closed Session

Motion by Bianchini and seconded by Langlois to move into Closed Session at 8:48 P.M. to consider information pertaining to the appointment, employment, dismissal, performance, discipline and compensation of employees of the district, Imminent Litigation, and Collective Bargaining matters.

Roll Call

Ayes: Langlois, Johnson, Bianchini, Maurer, Ross, Irslinger, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried 7 – 0

Return to Open Session at 9:56 P.M.

Action after Closed Session

Motion by Langlois and seconded by Maurer to employee Desiree Richards as Nippersink Middle School Associate Principal FY11-12 at a salary of \$55,000 and per the terms as discussed in Closed Session.

Roll Call

Ayes: Langlois, Maurer, Johnson, Bianchini, Ross, Irslinger, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried 7 - 0

Adjournment

Motion by Ross seconded by Bianchini to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the D2 Board of Education at 9:59 P.M.

Voice Vote

Ayes: All Ayes

Nays: None

Motion Carried 7 - 0

Next Regular Meeting May 25, 2011

Board of Education of Nippersink

School District 2

ATTEST:

Board Secretary

Board President

May 25, 2011