

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

MINUTES

**FY2009-10 Budget Hearing**

The Budget Hearing was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

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

Absent: Bushing

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

Dr. Hain informed the Board that following approval of the Tentative Budget at the August Board meeting, all posting requirements had been adhered to. He reviewed the expenditures, revenues, and fund balances projected for June 30, 2010. Total revenues projected; \$16,073,303, total expenditures projected; \$14,750,279, with an ending fund balance of \$1,323,024.

No questions or inquiries were made or received during the 30 day viewing period. No comments were made by Board Members or the public in attendance. The Budget Hearing was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**

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, Maurer, Bianchini, Callaby, Langlois, Samuel

Absent: Bushing

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

**Art Show Presentation**

Nippersink District 2 Art Teachers, Mr. Ratts, Mrs. Moran, and Mrs. Lauer presented awards to the 2008-09 students whose artwork was chosen to be presented to their respective schools.

RGS Winners: Morgan Lynn and William Zarembo

SGE Winners: Karen Busch and Austin Gilson

NMS Winners: Emily Mace and Melanie Gackowski

Teachers and students were praised for their efforts and thanked for their contributions.

**Consent Agenda**

Correction made to the 8/25/09 minutes.

Items listed on the Consent Agenda included the following:

- ✓ Regular Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2009
- ✓ Closed Session Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2009
- ✓ Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2009
- ✓ Board Bills \$1,153,826.77
- ✓ Treasurer's Report

- ✓ Staff Resignations: Shari Dolaz
  - ✓ Staff Leave of Absence: Lisa Chamernik, Sara Tanner, Lisa Torstenson
  - ✓ Employment of Staff: Bridget Schuler-Beck and Jon Fredriksen, Recess Supervisors; Sue Cisko, Tutor
  - ✓ Discard Closed Session Audio Recordings: 2/26/08, 3/6/08, and 3/18/08
- Motion by Maurer and seconded by Samuel to approve the consent agenda items as amended.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

### **Public Input**

Rick Graves of the Stateline Comets was moved to Public Input II.

### **Reports**

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

#### **Superintendent**

Dr. Oest announced that Board Members interested in attending the Tri-Conference and/or the pre-conference workshops should notify the District Office as soon as possible in order to make the reservations in a timely manner. The National School Board Association convention is being held in Chicago in April; an opportunity to take advantage of. Preparations are being made for the H1N1 flu shot clinics to be made available in schools by the McHenry County Health Department. Information will be made available to parents regarding this opportunity. A FOIA request was received and responded to from Dan Petersen requesting job descriptions and salary/benefit packages for nurses in the district. Sharon Bianchini was selected by Chris Koch, the State Superintendent of Schools to serve on a statewide review team to examine solutions for a learning and performance management system. This is both an honor to her and for the District. Congratulations.

#### **Business Manager**

Dr. Hain addressed the following issues:

- SGE Boiler project is on target for completion by October 31<sup>st</sup>
- Ameresco is scheduled to test the heating system at NMS
- Report on water damage/repair to SGE gym and need for roof repair
- Details were provided on the BCS bill held for more detail from the August 09 bill listing. The bill has been approved to be paid as authorized.

#### **RGS Principal**

Mrs. Jones thanked the RGS PTO for providing additional program opportunities for students with subject matters ranging from art, science, culture to language.

#### **SGE Principal**

Mr. Pittman outlined the new handwriting program shared with him by Miss Schmidt and introduced to 1<sup>st</sup> grade students, Handwriting Without Tears. Teachers and kids alike love the program. He also acknowledged the article in the newspaper about the

SGE rain garden; an effort spearheaded by Mrs. Christensen, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class, and the PTO.

#### NMS Principal

Mr. Molitor provided an update to the activities of the Literacy Coach. Mrs. Mantych has reviewed ISAT and Scantron testing results and has identified 20% of the student population that will be screened using the universal screener, ISTEOP.

Chris Colosimo, working with a Regional Office of Education pilot program for piloting interventions has involved three staff members; Mrs. Busa, Mr. Evans and Mrs. DuBois. They will soon be using these new strategies to help students.

The Dodgeball Event was very successful. A majority of students participated. Great fun was had by all.

#### Special Education Coordinator

Mrs. May-Zelle commented that exciting curriculum is occurring in all buildings. Plans are to have a few teachers at the October Board meeting to share some of the successful interventions. Mrs. May-Zelle also mentioned that the Work Load Plan has been completed and is on file in the District Office.

#### **Old Business**

##### School Consolidation / Re-organization Discussion

Intent is for both districts to individually vote on placing the combination issue on the ballot at their October meetings after having received the additional information related to employee benefits as requested at the Joint Board meeting on September 22, 2009. Any additional questions should be forwarded to Dr. Oest.

##### Board Training

October 20, 2009 is the date that has been scheduled for the Board training session. More information to follow as it becomes available.

#### **New Business**

##### ISBE Application for Recognition of Schools

Motion by Bianchini and seconded by Langlois to approve the NMS, SGE, and RGS Applications for Recognition of Schools.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

##### FY2009 -10 Budget Approval

Motion by Maurer and seconded by Callaby to approve the 2009-10 District 2 budget as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

##### Employment of Curriculum Director

Dr. Oest recommended the employment of Belinda Veillon for the Curriculum Director position.

Motion by Maurer and seconded by Bianchini to employ Belinda Veillon as a shared district Curriculum Director with D157 effective 10/1/09 at an annual base salary of \$79,000.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

### Administrator Salary Compensation Report

This is a new law/requirement for this year that requires no action by the Board, but is required to be submitted annually to the Regional Office of Education and posted on the District website by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Additional requirements will be coming related to teacher salaries. We are currently complying with a public act that requires posting to the website of the collective bargaining agreements with employees.

### Public Input 2

Jenny Copenharve of the RGS PTO distributed Tailgate 4 Education invitations to the Board and Administration.

Rick Graves, on behalf of the Stateline Comets, addressed the Board with regard to their previous involvement with the school district, in particular, with the existing football field, press box, and lights. He expressed concern for the district/board's desire to continue the relationship sighting previous decisions by administration to restrict field usage, new insurance requirements and delays with construction of the press box.

Jeff Westphal added that his son and others take pride in the football field.

Response by Board and Administration included assurance that the Stateline Comets are welcome to use the Nippersink facilities. The new insurance requirements are not of District 2's making, but that required by the insurance consortium that D2 belongs to. Delays with the press box construction are occurring at the county and the state level and beyond D2 control. Board/Administrative concern for the upkeep of the football field is that of the level that allows it to be used by the Physical Education Department. Similarly, restricted use of the field may occur in order that it remains "useable" for its primary function, physical education space. It was agreed that Mr. Graves would work with Dr. Hain to identify an acceptable deadline for making decisions about field usage.

### Closed Session

No need for Closed Session

### Adjournment

Motion by Callaby and seconded by Samuel to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

Next Regular Meeting, October 27, 2009  
Board of Education of Nippersink  
School District #2

ATTEST:

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Board Secretary

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Board President

October 27, 2009