

Nippersink School District #2
Regular Board of Education Meeting
October 28, 2008

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: Gullifor, Bianchini, Anderson, Maurer, Samuel, Offerman, Bushing
Also Present: Dr. Hain, Business Manager; Dr. Oest, Superintendent

Additional new staff members introduced by Mrs. Jones and Mrs. May-Zelle included: Jennifer Quall, Michelle Adam, and Beth Jewell.

Mr. Molitor introduced the new Student Council President, Matt Swanson, who will participate on the Board of Education as the Student Board member. Matt was welcomed by Board members.

Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda included the following:

- ✓ Regular and Closed Session Meeting Minutes of September 29th, 2008
 - ✓ Board Bills \$1,210,028.07
 - ✓ Treasurer's Report
 - ✓ Approval of Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings: 4/24/07
- Motion by Offerman and seconded by Gullifor to approve the consent agenda items as submitted.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None Motion Carried: 7 – 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 reported that one FOIA request had been received since the September Board meeting, from the Northwest Herald requesting a copy of the budget. The request was responded to. Other issues addressed included:

- Scheduling of the Shared Services Meeting for Tuesday, November 4th at 6:15 p.m.
- Today is the first day that packets were made available for perspective Board member candidates. They may be picked up from Julie Miller between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the District office. The first day that petitions may be filed is January 19th.

- A concern about bussing this winter caused by a reduction in the level of service by our local municipalities due to a “lack of available salt” was the topic at the recent Regional Superintendents meeting. Issues of safety could cause school closures to occur more frequently this winter. Communication with the public will be made through multi-media avenues in preparation of the upcoming winter season.
- Dr. Oest referenced the 2007-08 District Summary Statistics and Educator Information provided along with the School Report Card. District 2 data is compared with similar size and type schools in Illinois. District 2 performs extremely well in the financial comparisons.

Business Manager

Dr. Hain assured the Board that the school’s investments are safe in certificates of deposit and FDIC insured accounts and are earning a meager amount of interest. He also commented on the aforementioned District Financial Summary, stating that the District continues to operate efficiently and lean, moving forward towards the goal of “operating in the black.” Other topics addressed included the following:

- The audit is expected to be received in November.
- The Levy approval process will begin with the November Board meeting.
- Work is progressing in a timely manner on the NMS heating plant project.
- Mrs. Lauer’s Art Classes did a marvelous job on the north windows mural project. Shades have been ordered to block some of the bright light, until then, the murals act as a nice alternative.
- RGS roof leak is being addressed. It appears to be a minor repair.

RGS Principal

Mrs. Jones reported on the ISAT results at Richmond Grade School stating that all grades scored in the exceeds category. She also listed areas of focus and strategies for improvement that had been discussed with staff.

SGE Principal

Mr. Pittman also reported on ISAT results at Spring Grove Elementary as well as plans for continued improvement, though scores were also in the exceeds category. Spring Grove School for the 1200 items collected and Mrs. Colleen Black, Social Worker, met with local food pantries to learn of their “needs.” Mr. Pittman commended Mrs. Black and Spring Grove Elementary School for collecting over 1200 items for the food pantry. RB’s NHS transported the items to the local food pantries along with that collected from the NHS food drive.

NMS Principal

Mr. Molitor shared the Nippersink Middle School ISAT results, also scoring in the exceeds category with the exception of the exception of one subgroup. The subgroup’s failure to meet AYP is a big concern and is aggressively being addressed.

Special Education Coordinator

Mrs. May-Zelle spoke of a requirement by the Federal Individual with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 to spend a portion of their Federal Part B special education funds in order to provide identified students with disabilities who are homeless or attend either home or private schools, with the opportunity to equitably participate in special education services offered by the district.

Student Board Member Report

Matt Swanson, newly elected Student Council President, reported on the past month activities including two dances, the most recent being a Halloween Dance. Upcoming events include a Winter Dance and two trips to the Water Park.

Old Business

Architect Selection Process (QBS)

Dr. Oest reminded Board Members of the timeline for the process, as well as next steps including development of a short list of candidates, tours, interviews and a recommendation to the Board in December. Dr. Hain added that Sharon Bianchini had agreed to assist Paul Offerman and Glenn Samuel of the Building Committee in developing the short list of candidates.

Reorganization Feasibility Study

A meeting regarding the Feasibility Study is scheduled with Dr. Don Johnson on Thursday. Dr. Johnson will meet with Dr. Oest, Dr. Hain, Susan Christensen, Julie Miller, and Denise Levendoski to discuss the process and the data required of the districts. Given the 2-month delay, initial information should not be expected until the beginning of the new year, at the earliest.

New Business

Annual Title I District-wide Parental Involvement and School Parental Involvement Policy Adoption

Motion by Maurer and seconded by Offerman to approve the District-wide Parental Involvement Policy, Local School Parental Involvement Policy, and the School-parent Compact as submitted.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Part Time Bus Aide Position

Motion by Bushing and seconded by Maurer to authorize the superintendent to create a bus aide position per his determination based on student needs.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Appoint Secretary of Board of Education Election Designee

Motion by Offerman and seconded by Bianchini to appoint Julie Miller as Secretary of Board of Education Election Designee.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 - 0

Public Input

None

Closed Session

Motion by Offerman and seconded by Bushing to enter into Closed Session at 7:44 P.M. to consider information pertaining to the appointment, employment, dismissal, performance, discipline and compensation of employees and collective bargaining matters.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 - 0

Action After Closed Session

Return to Open Session at 8:38 P.M. No further discussion or action.

Adjournment

Motion by Maurer and seconded by Offerman to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the District 2 Board of Education at 8:39 P.M.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 - 0

Next Regular Meeting, November 25, 2008

Board of Education of Nippersink

School District #2

ATTEST:

Board Secretary

Board President

November 25, 2008