

Nippersink School District 2
Regular Board of Education Meeting
February 23, 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, Bushing, Callaby, Bianchini, Samuel, Maurer, Langlois (arrived at 7:03 p.m.)

Absent: None

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

Consent Agenda

Move 7.6, Employment of RGS Principal to 10.0, Action after Closed Session

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

- ✓ Regular Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2011
- ✓ Closed Session Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2011
- ✓ Board Bills \$786,217.11
- ✓ Treasurer's Report
- ✓ Discard Closed Session Audio Recordings: July 28, 2009
- ✓ Leave of Absence: Sherida Lusk
- ✓ Staff Resignation: Jill Rittorno, Tess Watson

Motion by Bianchini and seconded by Bushing to approve the consent agenda as modified.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Public Input

None

Reports

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

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent

Dr. Oest mentioned that the Kishwaukee Division Meeting would take place next week exploring the topic of paperless Board Meetings. Those interested should contact Ms Miller to register. Additional items mentioned by Dr. Oest included:

- The Board of Education will have their picture taken for the year book, prior to the March 23rd meeting.
- The NMS Improvements project is on schedule with publication of the Bid Notice forthcoming. The Pre-bid meeting is scheduled for next week with Bid Opening on March 16th.
- Ceiling leaks from rain water are being dealt with at SGE and NMS.

- Some of the state's school consolidation options were discussed including reducing the number of school districts from 868 to 300 by 2013, a proposal for "county" school districts by 2012, and the possibility of two school district Boards of Education having the power to combine two school districts without voter approval. Regarding incentive dollars for combination, money is being budgeted for the FY12 school year. If a mandate for combination is approved, incentive money could disappear.
- Dr. Oest will meet with IASA/ISBE on March 24th.
- The State of Illinois is considering another Bonding proposal in order to pay off debt.
- To date, no FY11 monies have been received for categorical or transportation reimbursement.

Business Manager

Mrs. Levendoski announced that the Request for Proposal would be issued for the 2011 District Audit on February 14th. The FY10 management letter has been completed but has not yet been received. Accruals have been received and will be posted by next month. Delinquent registration fees will be billed from each school monthly beginning next month.

Student Board Member

Arielle Wzientek shared recent happenings around school including:

- the upcoming student council dance
- a huge FPS success at the regional competition which means that 14 teams qualified for the state bowl that takes place on April 15th and 16th in Normal, IL
- Band and Choir hosted a spaghetti dinner on February
- Peer Helpers hosted reading night on the 17th
- Eighth Graders participated in Career Day

RGS Principal

Mrs. Jones spoke of the second grader's performance of the musical "Stone Soup". Mrs. Stanich and the children did a great job. Mrs. Jones also updated the Kindergarten enrollment numbers based on Pre-School Screening by an additional 6 students.

SGE Principal

Mr. Pittman announced that 44 children had signed up for screening and Kindergarten registration which is currently in progress. The Spring Grove PTO Dinner Auction will take place on March 19th with a reduced ticket price and a sports theme.

NMS Principal

Mr. Molitor spoke of the monthly student grade level meetings, attributing the tremendous drop in discipline referrals in part to those meetings. He also thanked Mr. Augustyn for reinforcing positive behavior by requesting students to "sign his wall".

Special Education Director

Curriculum Director

Dr. Miller and Mrs. Veillon coordinated their Board reports to share the data-based decision making process and the goals of Special Education. Graphs were

provided to reflect scores over time and factors of gap analysis between students that do not have IEP's and students with IEP's.

Old Business

None

New Business

FOIA Requests

Two FOIA requests were received and replied to:

- NEOPOST for postage meter expenses
- Cal Skinner of McHenry Blog for the amount of money deducted from employees for union dues.

School Calendar

The FY12 School Calendar draft was discussed. August 22nd and 23rd are Institute Days with August 24th being the first student attendance day. Winter break is scheduled for December 22nd through January 2nd with an Institute day scheduled for January 3rd and students returning on the 4th. Spring Break will be the last week of March. The calendar aligns with the RB calendar outside of an Institute day and Parent/Teacher conferences. Board approval will be requested in March.

Student Registration Fees

Dr. Oest provided the additional information related to registration fees requested by the Board at the January meeting. After discussion, the general consensus was to remove the "sliding scale" portion of the registration fee waiver form and for FY12 registration fees to remain at the FY11 current amounts, as well as the general fees for science and technology.

A discussion about reducing extra-curricular athletics fees ensued. Current costs and levels of participation were discussed along with mounting transportation costs. The concept of not allowing participation in extra-curriculars if registration fees were unpaid was also discussed. These discussions lead into possible fees for Band.

The Board requested that administration provide a cost analysis of the athletic program broken out by sport. A survey of districts that require registration fees to be paid in order to participate in extra curriculars was also requested.

FY12 Staffing / Reductions

Dr. Oest provided updated enrollment information to the Board. Current enrollments require consideration of a section reduction at the RGS Kindergarten level. Building enrollment decline also causes consideration for reducing administration at RGS. RGS is very close to the enrollment that SGE was at when the Associate Principal position was reduced. On March 15th, administrators will meet to finalize personnel recommendations and reductions. Administration, Teachers, and Support Staff will be considered. A decision will need to be made at the March 23rd meeting in order to allow the required time for notification if reductions are made.

Board Policy – 2nd Reading

As a result of the D2 Compliance Review, an update to two current policies is needed. Policy 4:170 Safety and Policy 7:60 Residence were provided for a 1st reading in February.

Motion by Langlois and seconded by Callaby to adopt Board of Education Policy 4:170 and 7:60 as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 - 0

Public Input 2

Mr. Burt Irslinger – mentioned that the state of Illinois has printed \$3.7 million in bonds for the public market. He also commented on the constructive conversation about fees, sighting that transportation funding from the state is likely to be cut.

Mrs. Maurer - commented that oil had gone up \$6.00 per barrel.

Closed Session

Motion by Maurer and seconded by Langlois to move into Closed Session at 8:27 P.M. to consider information pertaining to the appointment, employment, dismissal, performance, discipline and compensation of employees of the district, and Collective Bargaining matters.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 - 0

Return to Open Session at 10:58 P.M.

Action after Closed Session

Motion by Callaby and seconded by Bianchini to employ Paul Augustyn as the Richmond Grade School Principal for the 2011 -12 school term effective July 1, 2011 at a salary of \$80,000 in addition to the terms as discussed in closed session.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Motion by Langlois and seconded by Samuel to issue a Notice of Remedy to employee #2011A as discussed in closed session.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Adjournment

Motion by Bushing and seconded by Langlois to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:59 P.M.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 - 0

Next Regular Meeting March 23, 2011
Board of Education of Nippersink
School District 2

ATTEST:

Board Secretary

Board President

March 23, 2011