

Nippersink School District 2
Regular Board of Education Meeting
January 25, 2012

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Nippersink School District 2, was called to order by Board President Patty Anderson at 7:01 p.m. in the Nippersink Middle School Library.

Members Present: Anderson, Bianchini, Irslinger, Langlois, Maurer, Ross

Absent: Johnson

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

Consent Agenda

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

- ✓ Regular Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2011
- ✓ Closed Session Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2011
- ✓ Board Bills \$546,013.23
- ✓ Treasurer's Report
- ✓ Employment of Staff: Erin Shafer, Spec. Ed. Paraprofessional
- ✓ Discard Closed Session Audio Recordings: 6/22/10

Motion by Langlois and seconded by Bianchini to approve the Consent Agenda submitted.

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Public Input

None

Reports

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

Impact Fees Report – Dr. Oest was pleased to report that impact fees were received from Fox Lake. The history of receiving impact fees owed by Fox Lake has not been good, so receiving a call from Fox Lake to come pick up the check was a very positive sign.

ISDLAF Report, Transportation Report

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent

Dr. Oest shared the following information with the Board:

- The Kishwaukee Division Dinner Meeting will take place on March 7th in Batavia. Those interested should notify Mrs. Ford for registration.
- The Joint Shared Services Committee meeting is scheduled for January 31st.
- Information regarding the closure of Hill Road due to bridge work was communicated to parents via notes home and posting to the websites.
- The revamped Transportation funding formula being discussed may be favorable to our type of district.

- School districts are not expected to receive the final General State Aide payment.
- Good News – Preliminary information is that Nippersink District 2 is to receive a perfect score of 4.0 for Financial Recognition.

Business Manager

Mrs. Levendoski stated that she is working on the district's 5-year projection to be shared with the Board at the February Board meeting. A policy related to fund balances is also being prepared for review in February or March. The State of Illinois currently owes Nippersink District 2 approximately \$468,000 in back transportation and Special Education dollars.

Student Board Member Report

Alec Weiland was not in attendance this evening.

RGS Principal Report

Mr. Augustyn took advantage of the BoardBook system to familiarize Board members with “the daily café”, a framework for delivering language arts instruction. The PTO's successful fundraising resulted in the ability to purchase iPads for each teacher. Mrs. Stacey was thanked for assisting in the “set up”.

SGE Principal Report

Mr. Pittman was not in attendance this evening.

NMS Principal Report

Mrs. Richards announced that she is leading the Culture and Climate Committee, a new committee at Nippersink Middle School made up initially of teachers, a social worker, and a counselor. Eventually, students and parents will be added. One of the 1st tasks will be to review the student handbook. Another goal is to develop some commonality across the curriculum with regards to teacher classroom expectations.

Special Education Director Report

Dr. Miller was not in attendance this evening.

Curriculum Director's Report

Mrs. Veillon provided an update to the curriculum review/alignment process, adding that it is imperative that the Special Education Department be included in all discussions; knowledge of what Tier One looks like is essential for moving forward. Meetings have been set with K-3 teams to systematize instruction, review report cards, and develop academic vocabulary and consistent rubrics.

Old Business

Board Goals Implementation

The updated Board Goals chart was shared and is progressing according to schedule, except for one item that is 1 month behind schedule. BoardBook will be used at full capacity as of February 1st.

District Vision and Mission Statement

Mr. Irslinger explained that the group had planned to meet prior to the Board meeting, but due to the absence of Mr. Johnson, the meeting was postponed. The survey to staff has been distributed, completed and returned. A good level of staff participation will

provide the group with information needed for determining a direction. The results will be reviewed, discussed, and then shared at the February Board meeting.

Dr. Oest spoke with the individual from the IASB regarding a timeline to facilitate development of a new vision and mission statement and was told that one day and evening should be a sufficient amount of time. If the Board desires, an IASB consultant would be happy to make a presentation to the Board prior to making a decision.

New Business

FOIA Requests

One FOIA request was received and responded to:

Mr. Matt Armstrong of Crossroads requested information related to school facility use.

District Technology Plan Presentation

One of the activities in response to a Board Goal is to report on the update of the District Technology Plan. Mrs. Stacey used a Power Point presentation to provide an overview of the District's required 3-year Technology Plan. Information presented included information on Data & Analysis using report card data, local assessment, technology deployment, etc. Action Plans were then presented for each of the three years.

Policies for Consideration

No suggestions, comments, or revisions were received during the past month following the 1st reading of the policies presented.

Motion by Langlois and seconded by Maurer to approve the Board policies as presented:

2:10 School District Governance
2:250 Access to District Public Records
3:60 Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal
4:80 Accounting and Audits
5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
6:60 Curriculum Content
6:150 Home and Hospital Instruction
7:305 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries
Roll Call
Ayes: Maurer, Irslinger, Langlois, Bianchini, Ross, Anderson
Absent: Johnson
Nays: None Motion Carried 6 - 0

FY13 Programming/Staffing

Dr. Oest shared current enrollment information and projected enrollment through 2019 (using in-house students only). Without growth, and if accepting larger class sizes, the current need for 40 sections could be reduced to 36 sections for the FY13 school year. In addition, if the trend for small Kindergarten classes continues, District 2 will lose 270 students over the next 8 years. The 2006 enrollment was 1617 students. The June 2011 enrollment was at 1467 students. No decisions are needed at this point. Monitoring will continue. The Kindergarten screening scheduled for February should help to provide a clearer picture.

Dr. Oest asked Board members to begin consideration of adding a computer teacher at each of the elementary schools. Given D-2's positive financial position, coupled with the change to administering the 2014 assessments, now is an advantageous time to consider

bringing back a former program. The 2014 assessments will be administered electronically commencing with the 6th grade. A strong technological emphasis is becoming a necessity and we do not want the student's test scores to be impacted negatively due to not being prepared for the integration of technology. Further information is being gathered. If the Board is interested in moving forward with this recommendation, please inform the district office with the type of information required to be able to make a decision. There was some concern expressed for adding staff if it would have an impact on class size. Dr. Oest explained that the two topics are not related and should have no effect on the separate issues.

Board members gave Dr. Oest the consensus to move forward with the process to add a program to the curriculum.

Student Registration Fees

Registration fees are reviewed at this time annually in order to have ample time for questions, research and the ability to communicate to the public, what the upcoming registration fees will be for the upcoming school year. A considerable amount of time has been spent in the past two years discussing registration fees. The fees have been reduced and are at an average/to below average rate in comparison to other similar districts.

While there was no strong desire to examine the fees this year, two questions were raised with responses requested for the February meeting.

1. Is there a need to review sports/activity fees along with registration fees
2. What was the response to the FY12 drop in the rate of sports fees at NMS?

Public Input

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

Closed Session

There was no need for Closed Session.

Adjournment

Motion by Langlois and seconded by Irslinger to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:30 P.M.

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Johnson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

Next Regular Meeting February 22, 2012

Board of Education of Nippersink

School District 2

ATTEST:

Board Secretary

Board President

February 22, 2012