

Nippersink School District 2
Regular Board of Education Meeting
January 26, 2010

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, Samuel, Maurer, Langlois

Absent: Callaby

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

Consent Agenda

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

- ✓ Regular Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2009
- ✓ Closed Session Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2009
- ✓ Special Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2009
- ✓ Special Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2010
- ✓ Board Bills \$1,147,657.41
- ✓ Treasurer's Report
- ✓ Employment of Staff: Amanda Burrows
- ✓ Leave of Absence request: Lisa Torstenson
- ✓ Discard Closed Session Audio Recordings of 6/24/08

Motion by Bushing and seconded by Bianchini to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes: Bushing, Bianchini, Maurer, Samuel, Langlois, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Public Input

None

Reports

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

Superintendent

Dr. Oest announced that the February Board meeting agenda would include initial discussions on Program, Personnel and Staffing for the 2010-11 school year and a first look at the 2010-11 school calendar. A presentation on student assessment results from 2000 through present time is scheduled for the March Board Meeting. The Kishwaukee Division Meeting is scheduled for March 10th at Hampshire. Those interested should contact Julie Miller about registering.

Dr. Oest informed the Board of a delay in payments from the state. The voucher amount of \$620,000 should currently be in D2 accounts, but is not. Only 2 of the 4 scheduled payments have been received. Missing are approximately \$350,000 of Transportation and \$260,000 of Categorical revenues. One of the late payments may be received by July 1st, but the other payment could be as late as September. All of the General State Aid payments have been received.

Business Manager

Dr. Hain complimented staff responsible for providing clean, safe, and healthy environments. He also thanked the teachers who have patiently endured the “hot rooms” at Spring Grove, and the “cold mobiles” at RGS, and the administrators for handling it all. Project updates include:

- Final WWAN pre-installation meeting to take place tomorrow
- The mobile furnace replacement and RGS roof repair should be completed in the next 2 weeks.

A short discussion on status of the mobiles, ownership, and maintenance took place. The Board requested that Dr. Hain prepare a status on the revenues for the February meeting, with a focus on Education Fund and Transportation Fund revenues.

Student Board Member

Eric Paparigian reported on the middle school students current activities. The following items were addressed in his report:

- o 7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball and Intramurals have begun.
- o Donations were collected for the Haiti Earthquake Relief
- o The Band and the Jazz Band played during enrichment and Thursday evening. The RB Band/Choir performed at NMS to offer “inspiration.”
- o The Student Council is planning the February 5th dance, discussing a Ping Pong Tournament, and the idea of painting “NMS” on the bleachers.
- o Spelling Bee winner was James Gomell and the runner-up was Ethan Sheedlo

RGS Principal

Mrs. Jones reviewed the activities of the recent Teacher Institute Day at RGS. Review and update of the Reading Curriculum took place and Dr. Chilamkurti presented on ADD/ADHD.

SGE Principal

Mr. Pittman told of the iSTEEP training on Progress Monitoring that took place on January 15th. The second round of iSTEEP testing was completed during the week of January 19th.

NMS Principal

Mr. Molitor spoke of the articulation with RB teachers regarding expectations in order to develop a more fluid curriculum with a focus on math and reading.

Special Education Coordinator

Mrs. May-Zelle spoke of the ARRA team that was created to determine how the additional \$10,302 allocated toward IDEA pre-school funds would be spent. Technology was identified as the primary need in all three schools with materials to support curriculum as a secondary need.

Curriculum Director

Mrs. Veillon spoke of the 1 on 1 time spent between 8th graders and RB staff members, commenting that it was a very successful step towards integrating students into high school. Other items mentioned included:

- The Freshman Expo at RBCHS is scheduled for January 27th.
- Assessments are under way using iSTEEP, DIBELS, MAZE, and Performance Series.
- The Raising Student Achievement Conference was attended by 5 teachers, Mr. Augustyn, Dr. Oest and Mrs. Veillon
- Professional Development is being tracked for multiple reasons including cost saving opportunities.

