

Nippersink School District 2
Regular Board of Education Meeting
July 28, 2009

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Nippersink School District 2, was called to order by Vice President Sue Maurer at 7:01 P.M. in the Nippersink Middle School Library.

Members Present: Maurer, Bushing, Bianchini, Callaby, Langlois, Samuel

Absent: Anderson

Also Present: Dr. Oest, Superintendent

Consent Agenda

Stateline Comets were added as the first item under New Business. Request was made to remove the BCS bills from the Board Bills. Agenda item 3.9 Employment of Staff was moved to Closed Session.

Items listed on the Consent Agenda included the following:

- ✓ Regular Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2009
- ✓ Closed Session Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2009
- ✓ Special Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2009
- ✓ Board Bills \$1,156,428.52
- ✓ Treasurer's Report
- ✓ Staff Resignations: Michelle Adam, Valerie Paleka
- ✓ Employment of Staff: Melissa Kaufman, Amanda Domich
- ✓ Staff Leave of Absence: Lorie Comstock-Vogel, Jodi Fischer-Lauer
- ✓ Discard Closed Session Audio Recordings from January 22, 2008

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

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Public Input

Alan Kogerup addressed the Board on his concerns about school health and the challenges face by school nurses. He also expressed concern about a recent vacancy posting for a school nurse position, the person hired for the position and the process used to fill the position.

Dan Peterson addressed an email previously sent by him to Board of Education members regarding the Nurse Vacancy posting. He also spoke of the requirements for various nursing degrees and addressed the hiring process and failure to hire the candidate he felt was most qualified.

Terri Nelson spoke again on the topic of re-introducing the Spanish language back into the curriculum, this time adding a request for information on using the school buildings outside of the school day to offer an “out of pocket” instructor. Dr. Oest re-iterated that the administrative team, upon direction by the Board, would review all of the curricular areas that were cut and make a recommendation to the Board. Time does not allow for a

review and implementation for the 2009-10 school year. Ms Nelson was requested to contact Dr. Oest in the District Office to discuss the procedure for utilizing buildings for after school activities.

Shellie Mundorf spoke of the recent RGS PTO Annual Auction, proceeds of which were used to complete the RGS playground equipment. A volunteer work force came together on July 18th and worked from 6 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. to install the new equipment. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place August 18th. The Board thanked the PTO for their gift to the school.

Mrs. Maurer thanked all of those who had signed up for Public Input and explained that while it is not appropriate for the Board to respond at that time, they do appreciate hearing from the community.

Reports

- Revenue/Expenditure Report, Special Education Revenue/Expenditure Report, Impact Fee Report, IMPREST Account Report, ISDLAF Report
- Administrative Reports

Superintendent

Dr. Oest mentioned that over 3000 pounds of old technology equipment had been donated to Tech Recycling; thank you Mr. Sieker and the Tech Department. Registration is currently in progress at Nippersink Middle School. Teacher Institute Days are scheduled for August 17th and 18th, with students beginning on August 19th.

Old Business

Re-organization Feasibility Study

Dr. Oest informed the Board that analysis of D2 and D157 contracts is ongoing. Mr. Busch (D157) prepared a cash flow analysis and Mrs. Maurer calculated salary adjustment costs. Mrs. Anderson is reviewing “provision aspects” implications with Mrs. Bushing and Mr. Schleibinger (D157). Once this work has been completed, a joint Board meeting will be scheduled to present the information. The expectation is to hold the meeting in late August or September.

Village of Spring Grove “Grove” Development

Dr. Oest and Mrs. Maurer attended the recent Spring Grove Village Board meeting. The term “TIF” is definitely being used regarding three specific pieces of property involved in the development (theatre/bowling alley/hotel). The agreement being discussed is short in term and will then terminate. D2 pointed out that decisions made now could change with future Board decisions, though the Village is still agreeing to “hold harmless” language. No official action was taken, though consensus was for negotiations to move forward. The current plan is to break ground in late winter or early spring.

