

Nippersink School District 2
Special Board of Education Meeting
December 15, 2009

MINUTES

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education, Nippersink School District 2 was called to order by President Patty Anderson at 6:00 P.M. in the Nippersink Middle School Library.

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

Members Absent: Bushing

Also Present: Dan Oest, Superintendent and Paul Hain, Business Manager

Public Input

None

Technology Discussion

Dr. Hain shared an overview of current internet functionality using Verizon copper T1 lines with a capacity of four megabits. He also provided options for increased bandwidth (10 megabits) including:

- Charter/Mediacom Fiber Optics (local cable franchises)
- Wishcom Wireless

Advantages, disadvantages, growth potential, installation costs, and service costs were reviewed for all three of the options. Answers were provided for Board Member questions related to capability of current servers/equipment to support additional bandwidth, customer satisfaction, efficiency issues, grant money, and other funding options.

Based on total costs, a guaranteed rate for 5 years, and the advantages presented, the general consensus by the Board was to proceed with Wishcom Wireless for internet service. Direction was given to Dr. Hain to review and recommend a funding option. Formal decision on this matter will occur at the regular Board of Education meeting.

District Goals

Mrs. Anderson began the District Goals discussion by reviewing format and the main Belief Statements originally presented at the November Board Meeting. Board Members were in agreement with both. The only change suggested at this point was to Belief Statement 3: Finance. All were in agreement to strike "with revenues greater than expenditures."

Dr. Oest shared some language regarding Enhanced Technology which could be used as a separate belief statement regarding infrastructure, communication, and education. He also suggested a belief statement outlining Quality Education for All Students. Board members were supportive of adding both belief statements, but offered a few suggestions for clarification. Dr. Oest will take the suggestions, work them into the framework of the belief statements, and provide a revised version.

Tremendous progress has been made towards the District Goals as expressed by President Anderson. She suggested that another meeting be scheduled to finalize the 2009-10 Goals. She requested that all Board Members contact Ms Miller prior to Friday,

December 18th with their availability for a 6:00 p.m. meeting during the week of January 10th.

Adjournment

Motion by Maurer and seconded by Callaby to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

ATTEST:

Board Secretary

Board President

January 26, 2010