Old Business

D2/D157 Consolidation

Dr. Oest reported on the recent Committee of Ten meeting. A spirited discussion took place. The function of the next meeting will be to bring all 19 members up to speed on all the data available. Joe Busch was asked to review the data he had prepared for the Joint Special Board Meeting which took place September 22, 2009. Dave Thomas and Bert Irslinger were named co-chairs. Other functions of the committee will be to formulate a plan for providing information to the community, prepare the paperwork to be presented to the Regional Office of Education, and to obtain general support for putting the issue to a vote. The next meeting is scheduled for February 3rd.

Dr. Oest also updated the Board on a discussion originally had last year in May while discussing projected GSA for a combined unit district. It has been confirmed that combined, D2 and D157 would have received \$1.175 million in General State Aid for the 2008-09 school year. As a unit district, \$1.246 million would have been received in addition to the combined amount received by D2 and D157 in 2009-10. All General State Aid payments have been received.

Board Goals Approval

Motion by Maurer and seconded by Langlois to approve the District 2 Board of Education Belief Statements and Goals as presented.

Ayes: Bushing, Langlois, Maurer, Bianchini, Samuel, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

New Business

D2/D157 Shared Services Agreement Renewal

Dr. Oest presented the Shared Services Agreement for approval stating that only the dates had been revised to reflect the new 3 year agreement. The agreement would “dissolve if a combination were to occur. The D157 Board of Education approved the agreement at their January Board meeting.

Motion by Maurer and seconded by Bushing to approve the D2/D157 three-year Intergovernmental Agreement regarding mutual superintendent employment as presented.

Ayes: Bianchini, Maurer, Samuel, Bushing, Langlois, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Student Registration Fees

Dr. Oest informed the Board that all buildings had been reminded that registration fees for the upcoming school year should not be “quoted” until the fees are determined by the Board at the February Board meeting. Board members discussed the current fee amounts, and the total amount of uncollected fees to date. The Board inquired about the number of families involved in the uncollected fee total. More discussion will take place at the February Board meeting.

Village of Richmond Business Incentive Program

The Village of Richmond, in their efforts to find a way to entice small business to the area, but without hurting the taxing bodies, submitted a proposal for the schools to review. The original plan offered an incentive rebate scheduled out over five (5) years. Following the initial meeting between the schools and Mr. Kielpinski and Mr. Koenig, Richmond Village Trustees, Mrs. Sue Maurer, D2 Board Member, suggested the schedule be shortened on rebates occurring over 3 years instead of 5 years. The school districts would see no, or minimal loss in general state aid.

Board members expressed concern about the students that may be generated from these areas. The Village recognizes this concern and proposes a student impact fee be included in the proposal or a limit on residence. Mrs. Anderson reminded Board members that the Village is not required to gain or seek approval for this type of action. A successful outcome of this issue could result in similar proposals with the Village of Spring Grove and Fox Lake. Mr. Kielpinski and Mr. Koenig offered to make a presentation to the whole Board. Board members expressed interest in the presentation.

Public Input 2

None

Closed Session

Motion by Bushing and seconded by Bianchini to move into Closed Session at 8:13 p.m. to consider information pertaining to the appointment, employment, dismissal, performance, discipline and compensation of employees of the district , and collective bargaining matters.

Roll Call

Ayes: Maurer, Samuel, Bushing, Bianchini, Langlois, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Return to Open Session at 9:15 p.m.

Action After Closed Session

Motion by Bushing and seconded by Bianchini to approve a three-year employment agreement with Dan Oest as District 2 Superintendent effective July 1, 2010, per the terms as discussed in Closed Session...

Roll Call

Ayes: Bushing, Langlois, Maurer, Bianchini, Samuel, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

Adjournment

Motion by Samuel and seconded by Bianchini to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Roll Call

Ayes: Samuel, Maurer, Langlois, Bushing, Bianchini, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

Next Regular Meeting, February 23, 2010
Board of Education of Nippersink
School District #2

ATTEST:

Board Secretary

Board President

February 23, 2010