

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular	Nippersink Middle School	7:00 p.m.	April 22, 2008
Kind of Meeting	Meeting Place	Time	Month/Day/Year
			Day of Week Tuesday

**MEMBERS**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Patty Anderson	
Presiding Officer	
Sue Maurer	
Glenn Samuel	
Sharon Bianchini	
Paul Offerman	
Mike Gullifor (arrived at 8:22 p.m.)	
Dan Oest	
Superintendent of Schools	
Diane Bushing (arrived at 7:17 p.m.)	
Secretary-Board of Education	

Marginal headings of items of business. Items may be numbered consecutively

Board President, Patty Anderson called the April 22, 2008 meeting of the Nippersink District 2 Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m.

Note the roll.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Modifications to the agenda included:

- moving IX.B.2.a. PTAB Settlements to VIII.A.2.a.
- moving IX.B.3.e. and IX.B.3.f. to XIII.A.1. and XIII.A.2.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Items listed on the Consent Agenda included the following:

- Regular and Closed Session Board Meeting minutes of March 18, 2008
- March Treasurer’s Report
- March Revenue/Expenditure Reports
- March Special Education Revenue/Expenditure Report
- March Bills, Imprest, Impact Fees, and ISDLAF
- March Transportation Report
- Approval of destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings (08/20/06, 09/26/06, 10/05/06, 10/16/06)

**MOTION**

Paul Offerman moved, seconded by Sharon Bianchini, to **approve the consent agenda items as modified.** Roll call vote:

Ayes: Sharon Bianchini, Sue Maurer, Glenn Samuel, Paul Offerman, Patty Anderson

Nays: None

Absent: Diane Bushing, Mike Gullifor

All in favor; motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Mrs. Anderson read a letter received from Chief Sanders of the Spring Grove Police

Department complimenting District 2 for their assistance during the recent investigation at Spring Grove School. Mrs. Anderson, on behalf of the Board, expressed appreciation to the Spring Grove Police Department for being so very helpful.

## **COMMUNITY INPUT I**

### **Public Comments**

None

### **Board Comments**

Sue Maurer – expressed interest in requiring drug testing for employees, commenting that the ISBE thinks it important enough to tell schools when pop machines can be plugged in, they should be even more concerned about illegal drug use by anyone working with our children or in our schools. If the board is in agreement on this topic, she would like the board as a group to attempt to initiate changes at the state level. This may be a topic for the Labor Relations Committee.

Glenn Samuel – expressed interest in joining other districts' opposition to House Bill 750 and the opposition to a tax increase.

## **REPORTS**

### **Administrative Reports**

#### **Andrew Straight – Student Board Member**

Mr. Straight was absent from the meeting.

#### **Dan Oest – Superintendent**

Dr. Oest addressed the following topics:

- 3 FOIA requests were received and responded to (Lee Filas of the Daily Herald, Jillian Duchnowski of the Northwest Herald, and Tom Musick of the Northwest Herald)
- Reminder to Board members about the survey from the IASB. See Dr. Oest if interested in completing it.
- A Shared Service meeting is being scheduled for either May 8<sup>th</sup> or 12th.

#### **Dr. Paul Hain – Business Manager**

Dr. Hain was not in attendance.

#### **Judi Jones – RGS Principal**

Mrs. Jones shared highlights from the April 18<sup>th</sup> Institute Day. Topics included 6+1 Writing traits, team meetings, and end of year planning.

Enrollment – 601

#### **Lannie Young – SGE Principal**

Mrs. Young thanked Dr. Oest, Dr. Hain and the administrative team for their support. Staff, students, and parents have been incredibly supportive. Spring Grove School is back to business as usual.

#### **Tim Molitor – NMS Principal**

Mr. Molitor told of the NMS Band and their recent participation at the Lake County Live festival held at Lake County College. The NMS Band brought home several top awards. A

letter was received from the Band Director at Richmond Burton H.S. complimenting the NMS Band on their abilities. The Drama Club's spring performance of "Tongue Twisted" was enjoyed by many parents and students. The Variety Show and Reading Night are approaching.

Enrollment- 581

**Kim May-Zelle – Special Ed. Coordinator**

Mrs. May-Zelle spoke of the directive received from the ISBE to complete a district self assessment to determine initial readiness towards implementation of RTI. The assessment is due to ISBE no later than May 23, 2008. This is a general education initiative that requires a plan to be in place by January 1, 2009.

201 IEP's

**ITEMS OF INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

**Finance**

**PTAB Settlements**

Recent negotiated settlements recommended for approval by the District's attorney were approved and arrangements made to conclude these matters of property tax abatement.

**Personnel**

**Principal Search**

Dr. Oest announced that the 2008-09 Spring Grove Principal position had been posted with a May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to receive applications. Screening of applications will begin during the week of May 5<sup>th</sup>. Second round interviews and site visits will occur prior to a recommendation to the Board at the June meeting.

**Policy**

**Hiring Process Criteria**

The current policy on hiring process criteria was reviewed. Explanation was given regarding the details of the finger print background investigation, and registered sex offender check. Additions to the hiring process requirements were discussed. A legal opinion should be obtained prior to moving forward with adopting a change to the policy. A sample policy could be provided at the May meeting. Requirements of administrators could be made within the contract, but would require Closed Session Discussion when a contract is presented for approval.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Finance**

**Treasurer Appointment/Treasurer Surety Bond**

Paul Offerman moved, seconded by Diane Bushing, **to appoint Paul Hain as Treasurer for the 2009 fiscal year and to authorize the purchase of a Treasurer Surety Bond in the amount of \$2,750,000 for the 2009 fiscal year.** Roll call vote:

Ayes: Diane Bushing, Paul Offerman, Sue Maurer, Sharon Bianchini, Glenn Samuel, Patty Anderson

Nays: None

Absent: Mike Gullifor

All in favor; motion carried

MOTION



**Return to Open Session** at 8:26 p.m.

**Items for Consideration / Action if necessary on Closed Session Items**

**MOTION**

**Hire – Jeanna Boros, NMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts**

Paul Offerman moved, seconded by Sharon Bianchini, **to hire Jeanna Boros to fill the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts position at a salary of \$36,085, BA-12 +6 (step 1) plus TRS and benefits, pending receipt of employment documents.** Roll call vote:

Ayes: Paul Offerman, Diane Bushing, Sue Maurer, Sharon Bianchini, Glenn Samuel, Mike Gullifor, Patty Anderson

Nays: None

All in favor; motion carried.

**MOTION**

**Alexander Hardt, NMS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science/Language Arts**

Sue Maurer moved, seconded by Paul Offerman, **to hire Alexander Hardt to fill the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science / Language Arts position at a salary of \$34,422, BA-0 (step 0) plus TRS and benefits, pending receipt of employment documents.** Roll call vote:

Ayes: Diane Bushing, Sharon Bianchini, Mike Gullifor, Paul Offerman, Sue Maurer, Glenn Samuel, Patty Anderson

Nays: None

All in favor; motion carried

**MOTION**

**Adjourn**

Paul Offerman moved, seconded by Sue Maurer, **to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:28 p.m.** Roll Call:

Ayes: Sharon Bianchini, Sue Maurer, Glenn Samuel, Diane Bushing, Paul Offerman, Mike Gullifor, Patty Anderson

Nays: None

All in favor; motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Diane Bushing, Secretary

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Patricia Anderson, President