

Nippersink School District 2
Regular Board of Education Meeting
November 24, 2009

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, Callaby, Samuel, Maurer, Langlois
Absent: None

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

Consent Agenda

WWAN Lease Proposal, 7.1, was removed from the agenda. The Notification of Intent to Retire, 7.7, was moved to follow Closed Session. Correction to minutes on page 5; Sue Maurer was not the IASB Board delegate in 2008.

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

- ✓ Regular Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2009
- ✓ Special Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2009
- ✓ Closed Session Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2009
- ✓ Board Bills \$1,231,116.51
- ✓ Treasurer's Report
- ✓ Leave of Absence Request – William Ratts

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

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Public Input

None

Reports

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

Superintendent

Dr. Oest reported on the recent H1N1 Vaccination Clinics that took place at each of the schools. He thanked Administrators, teachers and parents for their help and cooperation. Approximately 30% of the student body participated in receiving the vaccinations.

On November 23rd, Dr. Oest and Julie Miller attended the Attorney General's session on the new FOIA Law going into affect on January 1. The changes to the law will have little impact on District 2 as we have always abided by the law. The two major changes were 1) a shortened timeline for responding to requests – 5 business days, formerly 7 days. 2) when denying or exercising an exemption for reasons of *invasion of privacy* and *preliminary draft*, preapproval to deny must be received from the Public

Access Counselor in the office of the Attorney General. One or more FOIA officers must be designated for the District. The designated officer(s) will need to complete an online training course within the first 6 months.

Business Manager

Dr. Hain chose to forgo a report and to speak of the Levy process at a later point on the agenda.

Student Board Member

Eric Papparigian reported on the middle school students current activities.

The following items were addressed in his report:

- Intramural Boys Basketball has begun and there are 4 Boys Basketball games remaining.
- Gifts collection for soldiers
- Results of Student Council Elections
Secretary – McKenna Schinto
Treasurer – Hannah Koenig
- Plans are being made for the Student Council Holiday Dance.
- Arrangements have been made for a fan bus to go to the December 3rd Basketball game in Cary.
- 2009-10 NMS Mascot Search is under way

RGS Principal

Mrs. Jones reported on the RGS combined Veteran's Day and Parent/Grandparent/Special Visitor Day and program. In addition to participating in classroom activities, two assemblies were held. Mr. Ratts, Mr. Offerman, and Commander Schneider were in attendance to speak to the students and their families about their experiences in the Service. Students were also given the opportunity to come to the microphone and recognize family members who were veterans. Mr. Block was thanked for organizing the memorable program.

SGE Principal

Mr. Pittman was unable to attend the Board Meeting. His report was included in the packet.

NMS Principal

Mr. Molitor shared some of the activities experienced during Red Ribbon Week, including the plan to form a human chain around the building. Inclement weather moved the human link inside to the gymnasium as they all made a pledge together to stay away from drugs and alcohol. Students also viewed a multi-media presentation from Camfel Productions called *The Balance of Power*.

Special Education Coordinator

Mrs. May-Zelle introduced Ms Lisa Hartmann, SGE Adjusted Learning teacher. Ms Hartmann is currently volunteering at GiGi's Playhouse as the Cheerleading Coach for the children. Pictures of the "cheerleaders" were shared. Both Mrs. May-Zelle and Ms Hartmann thanked the Board for supporting the addition of the Adjusted Learning classroom that allows these in-district students to be schooled in-district with students from their own neighborhoods.

Curriculum Director

Mrs. Veillon shared that District Level committees are currently investigating Reading Interventions. As part of the investigation, the Literacy Coach has been working with groups of kids who did not meet AYP. Staff will be working on placement recommendations in December and January for current 8th grader's advancement to High School. Vertical articulation is planned for the January 4th in-service.

Old Business

D2/D157 Consolidation

Dr. Oest reported that to date, 17 people have requested to participate on the Committee of Ten. It is expected that a communication will go out to the committee in early December to announce the 1st meeting so that the committee may commence with their work.

New Business

Illinois State Library Grant Application

Dr. Oest explained that part of the criteria for receiving the Illinois State Library grant is that the Board of Education must be made aware of the District's application for the grant by placing it on the agenda. No formal motion or approval is required.

Fund Transfers

- Operations and Maintenance to Debt Service
- Capital Projects to Debt Service
- Debt Service to Operations and Maintenance

Dr. Hain explained that a fund transfer via approval of a resolution is the statutory requirement for transferring money from one school fund to another in order to expend and replace money.

