

Nippersink School District #2  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
March 17, 2009

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Nippersink School District #2, was called to order by President Patty Anderson at 7:00 P.M. in the Nippersink Middle School Library.

Members Present: Anderson, Bushing, Bianchini, Callaby, Samuel

Absent: Maurer, Offerman

Also Present: Dr. Oest, Superintendent and Dr. Hain, Business Manager

**Consent Agenda**

Agenda item 7.2, Architect Services Agreement and 7.5, Resolution Authorizing Non-Renewal of Probationary Teachers, was removed from the consent agenda. The BCS bill was pulled from the Bill listing to be reviewed and considered later in the meeting.

Items listed on the Consent Agenda included the following:

- ✓ Regular Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2009
- ✓ Closed Session Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2009
- ✓ Board Bills \$564,291.98
- ✓ Treasurer's Report
- ✓ Resignation: Mariah Olhava, RGS 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher; Jennifer Quall, RGS ECE Teacher
- ✓ Approval of Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings:  
August 28, and September 25, 2007

Motion by Bianchini and seconded by Samuel to approve the consent agenda items as amended.

Roll Call

Ayes: Bushing, Callaby, Bianchini, Samuel, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 – 0

**Public Input**

None

**Reports**

- Revenue/Expenditure Report, Special Education Revenue/Expenditure Report, ISDLAF Report, Transportation Report
- Administrative Reports

**Superintendent**

Dr. Oest congratulated Richmond Grade School for having received the Academic Excellence Award. He acknowledged Mrs. Jones for her leadership, the staff, students, and parents for their contribution to the achievement of this award and for bringing great honor to the district. Dr. Oest also mentioned that the recent emergency closing day at Richmond Grade School which was due to a power failure/boiler issue, will not be required to be made up. Four FOIA requests were received since the February Board Meeting regarding an employee issue, a transportation issue, a bill for legal services and for contract posting on the website.

### Business Manager

Dr. Hain reported on the following issues:

- RGS sprinkler system malfunction on February 15<sup>th</sup>, discovered and fixed.
- Coils failed on the #1 boiler and caused a leak at RGS. A temporary fix is in place. Other related repairs will be ongoing.
- The boiler project is 60 days or more past the contractual completion. The startup of the new system proved to be detrimental to the 61 year old pipes causing them to burst. The contract calls for a one year warranty. Given that the system is untested due to delays and change of season, discussions are currently taking place regarding an extension to the warranty.
- A boiler leak at SGE has been temporarily fixed to make it through this heating season.
- The motor related to the well at SGE has been shorting out and is currently under repair.

### RGS Principal

Mrs. Jones shared that Richmond Grade School is very proud of having received the Academic Excellence Award. She attributes the honor to a wonderful staff, supportive families and great students. Mrs. Jones thanked Mr. Cesario, Mr. Rodriguez, Dr. Oest, and Dr. Hain for the assistance and support on the emergency school closure day. ISAT tests have been completed. Make-up testing is still ongoing due to a large number of illnesses during testing time.

### SGE Principal

Mr. Pittman hi-lighted the Jump Rope for Heart event which took place on February 26-27<sup>th</sup>; nearly \$7,000 was raised. Mrs. Burlini was thanked for organizing such a successful event. The SGE PTO Dinner/Dance/Auction took place on Saturday with 136 people in attendance. More than \$15,000 was raised during this fun event chaired by Mindy Ross.

### NMS Principal

Mr. Molitor introduced Conrad Camellino, 2<sup>nd</sup> year winner of the Nippersink Spelling Bee and recent winner of the McHenry County Spelling Bee. Conrad will proceed to the National Spelling Bee in May.

Mrs. Veillon presented Conrad with a certificate for representing District 2 as the top “scenario writer” at the State Problem Solving Bowl for the past three years. The Board commended Conrad for his achievements, wished him well in the upcoming State Spelling Bee and thanked him for representing the District in such a positive way.

