

Nippersink School District 2
Regular Board of Education Meeting
June 22, 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

Board President Anderson welcomed everyone to the May Board meeting including the 2010-11 Future Problem Solvers Team who recently participated in the International FPS contest. Mrs. Veillon introduced the following participants and presented them with certificates: Jacqueline Bouso, Karen Maurer, Emily Mace, Rachel Thomas, and Beau Hunsaker (not in attendance). The team had placed first in the team competition and Jacqueline Bouso and Beau Hunsaker placed 1st in the state Scenario Writing competitions in their divisions. The Board praised and thanked the FPS team for representing Nippersink in such a fine manner.

Mrs. Anderson next recognized Mrs. Judi Jones, Principal of Richmond Grade School who will be retiring this year after 33 years with District 13 and 2 combined; 14 years of which were as principal. Mrs. Anderson presented Mrs. Jones with a gift, thanking her for the many years of service to the school district, describing Mrs. Jones as someone who is truly beloved by students, parents, and all who have worked with her.

Consent Agenda

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

- ✓ Regular Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2011
- ✓ Closed Session Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2011
- ✓ Board Bills \$761,334.33
- ✓ Treasurer's Report
- ✓ Leave of Absence: Chris Pittman, FMLA request; Jennifer Hamlin, RGS 2nd Grade
- ✓ Approval for Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings: 12/15/09
Motion by Irslinger and seconded by Langlois to approve the consent agenda as submitted.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Public Input

None

Reports

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

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent

Dr. Oest reported on the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting held last week with Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Ross, and Mr. Cesario in attendance. Board Members were provided with a copy of the minutes. The committee toured the NMS and RGS facilities. The NMS project area was visited, and boiler issues were pointed out with respect to piping, coil, and sediment concerns. Current summer projects were reviewed, as well as the recommended, but not required items that remain on the list received following the Decennial Life-Safety Survey. Other building improvement issues will be identified and then the committee will prioritize and bring to the Board for a recommendation for moving forward. Unfortunately, emergency situations dominate other issues. The situation with the boilers must be addressed aggressively. Money will need to be allocated to address the unknowns and hope that the preventative measures being put into place will improve the situation of the heating system. Concerns about the old pipes had been addressed during the time of boiler replacements, but the severity was not realized at that time. Concern was also raised for the 15 year old boiler at RGS, as well as damage to the facility caused by recent storms.

The committee will tour SGE on Friday and will also discuss ventilation, climate, and environmental aesthetics of the three buildings.

RGS Principal

Mrs. Jones addressed the progress of the Summer School Program stating that 25 students from RGS and SGE are participating in the high intensity program, 23 students in the Skills Maintenance Program and 8 students enrolled in the ECE Summer Program.

Mrs. Jones also thanked the Board for the privilege of working with the Board, staff, and colleagues for these many years; confident that RGS will continue to move forward under the administration of Mr. Augustyn.

NMS Principal

Mr. Molitor shared that NMS is “knee-deep” in scheduling. ISAT score results have been received and teachers are already coming in to begin reviewing the data.

Special Education Director

Dr. Miller reported on the progress of the goals established at the beginning of the FY11 school year. Several initiatives were begun and goal progress was outlined. Dr. Miller also thanked her colleagues, staff, and the Board for a very helpful and supportive first year.

Curriculum Director

Mrs. Veillon echoed thanks for supporting the FPS program for so many years, commenting that the level of support provided has made Nippersink School District 2 a force to be reckoned with in the FPS world.

Mrs. Veillon also provided longitudinal ISAT Score Analysis in the area of Reading. The data will be used over the summer for curriculum planning. A similar analysis of Math is forthcoming, followed by student-by-student analysis.

Old Business

None

New Business

Board Policy – 1st Reading

- 2:140 Communications To and From the Board
- 2:220 School Board Meeting Procedure
- 3:60 Administrative Responsibility of Building Principal
- 4:15 Identity Protection
- 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity
- 5:150 Personnel Records
- 6:150 Home and Hospital Instruction
- 7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers
- 7:310 Restrictions on Publications

A short discussion took place regarding Affirmative Action as listed in Policy 5:10. Board Members were asked to contact Dr. Oest with any questions or concerns prior to the request for approval of the listed policies at the July Board meeting.

FOIA Requests

One FOIA request was received and responded to:

- From the Chicago Tribune for costs incurred related to superintendent resignations/retirements, specifically listing Dr. Zimmer and Dr. Hain.

IASB State Conference

Dr. Oest inquired about Board Members' receipt of information related to the Friday Workshops prior to the IASB State Conference. Those planning on attending should notify the District Office as soon as possible in order to secure reservations. The state conference is an excellent opportunity for professional development and a proven value for the cost. Recent legislation has made professional development a requirement for Board Members.

D2/D157 Telecommunications Project

Dr. Oest requested the Board's input with respect to the "675" prefix at SGE school. The act of converting the SGE phone number prefix to "678" would save the district \$200 per month.....forever. It has been estimated that 30-40% of the Spring Grove community would be impacted by a \$0.11 charge when placing the phone call using certain Frontier phone plans. The number of parents impacted by this change is unknown at this time. If the decision is made to proceed with a phone number change, the Village of Spring Grove has offered to assist with communication of the change via their website. Other forms of communication available to the school district would also be used. A rolling call would be put into place for an initial period of time. The rolling call would inform the caller of the new number while also transferring the call to the new number. Following discussion, Board members agreed that a change to the number and communication of such a change would be manageable and fiscally responsible. Dr. Oest will communicate this to the consultant to begin the process.

Schedule Special Meeting – Goal Setting

For the purpose of establishing Board goals, a special meeting will need to be set. Mrs. Anderson asked that Board Members provide their availability for the 2nd week of August for a meeting to begin at 6:00PM. Availability should be provided to Mrs. Anderson no

later than Friday, July 1st. Mrs. Ross mentioned that she had purchased a book related to school boards that might be of interest to others prior to the meeting.

Public Input

None

Closed Session

Motion by Bianchini and seconded by Johnson to move into Closed Session at 7:45 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, and to conduct semi-annual review 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 10:10 P.M.

Action after Closed Session

Motion by Ross and seconded by Johnson to employee Linda Wenstrom as the NMS school nurse for the 2011-12 school term at a rate of \$23 per hour.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried 7 – 0

Motion by Irslinger and seconded by Langlois to maintain all existing closed session minutes closed, due to the remaining need for their confidentiality.

Voice Vote

Ayes: 7

Nays: None

Motion Carried 7 – 0

Adjournment

Motion by Langlois and seconded by Ross to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:12 P.M.

Voice Vote

Ayes: 7

Nays: None

Motion Carried 7 - 0

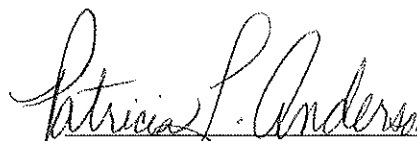
Next Regular Meeting July 19, 2011

Board of Education of Nippersink

School District 2

ATTEST:


Board Secretary

 July 19, 2011
Board President