

Nippersink School District 2  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
August 25, 2009

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Nippersink School District 2, was called to order by President Patty Anderson at 7:02 p.m. in the Nippersink Middle School Library.

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

Absent: Bushing

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

Mrs. Jones, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Molitor, and Mrs. May-Zelle introduced the 2009-10 new staff members.

Item 7.1, Rescheduling of Board of Education September Regular Meeting Date was removed from Consent Agenda.

The BCS bill was removed from the Bill Listing to be considered separately.

The paraprofessional TBD is for Spring Grove Elementary.

**Consent Agenda**

Request was made to remove the BCS bills from the Board Bills listing to be voted on separately.

Items listed on the Consent Agenda included the following:

- ✓ Regular Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2009
- ✓ Closed Session Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2009
- ✓ Board Bills \$1,090,374.80
- ✓ Treasurer's Report
- ✓ Staff Resignations: Tammy Michaels, Shellie Mundorf
- ✓ Staff Leave of Absence: Kristi Nellessen
- ✓ Employment of Staff: Holly Sovsky, Susan Giese, Janene Odishoo, and Paige Houle

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

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Payment of the bill from BCS was discussed. Payments have been delayed to this company for the past few months due to concern by an individual board member for incomplete descriptions on the bills and the cost for the work done. Following much discussion, Mrs. Anderson reiterated the separation of duties for Board members and Administration; the Board delegates and the Administration sees to the day to day operation of the District. In conclusion, Mrs. Anderson suggested that Dr. Hain be authorized to pay the bill from BCS upon his satisfaction with the answers to his

questions and those submitted by Mr. Samuel. Mrs. Anderson also requested that Dr. Hain provide a follow-up summary to the Board once the matter is resolved.

Motion by Bianchini and seconded by Callaby to authorize the Business Manager to release payment to BCS upon the Business Manager's opinion of a satisfactory response to his and Board Member questions.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

### **Public Input**

There were no requests for Public Input.

### **Reports**

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

#### **Superintendent**

Dr. Oest reported that two (2) FOIA requests had been received and responded to; one regarding the copy machine proposal and one regarding on-line data services. Board members were reminded that three (3) upcoming professional development opportunities were available: the Law Conference, September 12<sup>th</sup>; the Kishwaukee Division Meeting, September 24<sup>th</sup>; and the School Board Tri-Conference, beginning November 20<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Oest shared that the August 14<sup>th</sup> test taken to determine the air quality test Spring Grove School came back negative in relationship to the recent asbestos removal project. In closing, he mentioned that former SGE Principal, Daniel Markofski remains incarcerated.

#### **Business Manager**

Dr. Hain had no additional information to share at this time.

#### **RGS Principal**

Mrs. Jones shared highlights from their Summer Curriculum Work including review of the new reading materials, report cards and articulation with NMS Science teachers.

#### **SGE Principal**

Mr. Pittman thanked Dr. Hain, Mr. Cesario, Mrs. Vetter, and the cleaning crew for working so hard in a short span of time to have the building ready for the start of school. He thanked his staff for their patience.

#### **NMS Principal**

Mr. Molitor also reviewed summer projects including Science articulation with the elementary schools, and a review of the Language Arts program as part of the initiative to improve literacy. He also commended the Building and Grounds staff and the cleaning crew for making the building look great.

#### **Special Education Coordinator**

Mrs. May-Zelle announced that Mr. Colosimo, Mrs. Peterson and Ms Koscielniak will be presenting on DIBELS this December at the Raising Student Achievement Conference in St. Charles, IL. They will be sharing their successes with this program as they represent District 2.

## **Old Business**

### **Re-organization Feasibility Study**

No new information, though Board members should anticipate a joint meeting in late September to follow up on some additional analysis soon to be completed.

### **Village of Spring Grove "Grove" Development**

No new information.

## **New Business**

### **FY09 -10 Tentative Budget**

Dr. Hain and Mrs. Christensen presented the Tentative Budget to the Finance Committee earlier this evening. The Tentative Budget will be placed on display in the District Office on public display for at least 30 days. Notification of the Budget Hearing will be published in the newspaper as required. The budget must be approved prior to September 30, 2009.

### **Establish FY09-10 Budget Hearing**

Motion by Maurer and seconded by Langlois to approve the tentative budget as presented and place on public display for 30 days with the Budget Hearing to be set for September 29, 2009 at 6:45 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

### **Board Training**

As a follow up to the Board Training discussion during the June Board of Education meeting, the School Board Association was contacted for a listing of topics and associated costs. The training is a great opportunity for all members, especially newer members. Mrs. Bianchini shared her experience at a recent Board Governance training that was filled with great case studies, breakout session opportunities and phenomenal programs. She encouraged all to attend recognizing that a richer experience is had when shared with fellow members.

Mrs. Anderson directed Board members to share their schedules (of unavailability) with Ms Miller by Friday for the period through the end of September, giving consideration to evenings and Saturday mornings with the expectation of the training lasting 3-4 hours.

### **Policy Adoption**

- Policy 2:70 Vacancies on the School Board

- Policy 7:50 School Admissions

Motion by Langlois and seconded by Maurer to adopt Board Policies 2:70 and 7:50 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

### **Curriculum Director Proposal**

As requested, Dr. Oest presented a proposal for a Curriculum Director to be shared with Richmond Burton High School, 60/40. This proposal was unanimously approved by District 157 during their August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, contingent on District 2 approval. Discussion took place about the function and the timing of bringing forward the position,

as well as the cost. The vast majority of the Board felt that the proposal was comprehensive in justification and rationale as well as cost effective.

Motion by Bianchini and seconded by Maurer to authorize the shared services (60%) of a Curriculum Director with District 157 contingent upon District 157's approval of such position.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

#### Annual Inspection for Temporary Facilities

Dr. Hain was asked if mobile facilities have a life expectancy. He responded affirmatively and assured Board Members that all of the facilities had passed the inspection. He added that he would like to see the SGE mobiles replaced with a permanent structure on a slab and will look to bringing such a proposal before the Board sometime this winter.

Motion by Callaby and seconded by Langlois to approve the Annual Inspection of Temporary Facilities Report as submitted.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

#### Public Input 2

Erin Godonis questioned the decision to add an administrative position (Curriculum Director), suggesting that the money could be better spent on teacher bonuses. She also questioned the 60/40 split sighting the varied and deeper subject matter addressed at the High School level.

Becky Johnson made comment that Curriculum Coordinator positions were common in other districts and a move in the right direction, but perhaps each district should look for a part time person with expertise in the specific grade levels.

#### Closed Session

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

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

#### Action Following Closed Session

Return to Open Session at 8:50 p.m.

#### Adjournment

Motion by Callaby and seconded by Samuel to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

Next Regular Meeting, September 29, 2009  
Board of Education of Nippersink  
School District #2

ATTEST:

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Board Secretary

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Board President

September 29, 2009