

Nippersink School District #2
Regular Board of Education Meeting
August 26, 2008

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 middle school library.

Members Present: Gullifor, Bianchini, Anderson, Maurer, Offerman, Bushing (arrived 7:09 P.M.)

Members Absent: Samuel

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

Additions to the Agenda

Leave of Absence Request: Christina Piet

Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda included the following:

- Regular and Special Meeting Minutes of July 22nd and August 12th, 2008
- Board Bills
- Treasurer's Report
- Certification of Temporary Facilities
- Staff Resignation: Alyson DeCicco, kitchen staff; Kim Kelly, teacher aide
- Employment of Staff: Michelle Adam, RGS teacher aide; Tammy Michaels, SGE teacher aide; Kathy Patrone, NMS teacher aide; Gail Dalessandro, SGE teacher aide; Amy Thomas, NMS teacher aide; Sherry Tossey, RGS teacher aide; Beth Jewell, RGS teacher aide; Kaaryn Cagann, RGS teacher aide; Chris Colosimo, RGS school psychologist
- Leave of Absence Requests: Lisa Torstenson, Vanessa Reakes and Christina Piet
- Approval of Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings: 1/23/07

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

Roll Call:

Ayes: Bianchini, Maurer, Offerman, Anderson

Abstain: Gullifor

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 – 0

Public Input

None

Reports

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

Superintendent

Dr. Oest extended an invitation to Board members to attend a Law Conference on September 20th; notify Julie if interested. Registration for the November 21-23 Tri-Conference is upon us; notify Julie if interested in the conference or the pre-conference

seminars. New staff members will be invited to the September Board meeting to make introductions.

Business Manager

Dr. Hain thanked the Mr. Cesario, all custodians, summer helpers, and the cleaning crew for the wonderful job that was done in preparing the D2 buildings for the start of school. An exceptional job was done in a shortened time frame. Summer projects such as windows at NMS and heating and air conditioning projects at NMS and SGE were also completed. The contract with Ameresco has been signed and the boiler has been ordered. Board members complimented all concerned with helping the buildings to look better than they ever have and were also impressed with the new murals at RGS and NMS.

RGS Principal

Mrs. Jones shared the activities of Teacher Institute Day, which began at RBCHS with Dr. Oest welcoming D2 and D157 staff members. Former superintendent Bill Bonds shared the experience of the shooting that took place in his Paducah, Kentucky school district and the importance of safety and his praise of teachers who impact their students by making them feel cared for. The day continued with staff returning to their buildings to learn about technology and students in their classrooms. The ½ SIP day was filled with meetings, emergency procedure reviews, etc.

SGE Principal

Mr. Pittman thanked the Spring Grove staff and parents, with a special appreciation to Mrs. Chamernik, Mrs. Straight, and Mrs. Vetter for getting the year off to a great start. The administrators have been very helpful and he appreciates the warm welcome received.

NMS Principal

Mr. Molitor mentioned that the Social Studies department met four times over the summer to prepare for the upcoming Social Studies Textbook purchase. Articulation with the elementary schools will also occur. Mr. Molitor shared compliments from Mr. Goeglein, Regional Superintendent of Schools and the Fire Chief for the condition of the building.

Special Education Coordinator

Mrs. May-Zelle spoke of the smooth start to the school year and complimented all on the spirit of cooperation. Other topics addressed included the assistance of speech intern for the first semester, articulation goals across grade levels and buildings, articulation opportunities between D2 and D157 Psychologists, the sharing of professional development during SIP days, improvement of online IEP's, and Spec. Ed. Coordinator availability in all buildings.

Old Business

None

New Business

Reschedule Board of Education September Regular Meeting Date

To avoid the necessity of two meetings in order to meet the requirements for Budget approval, it is suggested that the September Board meeting be moved to Monday, September 29, 2008.

Motion by Gullifor and seconded by Offerman to approve the rescheduling of the Nippersink School District #2 Regular Board of Education meeting date to Monday, September 29, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Gullifor, Bushing, Offerman, Maurer, Bianchini, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried : 6 – 0

FY09 Tentative Budget

The Tentative Budget was presented by Dr. Hain and Mrs. Christensen and discussed in depth at the Finance Committee Meeting preceding the Board meeting. The Tentative Budget must be placed on public display for 30 days, followed by a Budget Hearing, with final approval to occur prior to September 30, 2008.

Motion by Bushing and seconded by Gullifor 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, 2008 @ 6:45 P.M.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Bianchini, Maurer, Bushing, Offerman, Anderson, Gullifor

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

Qualifications-Based Selection/Architect Selection Process

Past discussions regarding the use /selection of an architect have led to the question of retaining the current provider or proceeding with the selection process. Legat is currently the architect of record. Richmond-Burton High School is currently involved in the Qualifications-Based Selection Process for an architect. The selection process is a very stringent one. If directed to proceed, Dr. Oest will provide the sample letter, timeline and the committee structure at the September Board meeting.

Motion by Offerman and seconded by Bianchini to direct the Superintendent to proceed with the Qualifications-Based Selection/Architect selection process and to prepare the request for statement of qualifications for Board Approval.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Maurer, Bushing, Bianchini, Offerman, Gullifor, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Award of 2008-09 Milk Service Contract

Motion by Maurer and seconded by Offerman to award the 2008-09 District 2 Milk Contract to Marigold Dairies per the milk bid specifications.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Maurer, Offerman, Bushing, Gullifor, Bianchini, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Village of Richmond Tax Abatement Program

Dr. Oest shared a letter received from the Village of Richmond inquiring about the District's legal ability to participate in a tax abatement program. Dr. Oest responded to the letter affirming that School Code does allow for a school district to abate taxes and will keep the Board apprised of any further developments.

Increase of time to special Education Teacher Position

Motion by Bushing and seconded by Bianchini to expand a Spring Grove School part-time special education position for Holly Balfanz from 2.5 to 3.5 days per week.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Offerman, Bianchini, Gullifor, Bushing, Maurer, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Public Input

Mrs. Sue Wittum mentioned that Legat was the architect in charge of the most recent addition to Spring Grove Elementary School.

Closed Session

Motion by Gullifor and seconded by Bianchini to enter into Closed Session at 7:28 P.M.

to consider information pertaining to the appointment, employment, dismissal, performance, discipline and compensation of employees.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Bushing, Offerman, Gullifor, Bianchini, Maurer, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

Action After Closed Session

No discussion or action followed Closed Session.

Adjournment

Motion by Offerman and seconded by Bianchini to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the District 2 Board of Education at 7:51 P.M.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Bushing, Bianchini, Offerman, Gullifor, Maurer, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

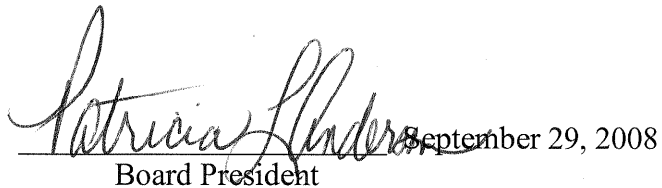
Next Regular Meeting, September 29, 2008

Board of Education of Nippersink

School District #2

ATTEST:


Board Secretary


Board President

September 29, 2008