

August 4, 2016  
Serena, IL

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held Thursday, August 4, 2016, in the library at Serena Grade School. The following members were present: Don McNelis, Susan McNelis, Randy Murley, David Myer, Renee Thompson and Neal Rosengren. Superintendent Marty Felesena and Principals Steve Hanson, Aaron Rios, Joe Landers and Randy Goodbred were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by President Rosengren at 6:21 p.m. After roll call, the motion was made by Susan McNelis and seconded by Myer to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel, collective bargaining and review of minutes.

It was moved by Myer and seconded by Don McNelis to come out of executive session and enter into regular session at 7:05 p.m. On roll call, those present voted "aye" Motion carried.

President Rosengren requested approval of the agenda. Visitors were Renee Berggren, Lindsey McMahan, Jenna Keigley, Corinne Norem and Dave Hughes.

There was a presentation by Lindsey McMahan, Jenna Keigley and Corinne Norem about the IAAP summer geological workshop they attended at Starved Rock for 3 days in July.

President Rosengren gave opportunity for public comment. There was none.

Correspondence included a thank you card to Harvest Chapel in Sandwich. They sent volunteers to landscape in front of Serena Grade School.

Motion was made by Susan McNelis and seconded by Thompson to approve Consent Agenda Items VIII A thru F. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Reports –

Finance Committee – Superintendent Felesena reported that the budgeted FY16 revenue was \$9.96 million and the actual FY16 revenue was \$9.61 million and budgeted FY16 expenditures were \$10.17 million and the actual FY16 expenditures were \$9.86 million. District ended with a year-end deficit of \$253,205 due primarily to a shortage from CPPRT. Investments are good, FY17 is 100% paid for. FY18 is 30% paid. District budget for FY16 from CPPRT was \$1.35 million but came in much lower (-\$281,367).

Enrollment & Development – President Rosengren said the committee met on July 20<sup>th</sup>. They looked at consolidation options from 2012 discussions. The committee realized the district could use funds more efficiently with a middle school concept (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>). They will meet again on August 31<sup>st</sup>. They will give a formal recommendation to the board in November. Recommendation will potentially be used as soon as next year. Two K-4 buildings (Harding and Sheridan) with a Pre-K program will be looked at. The middle school program could combine lunch and study hall. Enrichment classes (art, foreign language, etc.) and daily PE are also being looked at for the middle school.

Bills committee – nothing to report

IVVC – Superintendent Felesena reported that IVVC 2016-17 budget was approved at last night's meeting. The Sandwich Fire Department approved the use of a fire truck donated by Waubensee. It is plated and registered and will be used for on campus training. IVVC's first day of attendance is August 17th. A new welding instructor was hired to replace one who resigned. A new part-time technology instructor was also hired. This was the first meeting run by the new director, Joe Barbic.

Superintendent Felesena – The State budget update – new budget for K-12. TRS-ERO no longer offers any early retirement incentive. Registration was Tuesday and Wednesday. It went well. A time saver included parents checking the information on file, rather than filling out the same form every year. The District is looking to offer online registration next year. Elementary enrollment is down by 2 (434), while HS enrollment is down by 14 (223) for a District total of 657. Principal Hanson talked about a golf co-op with Newark. The 2 options are to have paperwork filled out to get in the co-op or have students compete as individuals. There is no charge to the District as students pay their own fee. A parent has offered to get the students to practices and meets. The board may approve this at the next meeting after Superintendent Felesena reads over the intergovernmental agreement. If the board can approve this before August 24, students can play the first match. It was decided to have a special meeting to approve this on Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion/Informational Items –