### Special Education Coordinator

Mrs. May-Zelle stated that activities of the past month have included preparation of the SEDOM Needs Assessment, the budget, FY10 classroom needs and teacher workload planning, as well as IEP annual reviews. Mrs. May-Zelle also commended Karen Cook for taking the initiative with the IAA tests for students with IEP’s, the alternative testing tool to the ISAT tests.

## Student Board Member Report

Mr. Swanson shared the excitement experienced by the middle school students as they listened to the Synergy Brass Quintet, a recent assembly. Upcoming student activities include:

- Future Problem Solvers Regionals (16 teams will be participating)
- ISAT testing is over
- Lots of things coming up in the next 2 months, especially for 8<sup>th</sup> graders

## Old Business

None

## New Business

### RtI Plan Presentation

Dr. Oest reminded Board members that the Response to Intervention Plan had been submitted to the state by the deadline date of January 1<sup>st</sup>. He identified and thanked the District Level RtI Team who aided in the plan development; Judi Jones, Tim Molitor, Chris Pittman, Kim May-Zelle, Chris Colosimo, and Belinda Veillon. Dr. Oest began the Power-point presentation by defining RtI (Response to Intervention) as a philosophy based on the concept that early intervention can prevent long term academic failure, applicable to all children. The RtI Plan is a component of the School Improvement Plan and the District Improvement Plan.

Mr. Molitor and Mrs. Veillon joined Dr. Oest in describing components of the plan including the conceptual framework for RtI, relevance to IDEA, application, implementation time lines, the 3-Tier model, and action plan objectives.

The presentation was followed by Board discussion and questions related to financial recourses, effect on the Special Ed/General Ed budget, staffing, parental component and evaluation and monitoring.

### Resolution – Authorization to Intervene in PTAB Proceedings

Motion by Bushing and seconded by Bianchini to approve the Resolution Authorizing District 2 to intervene in Tax Appeal Board Proceedings.

Roll Call

Ayes: Callaby, Bushing, Bianchini, Samuel, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 - 0

### 2009-10 Programming/Staffing Discussion

The FY10 Programming/Staffing is currently being reviewed by the administrative team with respect to enrollment projections, student and program needs.

### Resolution Authorizing Participation in the McHenry County Regional Safe School Program

Motion by Bushing and seconded by Bianchini to approve the Resolution Authorizing Participation in the McHenry county Regional Safe School Program.

Roll Call

Ayes: Bianchini, Samuel, Bushing, Callaby, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 - 0

**Public Input 2**

None

**Closed Session**

Motion by Callaby and seconded by Bianchini to enter into Closed Session at 8:10 P.M. to consider information pertaining to the appointment, employment, dismissal, performance, discipline and compensation of employees.

Roll Call

Ayes: Samuel, Bushing, Bianchini, Callaby, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 - 0

**Return to Open Session at 9:47 P.M.**

**Action After Closed Session**

Motion by Samuel and seconded by Bianchini to approve the bill listing payment for BCS as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes: Samuel, Bianchini, Callaby, Bushing, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 - 0

Motion by Callaby and seconded by Samuel to approve one year contracts FY 2009-10 for district administrators at 2008-09 compensation and benefit levels.

Roll Call

Ayes: Callaby, Samuel, Bushing, Bianchini, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

**Adjournment**

Motion by Bushing and seconded by Bianchini to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:52 P.M.

Roll Call

Ayes: Bianchini, Bushing, Callaby, Samuel, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

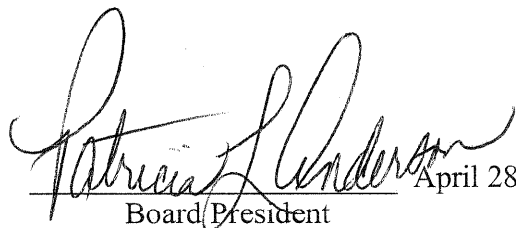
Next Regular Meeting, April 28, 2009

Board of Education of Nippersink

School District #2

ATTEST:

  
Board Secretary

  
Board President

April 28, 2009