Dr. Oest provided further clarification that the developer is not part of the TIF. Only the three specific properties identified. He also reminded the Board that the school districts only part in the decision to proceed with the TIF on the three properties is that of participating on the Review Board. The Village of Spring Grove is including the school districts in order to be able to act on our behalf so as not to have the school districts negatively impacted financially.

Concerns expressed included the TIF time period; that it should be no longer than five years, and that intergovernmental agreements are not very legally defensible. Dr. Oest will keep the Board informed as the situation progresses.

New Business

Stateline Comets Presentation

Rick Graves, Joe Huffines, and Rob Heaney of the Stateline Comets presented and described a plan to donate the cost and construction of a Press Box as well as demolition of the existing structure at NMS. Details of the plan were submitted. Concerns addressed by the Board included issues of safety, approval from the Regional Office of Education, ownership, and prevailing wage requirements. The Board gave consensus for Stateline Comets to work with administration to proceed with the project, seeing no need for further discussion by the Building Committee. All concerns expressed by the Board will be addressed.

Shared Services Committee Report

The Shared Service Committee met on June 25th and discussed the following topics:

- The Reorganization Study
- The need to be mindful of engaging in service contracts. In the event that reorganization occurs, contracts will need to be aligned and therefore, contracts made now should go out no longer than one or two years.
- Additional Joint meetings and Shared Service meetings will become necessary.
- The search for items of efficiencies between districts continues.
- The Teacher Institute Day scheduled for August 17th will be conducted jointly at RBCHS.
- A Curriculum Director position was discussed. The Richmond Burton Board of Education directed Dr. Oest to prepare a proposal for the August Board meeting to design and implement a Curriculum Director position to be shared by the districts.

Dr. Oest was directed to include the Curriculum Director position on the D2 August Board meeting agenda.

Certification of Temporary Facilities

Approval of the Certification of Temporary Facilities is a yearly process. Certification is provided by the District's architect and is scheduled to be completed prior to the start of school.

Cleaning Service Contract

Motion by Bushing and seconded by Langlois to approve the District's cleaning services contract with Direct Contract Cleaning as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Educational Support Staff Notice of Non-Renewal

Motion by Callaby and seconded by Langlois to approve the Resolution authorizing non renewal of Educational Support Staff as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

First Reading of Policy 2:70 Vacancies on the School Board and Policy 7:50 School Admissions

Change to Policy 2:70 was made to accomplish the solicitation of public input. Change to Policy 7:50 is a correction to a recent policy adoption that incorrectly stated the District's practice and prior policy on early admission of students. The District does not allow early admission of students.

Transportation Hazardous Routes

Motion by Bianchini and seconded by Bushing to approve the Hazardous Transportation routes FY10 as submitted.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

Public Input 2

Alan Kogerup reviewed concerns addressed in Public Input 1 and asked if the Board would consider a committee to offer input to hiring practices and also volunteered to be on the committee.

Dan Petersen stressed his concern related to comments he made during the previous Public Input.

Closed Session

Motion by Langlois and seconded by Samuel at 8:31 P.M to enter into Closed Session to consider information pertaining to the appointment, employment, dismissal, performance, discipline and compensation of employees, and Imminent Litigation.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

Action Following Closed Session

Return to Open Session at 9:31 P.M.

Motion by Bushing and seconded by Callaby to employ Melissa Kaufman and Amanda Domich as teachers for the 2009-10 school year.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

Motion by Samuel and seconded by Bianchini to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:34 P.M.

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

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Adjournment

Motion by Bianchini and seconded by Callaby to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:53 P.M.

Roll Call

Ayes: Bianchini, Samuel, Bushing, Callaby, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

Next Regular Meeting, August 25, 2009

Board of Education of Nippersink

School District #2

ATTEST:

Board Secretary

Board President

August 25, 2009