

September 22, 2016  
Serena, IL

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held Thursday, September 22, 2016, in the library at Harding Grade School. The following members were present: Lesley LaRock, Don McNelis, 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 6:17 p.m. After roll call, the motion was made by Thompson and seconded by LaRock to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel, collective bargaining, school safety and review of minutes.

It was moved by LaRock and seconded by Don McNelis to come out of executive session at 6:50 p.m. On roll call, those present voted "aye" Motion carried.

It was moved by Don McNelis and seconded by LaRock to enter into the budget hearing. The budget summary handout for FY17 was discussed. A motion was made by Myer, seconded by Thompson to close the budget hearing and begin the public meeting at 7:18 p.m. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

President Rosengren requested approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Myer, seconded by Thompson to remove Action Item F. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Visitors were FFA members Jenna McNelis, Bryce Keisler, Emily Freedman, Steven Tordai, Warren Kaforski, Preston Duffy and teacher Chad Mahler. Jenna McNelis asked the board for permission to attend the National FFA convention in Indianapolis this year. Serena HS is partnering with 2 other schools. There will be 16 SHS students attending. It will last four days. A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Myer to sponsor the FFA trip. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

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

Correspondence included a thank you card from Robert Rowe Library, thanking CUSD2 for using their conference room for teachers' meetings.

Motion was made by Don McNelis and seconded by LaRock to approve Consent Agenda Items XII A thru H. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Reports –

Enrollment Report – The District is up 6 students for a total of 663.

Building and Grounds – Dave Myer reported that they will need an architect to look at the Harding GS roof. They would like to pay for half of the repairs out of this year's budget and the other half out of next year's budget. They also talked about upgrading the lawn mower at

Harding. At Sheridan GS, the roof is completed. For Serena GS they talked about the natural gas leaks. It seems to stem from the new construction in 2002. The sealant has deteriorated. They tightened up the joints and resealed them with a new sealer. They addressed the problem with the hot water heater. They talked about upgrading the bathrooms. The hard water is also causing problems. They will wait until a decision is made about the middle school concept before taking action. The Ash trees that are dying will need to be removed. At Serena HS they talked about asbestos abatement. Asbestos is in the tile or the glue that holds the tile in the Ag room and drivers' education room. It must be removed by a trained professional. Russell Perkins would like to purchase some new equipment for ground maintenance. The new UTV is on a 3-year lease. Payments are being split between maintenance and athletics. No parents or students are permitted to drive it. There is also a plow attachment for it.

Enrollment & Development – Supt. Felesena met with Serena HS and GS teachers about the middle school concept. He assured them that no one will lose their job. The committee may make a recommendation to the board at the November meeting.

Policy Committee – President Rosengren said there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading at tonight's meeting. The Board may want PTO/organizations to get their own 501(c)(3) status. It covers the District if there is any money problems in the groups. President Rosengren would like to remove policy 7:270 until next month.

#### Principal Reports-

Principal Rios reported the Unit 2 soccer team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Newark tournament. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade will be hosting Grandparents Day on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. The next PTO meeting will be October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm. He thanked the Unit 2 PTO's for helping put on the assemblies from 3Screens! After the assembly, students were given a survey. Main topics were who students can go to for help if they are bullied, sad or angry. The responses were parents, teachers, coaches, siblings and friends. The students also asked for more Spirit Weeks.

Principal Landers thanked everyone who came out for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show on September 18<sup>th</sup>. The PTO raised over \$3000 for the school. He also thanked everyone who supported the 5<sup>th</sup> graders in the Louisiana Flood Relief Fundraiser. The students raised \$1000 for the Red Cross to help with the relief efforts. They were featured on the front page of The Times newspaper. He congratulated the A and B-team volleyball teams which are in first place in their conference. The A-team has a 19-0 record. He also thanked the Harding, Sheridan and Serena PTO's for the 3-screen assembly. He thanked Fairmount Minerals for hosting the Mining Education Day trip for the 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Thanks to LaSalle County SWCD for hosting the environmental Activity Day for the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Next week is Spirit Week. Also, he said that PTO is paying for all the students to go to the Sandwich Opera House this year.

Principal Hanson said Homecoming week was a success. They had the most school attendance last Thursday. The safety dog was in yesterday for a first visit. He reported that Mr. Jenkins is settling into his role as Dean of Students very well. They started a Husker 911 program. Each teacher identified 1 student who needed a positive connection. They make sure to interact with that student every day to reinforce positive attention.

Principal Goodbred said that A-team volleyball took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the conference. He read the new student council members names. Bill Harris will do another Isle Royale trip with 7<sup>th</sup> graders gain

this spring. He thanked the PTO's for the assembly. He said they had completed MAP testing. President Rosengren asked him about the Saturday detentions. Principal Hanson said that they had students who did not show up.

#### Superintendent's Report-

Superintendent Felesena reported that there are some new laws going into effect. One is about new requirements for child bereavement. Another law concerns the school board and open discussions about IMRF. Another is about inter-fund transfers. It has always been allowable to move funds around. There is a new travel reimbursement law. It requires school boards to have policies in place to limit the amount. January is the deadline to have them ready. Supt. Felesena encouraged the board members to look at the Mangan Report (Michelle Mangan). He also reported that Circuit Breaker School in Peru is due for its 10-year Health Life Safety Survey. All boards that are served by LEASE must vote to approve the survey.

#### Discussion/Informational Items –

- A) FY17 Budget – Board members need to sign the left column if they approve. There were no more questions about the budget.
- B) IL School Finance Refresher – There is a “cheat” sheet available to better understand this if needed.
- C) IASB Dinner Meeting – Lesley LaRock said it was very interesting.
- D) School Board Convention – President Rosengren, Don McNelis, Lesley LaRock and Renee Thompson will attend.

#### Action Items –

Motion to approve the resignation of Holly Banister as part-time custodian, effective September 10, 2016 was made by Don McNelis, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, all present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to employ James Helling as part-time custodian, effective September 23, 2016 was made by Myer and seconded by LaRock. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Circuit Breaker School 10-year Health Life Safety Survey, as presented was made by Thompson, seconded by Don McNelis. On roll call, all present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve and display the Certified Staff Compensation Report for FY16 was made by LaRock, seconded by Myer. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Board policies 2:70, 2:120, 2:240, 6:100, 8:90, and 8:110 for a second and final reading was made by Thompson, seconded by Don McNelis. On roll call, those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt the FY17 budget, as presented was made by LaRock, seconded by Myer. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

President Rosengren requested further public comment. There was none.

Motion to adjourn at 9:23 p.m. was made by Thompson, seconded by LaRock. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

  
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Neal Rosengren, President

  
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Renee Thompson, Secretary