- A) Grade School Volleyball – Serena Grade School will have enough players to have a team. They also have a new coach. All 3 schools will also have new uniforms this year.
- B) Hourly Wage – Due to a better understanding of the impacts of the Affordable Care Act, starting wages will be raised for support staff (teacher aides, teacher clerks, food service, and custodial). The board looks at wages every 2 years.
- C) School Board Convention – Superintendent Felesena said there is a legislative candidate meeting at Senica's Oak Ridge on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. Board members can set up their own IASB accounts, if needed. He also has flyers for the School Board Convention workshops. Please let him know if you want to attend.
- D) Drivers Education Fees – School code has changed. The District needs to decide what to charge for Drivers Ed. To charge more than the statutory \$50, a one-time public hearing needs to be held. It will be held at 6:50pm on Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> to keep the Drivers Ed fee at \$170.
- E) Math Curriculum – Pearson enVision 2.0 has a K-12 math program. The District is considering 3 – 12 adoption. It is a blended program (books and online). The District will keep Saxon for K-2 for now and start to integrate Pearson next year.
- F) Sheridan Roof Project – is done. They did a walk-through with Russell. There are only 4 items left on the punch list.
- G) Board Meeting Calendar – will be approved at the next meeting.

Action Items –

Motion to approve the resignation of Amanda Huggins as school social worker effective July 6, 2016 was made by Don McNelis, seconded by Murley. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.



Motion to approve the resignation of Karen Platek as school psychologist effective June 30, 2016 was made by Thompson and seconded by Susan McNelis. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of Matt Emmons as driver's education instructor effective July 31, 2016 was made by Murley, seconded by Susan McNelis. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of Brent Thomas as special education teacher/bus route driver effective July 31, 2016 was made by Susan McNelis, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to employ Angela Pippenger as a high school English teacher effective August 15, 2016, pending paperwork requirements was made by Murley, seconded by Don McNelis. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to employ Brad McGill as a high school social studies teacher effective August 15, 2016, pending paperwork requirements was made by Murley, seconded by Myer. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to employ Jennifer Leonard as the District social worker effective August 5, 2016, pending paperwork requirements was made by Thompson, seconded by Don McNelis. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to employ Gina Kilbride Schock as District psychologist effective August 5, 2016, pending paperwork requirements was made by Don McNelis, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to employ Laura McGill as a high school special education teacher effective August 15, 2016, pending all requirements was made by Murley, seconded by Don McNelis. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to employ Sarah Rogers as a special education aide effective August 15, 2016, pending all paperwork requirements was made by Susan McNelis, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to employ Leona Whiteaker as Serena Grade School volleyball coach for the 2016-17 school year was made by Murley, seconded by Myer. On roll call, Don McNelis voted "pass" and Susan McNelis voted "present". The remaining members voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to renew the following FY17 contracts, as presented (Deb Fuchs-Food Service Director, Marci Glade-Serena high School Secretary, LaDonna Gale-District Secretary, Malinda Vatland-Bookkeeper, Thelma DeBolt-Dual Position, Becky Glade-Dual Position, Gerry Castelli-Treasurer, Donna Maurer-Recording Secretary, Angela Merboth-Title Director, Amber Grenda-Guidance Counselor) was made by Myer, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to renew the following FY17 contracts, as presented (Lisa McNelis-District Secretary, Jean McNelis-Dual Position) was made by Thompson, seconded by Murley. On roll call, Don McNelis voted "pass" and Susan McNelis voted "present". The remaining members voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the 2016-18 hourly wages, as presented was made by Susan McNelis, seconded by Murley. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the 2016-17 Risk Management Plan was made by Thompson, seconded by Myer. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the District's participation in the Serena drainage tile outlet project and maintenance agreement, as presented, was made by Thompson, seconded by Myer. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Pearson envision 2.0 integrated math curriculum for grades 3-12 at a cost of \$62,998.31 was made by Don McNelis, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to hold a public hearing on August 25, 2016 at 6:50 p.m. regarding driver's education fees at Serena High School was made by Murley, seconded by Myer. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to place the FY17 budget on public display for 30 days, on or before August 22, 2016 was made by Susan McNelis, seconded by Murley. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.


President Rosengren requested further public comment. There was none.

Motion to enter back into executive session at 9:06 pm was made by Susan McNelis, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to come out of executive session was made by Myer, seconded by Susan McNelis. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. was made by Don McNelis, seconded by Myer. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

  
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Neal Rosengren, President

  
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Renee Thompson, Secretary