

Nippersink School District 2 & Richmond-Burton Community High School District #157
Special Joint Board of Education Meeting
September 22, 2009

MINUTES

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education, Nippersink School District 2 and Richmond-Burton High School District #157, was called to order by President Patty Anderson and President Dennis Holian, respectively, at 7:00 P.M. in the Richmond-Burton Auditoria.

D2 Members Present: Bianchini, Bushing, Maurer, Anderson, Samuel, Callaby, Langlois
Members Absent: None

D157 Members Present: Schleibinger, Wisinski, Thomas, Busch, Holian, Holtz
Members Absent: Bushing

Also Present: Dan Oest, Superintendent

Additions to the Agenda

None

Public Input

Roger Tieman of Spring Grove addressed the Board expressing his concerns and sharing the drawbacks of a Unit District based on his experience on the school board of Lake Zurich Unit District 95. Concerns mentioned included a large, inflexible salary schedule, significant high school teacher turnover, a focus on the elementary level and wasteful spending.

School District Re-organization / Consolidation Discussion

Dr. Oest reviewed the five pieces of information provided to the Board:

- Review of School District Reorganization process
- Composite of Analysis of Salary Schedules provided by Mrs. Maurer
- Cash Flow Projection spreadsheet provided by Mr. Busch
- Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement Comparison provided by Mrs. Anderson
- Time line for ballot process and reminder that School Board Member elections will occur simultaneously with the re-organization vote.

Mr. Busch addressed the Cash Flow Projection spreadsheet explaining that he used a conservative assumption of a 5% annual expenditure increase, a 2% annual revenue increase.

Issues of concern expressed by Board Members included:

- Additional benefit costs have not been compared
- Reliability concern for state incentive dollars
- Comparison to previous reorganization of Districts 11 and 13
- Should the teaching staff be consulted?
- Concern that the number of Board Members overseeing four schools will be reduced from 14 to 7
- Concern for an improved educational experience for our children

Dr. Oest shared that the history of the funding of state incentive money for reorganization has been consistently funded by the state since its inception. Mr. Wisinski explained that

the major difference between a reorganization to a unit district and the combination of two elementary districts is the funding mechanism which uses a multiplier formula that gives a greater advantage to unit districts, in this case, an approximate \$1.1 million per year above that of what both districts would receive in state funding if remaining separate.

Dr. Oest clarified the charge to the Board: to determine whether to put the issue of combination before the community or not. Therefore, consensus was to:

- “not” consult staff about the possible combination
- Provide analysis of health insurance benefits to both Boards
- Each Board, at their Regular October meeting, will consider to proceed or not to proceed with the process to place the combination of Districts 2 and 157 on the November 2010 ballot.

Adjournment

Motion by Maurer and seconded by Samuel to adjourn the Joint Board of Education Meeting for Nippersink District 2 at 7:55 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried 7 – 0

Motion by Holtz and seconded by Wisinski to adjourn the Joint Board of Education Meeting for Nippersink School District 2 at 7:56 p.m.

Roll Call

Ayes: Thomas, Bushing, Schleibinger, Busch, Wisinski, Holtz, Holian

Nays: None

Motion Carried 7 - 0

ATTEST:

Board Secretary

Board President

October 27, 2009