

Nippersink School District 2
Regular Board of Education Meeting
January 26, 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 (arrived at 7:01 p.m.), Callaby, Bianchini, Samuel, Maurer, Langlois (arrived at 7:12 p.m.)

Absent: None

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

Consent Agenda

Remove Emily Treffinger from the Leave of Absence list (3.5)

Remove 6.1, Richmond Business Incentive Program Agreement from the agenda

Remove 7.6, Telecommunications Project from the agenda

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

- ✓ Regular Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2010
- ✓ Board Bills \$1,082,257.10
- ✓ Treasurer's Report
- ✓ Discard Closed Session Audio Recordings: June 23, 2009

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

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 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 draft FY12 calendar has been created and has been reviewed by both districts and administrative teams. The start date is slated for August 22nd. The draft calendar will be available for the February Board meeting. Additional items mentioned by Dr. Oest included:

- The Technology Committee is currently made up of Administrators, Teachers, Technology personnel and Special Ed personnel. The committee is seeking Board member participation. Sharon Bianchini and Patty Anderson expressed interest in being a part of the committee. Committee members will be contacted soon with information regarding the 1st meeting.

- The Buildings and Grounds Committee met with the architect regarding the NMS project. The estimates amount to approximately \$341,000. The plan is well thought out. The meeting was very productive. A summary of the meeting minutes was provided. Bids will likely be sought in March. The delay is due to interest in installing additional electrical outlets given the opportunity of an “open” wall. Additional piping will also be considered allowing for future election needs. Dr. Oest reminded Board members that \$371,000 was built into the Life Safety Fund for this project. Funds are also available in the Capital Projects Fund.

Business Manager

Mrs. Levendoski announced that February will begin the FY12 zero based budget process by speaking with principals.

Student Board Member

Miss Wzientek was absent.

RGS Principal

Mrs. Jones highlighted the opportunity that RGS students had to meet with Arti Persad from Turning Point who spoke with children about bullying and offered more effective tools for children to use to say “stop”.

SGE Principal

Mr. Pittman shared that the 2nd round of ISTEOP had been completed. RGS staff assisted. Extra testing was added. Teachers did a wonderful job. Teachers have reviewed the data and have seen that RtI is working as kids are moving from Tier 2 to Tier 1. This has been a learning year for staff as well and everyone is seeing the growth. The Behavior Committee was initiated – a behavior component to RtI.

NMS Principal

Mr. Molitor told of the educational gains that are being made for some 30 6th grade students who have given up their Exploratory time to work with Language Arts teachers using RtI interventions. Mr. Molitor also shared some of the activities recently taking place at NMS such as : 6th Grade Greek Fest; the Spelling Bee won by Emma Langlois; School Palooza/Recreation Night

Special Education Director

Dr. Miller was absent due to participation with Freshman Orientation.

Curriculum Director

Mrs. Veillon shared an article called “The Why Behind RtI”: a very understandable article about RtI as a philosophy and a way of life. On January 3rd, Mr. Colosimo and Mrs. Veillon met with all staff members, ECE through Grade 5 and Mr. Molitor and Mrs. Mantych met with NMS staff to share the status of District RtI plan and to offer role clarification. Dr. Miller and Mrs. Veillon will meet with grade level teams next week at RGS and SGE to check on the status of the teams with RtI implementation at their individual grade levels.

Old Business

None

New Business

FOIA Requests

Three FOIA requests were received and replied to:

- Carpenters Local Union 1185 for information regarding Gym Floor Services
- IBEW Local Union 117 for information regarding electrical work for 2010
- Education Action Group for a copy of the current collective bargaining agreement

Student Registration Fees

Dr. Oest shared information regarding current registration fees: fees per school; Fee waiver/sliding fee structure; uncollected fees. The following information was also shared:

FY11 uncollected fees - \$18,164 942 families in the District

FY09-FY10 uncollected fees - \$27,509

Number of families in district - FY10 987 / FY11 942

The number of waivers increased by 40

Board member concerns included:

- Consider elimination of the sliding scale
- How much has been collected of the potential total of fees?
- Consider eliminating extra-curricular opportunities if fees are not paid.
- How many families are taking advantage of the sliding scale?
- Instrumental music is not part of core curriculum. Consider charging a fee or disallow if registration fees are not paid. Also consider the impact on the program if this is enacted.

