

*February 11, 2010
Colona, IL*

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Present: Jim Legare, Judy Smith, Ray Kutzman, Scott McDanel, Armando Veloz, Josh Kyser, Jennifer Webster

Absent: 0

Also Present: Kyle Ganson, Dan Jecks, Roxanne Kubatzke, J.J. Johnson, Carl Dittmar, Tim Rockhold, Melanie Hergert, Sherry Peters, Delores Penney, Kristin Pauley, Lindsey Trickey, Lorie Gibson, Heather Farrell, Stacy Hart, Amanda Teichman, Janna Miller

Consent Agenda:

Motion was made by Scott McDanel, seconded by Judy Smith to establish a Consent Agenda, which includes the following items:

- 4.A – Approval of Regular Board Meeting minutes from January 14, 2010.*
- 4.B – Approval of Closed Session Meeting minutes from January 14, 2010.*
- 4.C – Approval of Special Session Meeting minutes from January 23, 2010.*
- 4.D – Approval of Maternity Leave Request from Kristen Thiessen.*
- 4.E – Approval of Mediacom contract for 10 Mbps Service.*
- 4.F – Approval of the payment of checks numbered 20800 – 20837 totaling \$81,960.98 as presented to the Board, Estimated Schedule of payments from February 12th through February 28th \$366,00, and the January activity fund statements as presented.*

Roll call vote: Webster – aye; Kyser – aye; Veloz – aye; McDanel – aye; Kutzman – aye; Smith – aye; Legare – aye; Motion carried, 7 ayes; No nays

Reports to the Board:

The Principal's Report included an update to the schools Recess Policy, an employee has been added to supervise students who wish to stay indoors or who are dressed inappropriately. It was noted that Alex Hart (6th Gr.) and Draven Kyser (4th Gr.) received Principal's Awards. It was also noted that Kaitlin Kiel (8th Gr.) and Amber Winters (7th Gr.) won our local school-wide Spelling Bee. The girls will represent us at the Henry County Bee. Supt. Ganson presented a \$25.00 check to each of the students. Letters went out this month allowing parents to request morning or afternoon conferences on February 26th. It was also noted that the past month of staff meetings have been focused on revising report cards to be more standards-based.

The Athletic Director's Report noted that Boys' basketball and cheerleading has ended, a Jr. High Assembly was held on February 5th to recognize the basketball players and cheerleaders; thank you to Brad Smith, Jeff Lage, and Lindsey Trickey for their fine work with the students. It was noted that we are now over halfway through the Girls' basketball season. Being on the basketball team has seemed to help some of the girls to keep their grades up, in order to be eligible. The 8th grade girls' players and their

parents will be recognized on Tuesday, February 16th. The girls' regular season ends March 4th, and the tournament is the week of March 8th. It was also noted that a track sign up meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 8th at 5:30 p.m., and the season will begin after Spring break.

The maintenance report included a list of work items that have been completed throughout the building.

Informational items included; Negotiation Meeting Dates, Legal Opinion from School Attorney regarding Negotiation Meetings, and information on the IASB Presentation during the March 11, 2010 Board Meeting.

Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Trickey presented an overview of the Pre-K Program and services provided to students this year. It was noted that this year there are 60 preschoolers within the program and 14 are on the waiting list. The Pre-K program offers a variety of things for the students; hands on experiences, nutritious snack/milk, helping students start to build social relationships with peers and teachers, and parent involvement. It was also noted that Kindergarten teachers could tell the difference between the students who came from the Pre-K Program and those who did not.

Ms. Pauley presented a proposal for a fundraiser to send 5th through 8th grade band students to Chicago to attend a performance by the Blue Man Group on May 22nd, 2010. She noted that this trip would be a great opportunity for the students and would allow the students to see a musical culture that is different from the one they have experienced. The band students will have a fundraiser to help raise money for the trip.

Supt. Ganson presented 3 calendar options for the 2010-2011 calendar year. The first is similar to this year's calendar with corresponding dates, the second includes a monthly School Improvement Date/Staff Development early-dismissal date; and the third will include two early-dismissal dates for School Improvement and Staff Development.

Supt. Ganson gave a summary presentation of Board Retreat Topics from January 23, 2010. Alyson compiled each group's ratings, comments, and suggestions from the January Board Retreat. Supt. Ganson discussed possibly having a board/teacher survey in order to prioritize the selected topics.

Mr. Rockhold discussed job descriptions for Food Service/Support Staff; he explained any necessary changes and addressed questions.

Motion was made by Judy Smith, seconded by Scott McDanel, to approve Job Descriptions for Food Service/Support Staff.

Voice Vote: 7 Ayes; No Nays; Motion carried.

Carl Dittmar discussed and recommended changes to the Colona School Athletic Handbook.

Motion was made by Scott McDanel, seconded by Josh Kyser, to approve the recommended changes to the Colona School Athletic Handbook.

Voice Vote: 7 Ayes; No Nays; Motion carried.

Motion was made by Armando Veloz, seconded by Jennifer Webster, for the approval of the Supt. to Seek Bids for Cleaning Services.

Roll call vote: Webster – aye; Kyser – aye; Veloz – aye; McDanel – aye; Kutzman – aye; Smith – aye; Legare – aye; Motion carried, 7 ayes; No nays

Judy Smith attended the Education Foundation Meeting and gave a brief summary of what happened at the meeting.

Motion was made by Judy Smith, seconded by Armando Veloz, to go into closed session for the Purpose of Discussion of Evaluation, Employment of District Employees and Negotiation Matters.
Roll call vote: Webster – aye; Kyser – aye; Veloz – aye; McDanel – aye; Kutzman – aye; Smith – aye; Legare – aye; Motion carried, 7 ayes; No nays

The Board went into closed session at 9:59 p.m.

Motion was made by Judy Smith, seconded by Jennifer Webster, to return to open session.
Roll Call Vote: Webster – aye; Kyser – aye; Veloz – aye; McDanel – aye; Kutzman – aye; Smith – aye; Legare – aye; Motion carried, 7 Ayes; No Nays.

The Board went into open session at 12:47 p.m.

Having noted that all agenda items had been discussed, the meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

DATE