

Nippersink School District 2
Regular Board of Education Meeting
October 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, Bianchini, Langlois, Maurer, Ross

Absent: Irslinger, Johnson

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

Consent Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

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

- ✓ Regular Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2011
- ✓ Closed Session Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2011
- ✓ Board Bills \$955,648.45
- ✓ Treasurer's Report
- ✓ Notice of Retirement: Eva Weber, RGS LD Teacher

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

Roll Call

Ayes: Langlois, Bianchini, Maurer, Ross, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 – 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 shared the following information with the Board:

- Reminder that the November Board meeting will be Tuesday, November 15th
- The Education Reform Bill requires a committee to be established for purposes of Reduction in Force. The committee is to be established by December.
Information will be shared over the next few weeks with more specific discussion to occur at the November Board meeting
- HB 3793 calls for a cap on the tax extension. If the bill passes, the revenue streams for taxing bodies will be impacted.
- Concern expressed for plans that would have the Regional Office of Education (ROE) superintendents paid out of the Personal Property Replacement Tax, which will impact revenues, but would also, set the stage for other attempts at diverting funds. The Alliance is opposed to this action and believes that the ROE's should continue to be funded as they have been in the past.

A brief discussion took place about the office size of various ROE's, funding sources and possible restructuring.

Business Manager

Mrs. Levendoski shared a worksheet that shows the taxes received as affected by the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL). To date, 96.7 % of FY11 taxes have been received with three dates remaining for distributions to be received.

Student Board Member Report

Mr. Molitor introduced Alec Weiland, the new president of Student Council, as well as the new Student Board Member. Mr. Weiland was welcomed by Board Members and reported on the following school activities:

- ✓ October 14th Palooza Night
- ✓ Red Ribbon Week activities
- ✓ Student Council dances

RGS Principal Report

Mr. Augustyn spoke about School Improvement Day activities of October 21st. Three different sessions were held. 3rd through 5th grade teachers participated in "Storytown", a more in-depth training on current textbooks. The RtI meeting took place for an hour as opposed to the usual ½ hour. Laptops were distributed to grade level teachers aid in seeking and to processing available data. The SIP Day was beneficial to all.

SGE Principal Report

Mr. Pittman updated the Board on SGE's 2nd year of their RtI Intervention Block. Students at SGE are receiving RtI intervention instruction every day from 9AM until 9:30AM. All staff members are available to be involved in the process by using this time frame. Parents come in to assist with Tier 1 interventions. A total of nine different interventions are occurring between Tiers 1, 2, and 3; a 10th intervention was recently added. Everyone is very pleased with the changes that have occurred for year 2.

NMS Principal Report

As a result of conversations between the NMS librarians, the reading specialist and Mr. Molitor, a new imitative was developed to build a culture of literacy throughout Nippersink Middle School that would involve students and staff. Mrs. Mantych, Reading Specialist, began the year with requesting that students set a goal for number of books that they expect to read throughout the school year. The staff members were asked to post numbers on their doors that would signify the number of books they plan on reading. The latest directive is creation of a 6-Word Memoir that includes pictures. Staff participation is inspiring students to get involved. Students have also begun recommending books to their teachers. All of these activities are working to "Build a Culture of Literacy" at NMS.

Special Education Director Report

Dr. Miller reported on the Revenue/Expenditures for Special Education for the year ending June 30, 2011. The analysis shows what the actual cost to the district is beyond the state and federal reimbursements and is broken out by Personnel and by Student. Some of the points made included:

- Based on 161 students (claims can be filed on 50 students, 13 of which are out-of-district placements)
- General Education per capita costs are approximately \$7,064
- Special Education per capita costs are only approximately \$560 more per student.
- Personnel costs will be reimbursed at 100% this year.

Dr. Miller closed by stating that District 2 runs a very lean special education program while still meeting the directives of IEP's.

Curriculum Director's Report

Mrs. Veillon shared information accompanied by pie graphs to show the professional development occurring in the district, broken apart by curriculum, instruction, program, and building.

Old Business

None

New Business

Buildings and Grounds Committee Report

The Buildings and Grounds Committee met on October 5th. Mrs. Ross reported that Mr. Cesario provided the committee with a detailed list of improvements needed at each of the three sites. Cost estimates prioritization and timelines for completion will be gathered and prepared. Temperature data from SGE was analyzed and a request was made for information about the distribution of A.C. units throughout the district. Re-establishing regular maintenance and replacement plans was also discussed.

Dr. Oest added that a major focus at NMS is the piping infrastructure with regard to the boilers. Some of the work has been completed; the area nearest the boilers. A water treatment system was installed as an intervention. There is great concern about the sediment that is running through the pipes. Options are being sought after which decisions will need to be made by the Board with regards to how proactive and aggressive the repair should be. Likely, a boiler replacement will need to occur at RGS over the summer months.

A discussion took place about a survey desired by two of the committee members for input from staff about facility needs. Concern was expressed by Board members that such a survey may set false expectations when prioritizing issues such as the need for boilers and roof concerns. Consensus was that the potential survey would be discussed at the Board level prior to being distributed.

In conclusion, information will be made available at the November Board meeting with regards to the facility concerns survey, a prioritized list of facility needs / concerns, and estimates for piping exploration via camera. The committee was thanked for their efforts.

FOIA Requests

None at this time.

FY11 Audit

Mrs. Levendoski informed the Board that the audit process went smoothly. Expenditures were decreased by approximately \$200,000 and the overall fund balance is up by \$1.4 million. The long term debt has dropped to approximately \$205,000.

Dr. Oest drew attention to page 16 and 17 to see a snap shot of all funds. He also mentioned that from this point forward, the Treasurer's Report will change and the monthly reports will reflect accruals.

Illinois School Report Card

The Illinois School Report Cards information should be released on Friday and Dr. Oest will share the results with the Board at that time. The School Improvement Plans will be reported out by the principals at the November meeting.

Board Goals Implementation

Dr. Oest distributed a document listing the established goals with corresponding action, responsible party and timeline. When asked if this all could be accomplished, Dr. Oest responded that it is the goal, though some issues will take priority. The Board was very pleased with the document. Dr. Oest will provide further updates as they occur.

District Vision and Mission Statement

One of this year's goals is to revise the District Mission and Vision statement which has been in place since the beginning of the district. Mrs. Anderson has spoken with Mr. Johnson who happens to have tremendous professional experience in this area, and he has agreed to assist with this project. It was also mentioned that IASB offers assistance with these matters. Dr. Oest will investigate the options through IASB and report back to the Board in November, at which time it will be determined how to proceed.

Public Input

None

Closed Session

Action after Closed Session

There was no need for Closed Session

Adjournment

Motion by Maurer and seconded by Langlois to adjourn the Special Meeting at 8:12 P.M.

Roll Call

Ayes: Maurer, Langlois, Bianchini, Ross, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 - 0

Next Regular Meeting November 15, 2011

Board of Education of Nippersink

School District 2

ATTEST:

Board Secretary

Board President

November 15, 2011