Discussion turned to the student lunch account deficits at each building. The past two years have involved a learning process with the debit system. The Board felt strongly that this deficit be remedied and consideration be given to not allowing student account balances to go below \$0. Dr. Oest stated that a procedure would need to be put into place that would include an alternate lunch plan.

Mrs. Anderson directed Board members to give significant thought to registration fees between now and the February Board meeting.

Semi-annual Review of District Finances

Mrs. Levendoski provided the 6 month review of District finances through December 2010 stating that at the mid-year point, the budget is right on track at approximately 50%. Overall, the expenditures are at 43%, with some actual percentages for Salary 48%, Benefits 48%, TORT 102% (billed in July), and Debt Service 70% (payments for services such as copy machines with the bulk due in December).

In regards to Revenue, 100% of the FY10 money owed by the state has been received. \$479,000 is currently owed D2 for FY11, or in other words, approximately 44% of what should have been received has been received. If all revenues are received and projections hold true, the estimated June 30, 2011 fund balance will be approximately \$740,000. If FY11 revenues due District 2 are not received, such as the scenario that occurred last year, the positive fund balance could quickly become a deficit of \$336,000.

Also pointed out was that schools operating on a cash basis have lost 3 payments over time. The District will continue to be very mindful of managing the budget and to move

forward conservatively, also keeping in mind that we may need to do an inter-fund loan to the Transportation Fund if state transportation categorical revenues are not received.

FY11 Audit Services RFP

The Administration requested authorization by the Board to solicit other vendors to become competitive and review costs.

Motion by Langlois and seconded by Samuel to authorize administration to proceed with issuing an Audit Services Request for Proposal for the 2010-11 district audit.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

FY12 Staffing

Administration has met to review the FY12 Staffing Assignments and will meet again next week to further discuss staffing and program. Updated staffing assignments and enrollments were shared with the Board. Current RGS Kindergarten numbers, at 66 students in four sections is a concern for moving into 1st Grade. Estimated FY12 Kindergarten numbers used current Kindergarten enrollment and increased the number by 10%, historically a good estimate. Estimated FY12 enrollments for each building:

- RGS – 466 students
- SGE – 371 students
- NMS – 541 students

Other issues to consider data to be provided include:

- Number of students in “Specials” and non-core sections. A recommendation will made in February and Board input sought for moving forward.
- Administration at RGS - Examine the need or desire to have two administrators at RGS given the current enrollment. Enrollment is expected to drop again the following year to an estimated 441 students. A county-wide survey was shared showing enrollments and those districts employing assistant principals. An assistant principal position was created for SGE when enrollment was at 463, but was cut when enrollment dropped to 430. Other options include full-time, part-time, or shared assistant principal. The school report card shows D2’s administrator per pupil to be at state average.

Added information requested for the February discussion included:

- Job duties for elementary Principal and Associate Principal
- Student discipline history for RGS and SGE
- Special needs population at each building

Any further information required for the February discussion should be directed to Dr. Oest as soon as possible.

Board Policy – 1st Reading

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

Public Input 2

Erin Godonis – commented on phrasing used by District representatives when describing late funding owed the District by the State of Illinois. Mrs. Godonis believes that the phrasing should be “the taxpayers owe”, not “the state owes”. Similar comments were made regarding grant money made available to school districts.

Mrs. Maurer - commented that there is a legal voucher for money owed the District by the state and that the taxpayer has already done their part in paying the taxes.

Mr. Samuel – commented that changes still need to be made to the Richmond Business Incentive Program Agreement. Mr. Samuel was reminded that this topic was removed from the Consent Agenda this evening due to not having received the updated version from the Village of Richmond. Once received, the Board will have the opportunity to review prior to approval.

Closed Session

Motion by Langlois and seconded by Bianchini to move into Closed Session at 8:19 P.M. to consider information pertaining to the appointment, employment, dismissal, performance, discipline and compensation of employees of the district, Collective Bargaining matters, and.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 - 0

Return to Open Session at 9:28 P.M.

Adjournment

Motion by Bianchini and seconded by Callaby to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:29 P.M.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 - 0

Next Regular Meeting February 23, 2011

Board of Education of Nippersink

School District 2

ATTEST:

Board Secretary

Board President

February 23, 2011