Motion by Bushing and seconded by Langlois to authorize the Resolutions transferring \$44,710 from Operations and Maintenance to Debt Service, \$35,000 from Debt Service to Operations and Maintenance, and \$29,274 from Capital Projects to Debt Service.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

IASB, IASA, IASBO Conference

The five Board Members who attended the conference reported on the sessions that they attended. Dr. Oest mentioned that the 2009 convention was the most highly attended to date.

Mr. Langlois attended as the IASB Delegate and reported on the process and results of the votes taken on various recommendations, resolutions and positions presented with the hi-light being the landslide passage to adopt the position of IASB support for preventing teachers from striking. Mr. Langlois was thanked for representing the District.

Mrs. Bianchini attended a Collective Bargaining Session, a session on Green Technology and Recycling, and a case study on Consolidation of School Districts.

Mrs. Bushing commented that there were certainly a lot of great sessions to choose from.

Mrs. Maurer attended the following sessions; 20th Century Leadership, What's on the Fiscal Horizon, Collective Bargaining, Containing Labor Costs in Tough Times, and the Superintendent's Contract.

Mrs. Anderson attended a session on Leadership Style and the Case Study on Consolidation.

2009 Intent to Levy Resolution

Dr. Hain stated that the 2009 Levy will be a balloon levy. The request is actually for \$11,562,000, a 2.87% increase which is under the 5% mark that would require newspaper notice and a public hearing. \$210,689 is estimated as new revenue; approximately 1/3 of what has been estimated for in the past. Expectation is the District will likely need to use cash reserves in 2011.

Motion by Langlois and seconded by Bushing to approve the Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be levied for the Year 2009.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Board Goals

Mrs. Anderson provided a brief update of the previous 2 year goals, after having reviewed goals and format of other districts, suggesting that it would be wise to consider establishing goals for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years. She supported consideration of a wireless network, but would like to see an overview of technology; where we are and where we are going. She also suggested that the technology discussion warrants a special meeting and would like it to include presentations.

Mrs. Anderson encouraged Board Members to email her with agenda suggestions for the goal setting meeting. Ideally, the meeting would take place as soon as possible and therefore Mrs. Anderson requested Board Members to contact Ms Miller by Monday, November 30th with meeting availability between now and December 18th.

Board Policy – 1st Reading

As recommended by IASB PRESS Policy Services, the following policies were reviewed by Dr. Oest and will be presented for a second reading and approval at the December Board of Education Meeting.

- a. 2:20 Powers and Duties of the School Board
- b. 2:40 Board Member Qualifications
- c. 2:110 Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers
- d. 3:40 Superintendent
- e. 4:30 Revenue and Investments
- f. 4:40 Incurring Debt
- g. 4:100 Insurance Management
- h. 4:110 Transportation
- i. 4:140 Waiver of Student Fees
- j. 5:30 Hiring Process Criteria
- k. 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- l. 5:100 Staff Development Program
- m. 5:120 Ethics

- n. 5:250 Professional Personnel – Leaves of Absence
- o. 5:280 Educational Support Personnel – Duties & Qualifications
- p. 5:330 Educational Support Personnel – Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
- q. Leaves
- r. 7:190 Student Discipline
- s. 8:100 Relations with other Organizations and Agencies

Mrs. Anderson expressed a concern regarding the phrase “bears a reasonable relationship to schools” in policy 7:190. Her concern was that it is too ambiguous. Dr. Oest will contact the legal counsel at IASB for clarification. Board Members were instructed to contact Dr. Oest prior to the December meeting with any other concerns or questions.

Public Input 2

Jenny Copenharve – Co-Chair of the RGS PTO Tailgate fundraiser, reported that the event raised over \$30,000. A round of applause and many thanks were offered to the PTO.

Mrs. Ring and Mrs. Treffinger (3rd grade teachers) - submitted a booklet of thank you notes written to Board Members by the 3rd grade class in recognition of American Education Week.

Closed Session

Motion by Bushing and seconded by Callaby to move into Closed Session at 7:46 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: Samuel, Maurer, Langlois, Bushing, Callaby, Bianchini, Anderson

Nays: None Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Return to Open Session at 9:38 p.m.

Action After Closed Session

Notification of Intent to Retire: Michael Adams

Motion by Callaby and seconded by Bianchini to approve Michael Adams’ retirement notice per terms of the current RSGEA/Board of Education Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None Motion Carried: 7 - 0

Adjournment

Motion by Langlois and seconded by Callaby to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:39 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None Motion Carried: 7 - 0

Next Regular Meeting, December 15, 2009
Board of Education of Nippersink
School District #2

ATTEST:

Board Secretary

Board President

December 15, 2009