

Nippersink School District 2
Regular Board of Education Meeting
December 20, 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, Bianchini, Irslinger, Johnson, Langlois, Maurer, Ross

Absent: None

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

Recognition of 7th Grade Boys Basketball Team

Mr. Molitor introduced Coach Hepner who in turn introduced the Conference Champion 7th Grade Boys Basketball Team. Coach Hepner shared some specifics related to the record setting season as well as praised the team for their good sportsmanship. Congratulations to all!

Consent Agenda

A corrected bill listing was provided which changed the total from \$958,630.12 to \$958,436.92.

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

- ✓ Regular Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2011
- ✓ Closed Session Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2011
- ✓ Special Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2011
- ✓ Closed Session Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2011
- ✓ Board Bills \$958,436.92
- ✓ Treasurer's Report
- ✓ Discard Closed Session Audio Recordings: 5/25/10 and 6/8/10

Motion by Ross and seconded by Langlois to approve the Consent Agenda as modified.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Public Input

None

Reports

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

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent

Dr. Oest shared the following information with the Board:

- The Buildings and Grounds Committee met to continue prioritization of upcoming projects. Other item discussed included:
 - ✓ Review of mold analysis reports – no unusual findings

- ✓ Pursuing a roof audit and plans to review the audit of the buildings done by Ameresco with regard to the section on the NMS roof.
- Enrollment update was provided and will be provided monthly for purposes of planning and projections for the 2012-13 school year. Note that 4th and 5th grade enrollment is steadily declining. Kindergarten screening takes place in February.
- The Superintendent's Corner, part of the goal to increase communication, will be soon posted to the websites. Information such as resource links, Board of Education topics and podcasts will be included.

Student Board Member Report

Alec Weiland reported on the following school activities:

- ✓ Student Council Holiday Dance on December 16th
- ✓ \$700 (1/2 of the admission collected) was donated to the Food Pantry
- ✓ The Geography Bowl was held on December 16th – Griffin Wroski was the champion
- ✓ 7th and 8th grade basketball teams successful start to the season
- ✓ The Giving Tree initiative collected more than 150 presents that were donated to local families through the Food Pantry
- ✓ The Intramural Basketball Season is coming to an end next week
- ✓ A water park trip to Timber Ridge Water Park is scheduled for January 12th

Business Manager

Mrs. Levendoski had no additional information to share at this time.

RGS Principal Report

Mr. Augustyn told of a professional development opportunity that 8 staff members participated in; Daily 5 and/or C.A.F.E., methods of teaching Language Arts. Mr. Augustyn also participated in the Second Grade Reader's Theatre. PTO raised \$46,000 through their Tailgate for Education fundraiser held in November. The funds raised will primarily be used for technology. Mr. Augustyn offered a huge thank you to the PTO for their efforts and to the community for their support of our schools.

SGE Principal Report

Mr. Pittman announced that the SGE PTO will be selling chances on a Harley-Davidson motorcycle or \$12,000 in cash. Only 300 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. The drawing will occur during the "Get Your Game On 4 Education" dinner-auction on March 10th.

Mr. Pittman also shared some information on school consistency/alignment; the first of three reports to be given by the principals. Meetings between principals occur monthly to discuss things such as building matters, legal issues, student concerns, and instructional best practices. Student handbooks are reviewed for consistency. The elementary schools use common assessment processes. Progress monitoring occurs and data is collected and filed in folders that follow the students on to middle school.

Special Education Director Report

Dr. Miller reported on the progress made to a district wide child find and kindergarten screening process. A more cohesive and focused process has been developed for kindergarten screening and registration, as well as an opportunity for pre-kindergarten age children to be assessed by the team. The screenings will now take place

three times per year (August, November, and February). Dr. Miller also provided an update of the number of students receiving special education services.

Curriculum Director's Report

Mrs. Veillon attended the Raising Student Achievement Conference in early December and reported on two of the Keynote speakers. The first speaker spoke on creating a safe school environment: best practices for addressing cyber bullying. The second speaker spoke of systematic strategies vs. the luck of the draw. Information shared by both speakers tie into the tenets of the "Whole Child" initiative; a focus of the ASCD (Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development) in their attempt to pass a decree in Illinois.

NMS Principal Report

Mr. Molitor spoke of the climate survey results received over the past two years. Ms Labunski, Ms Sommerfeldt, Mrs. Richards and the committee will use the data to continue the effort during this school year. Mr. Molitor and other staff members also attended the Raising Student Achievement Conference where they participated in sessions on topics including discipline procedures, and learned of behavioral support services. The sessions were powerful and reinforced the school's efforts at making connections and building a culture at NMS.

Old Business

Board Goals Implementation

The updated Board Goals chart was shared and Dr. Oest pointed out that that a portion of Mr. Pittman's report directly related to the School consistency/alignment goal.

Mrs. Anderson shared the draft of the Board letter for posting in January; a Board goal related to Communication. Board members also suggested, in addition to posting on the websites, that copies be made available in the school offices, the availability and location mentioned in building newsletters and that a counter be added to the letter posted to the website to see how many people actually access the letter.

District Vision and Mission Statement

The advisory committee of Mr. Johnson, Mr. Irslinger, and Dr. Oest met, reviewed the information that IASB provided related to hiring a consultant to facilitate development of a new vision and mission statement. Dr. Oest will contact IASB again to obtain specifics on what the consultant would provide. Dr. Oest also informed the Board that the current Mission and Vision Statement were developed in 2003 by a large committee that involved staff, administration, Board members and parents. Further discussion took place that resulted in the desire to learn from the staff how the vision and mission statement affects "what we do". The Board's intent with this goal was to use the Vision and Mission Statement to drive goals in the future. Committee members have a concern about the value of time spent on this initiative and concern for "buy in" and implementation. The committee was tasked with obtaining opinions from staff related to this matter.

New Business

FOIA Requests

None at this time.

2011 Resolutions of Intent to Levy

No changes were made to the 2011 Intent to Levy that was reported at the November Board meeting.

Motion by Irslinger and seconded by Maurer to authorize the 2011 Property Tax Levy Resolutions and Certificate of Tax Levy.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried 7 – 0

2012 Board of Education Meeting Dates

Dr. Oest presented the proposed list of Nippersink District 2 regular Board of Education meeting dates for 2012. Board members were in agreement to maintain the monthly meeting night of 4th Wednesdays with the exception of the meetings held in March, July and December.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Langlois to approve the District 2 2012 Regular Board of Education Meeting date schedule as stated.

January 25	July 17
February 22	August 22
March 20	September 26
April 25	October 24
May 23	November 28
June 27	December 18

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried 7 - 0

Review of Closed Session Meeting Minutes

To be discussed in Closed Session

Board Policies – 1st Reading

2:10	School District Governance
2:25	Access to District Public Records
3:00	Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal
4:00	Accounting and Audits
5:00	Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
6:00	Curriculum Content
6:15	Home and Hospital Instruction
7:30	Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries

Board members were asked to contact Dr. Oest with any questions or concerns prior to request for final adoption at the January Board meeting.

Paperless Board Meetings – BoardBook Presentation/Overview

Dr. Oest demonstrated throughout the meeting, what a board packet for Board members would look like if the Board chooses to proceed with paperless board meetings using BoardBook software. Other software reviewed included Eboard Solutions (not available in IL), Google Docs, BoardDocs, and PDF files from word processing. Dr. Oest and Mrs. Ford participated in webinars from both BoardBook and Board Docs. BoardBook is a company out of Texas and happens to be the software endorsed by IASB. The software allows for separation of public and private views, confidential notes, and motion

recommendations as are currently provided. Board members will also be able to include notes and questions on the document as well.

Dr. Oest attended a session during the tri-conference in November on paperless board meetings. Hardware was discussed at length. The iPad was unanimously recommended. Both the NSD and the RB Technology Departments recommend the use of iPad after reviewing other options.

Dr. Oest proposed that the Board proceed with implementing paperless Board meetings by having iPads available for Board member use during the January meeting. The subscription to BoardBook is \$2,000 per year, but would be prorated to begin in February. For those interested, there will be an opportunity offered by BoardBook to participate in a webinar. The Board was in full consensus with directing Dr. Oest to move forward with implementation of paperless board meetings using BoardBook.

Public Input

Mrs. Pech thanked the Board and the administration for caring so much about the students.

Closed Session

Motion by Maurer and seconded by Bianchini to move into Closed Session at 8:33 P.M. to consider information pertaining to the appointment, employment, dismissal, performance, discipline and compensation of employees of the district, and Imminent Litigation., and Consideration of Public Release of Closed Session Minutes.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried 7 – 0

Return to Open Session at 9:55 P.M.

Action after Closed Session

None

Adjournment

Motion by Langlois and seconded by Ross to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:31 P.M.

Voice Vote

Ayes: 7

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 - 0

Next Regular Meeting January 25, 2012

Board of Education of Nippersink

School District 2

ATTEST:

Board Secretary

Board President

January 25, 2012