

*Regular Meeting of the Board  
of Education of School Dist. 190  
Henry and Rock Island Counties, IL*

*November 12, 2009  
Colona, IL*

*The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:03 p.m.*

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

*Absent: Armando Veloz*

*Also Present: Kyle Ganson, Dan Jecks, J.J. Johnson, Carl Dittmar, Tim Rockhold, Sherry Peters, Cheryl Hoste, Sharon Bush, Delores Penney, Dean Kraus, Lisa Hammer, Becky Kurt, Tiffani Smith, Annette Bealer, Austynn Dwyer, Braeden Veloz, Morgan Franklin, Gloria Funai, Melanie Hergert, Ian Malmstrom*

*Motion was made by Judy Smith, seconded by Scott McDanel, to approve the minutes of the October 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting as presented.*

*Voice Vote: 6 Ayes; No Nays; 1 Absentee; Motion carried.*

*Supt. Ganson presented Annette Bealer with a plaque in recognition of 30 years of service to the Colona Board of Education as Board Recording Secretary.*

*The maintenance report included a final observation report from Richard L. Johnson Associates, Inc. regarding Colona Grade School HVAC, remaining Life Safety violations and Building Maintenance items, as well as an update on what Danny McDaniel has been working on.*

*The Athletic Director's Report included the completion of the volleyball season, Michelle Casillas' 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls' placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the conference tournament, Janna Millers' 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls' placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Brad and Trisha Smiths' 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' team placed 1<sup>st</sup> in their division, thanks was given to all of the coaches. A junior high assembly was held to recognize the volleyball teams and their accomplishments. Boys' basketball and cheerleading season has begun, there are 16 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' on a team and 10 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys' on a team. There will be a sign up meeting for 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Practices will begin December 1 and games will begin after the new year.*

*The Principal's Report included students' behavior data, we are hosting a PBIS secondary team member training on November 16<sup>th</sup>, Family Reading Night will be held on November 19<sup>th</sup>, our 5<sup>th</sup> graders wrote thank you letters to veterans attending the honor flight, and it was noted that Colona was one of two school districts feeding UTHS that made AYP this year. The number of Kindergarten students' enrollment has increased, we are thinking about having an aide in the classrooms all day.*

*Motion was made by Josh Kyser, seconded by Scott McDanel, to approve Alyson Kinney as Board Recording Secretary.*

*Roll Call Vote: Kyser – aye; McDanel – aye; Webster – aye; Kutzman – aye; Smith – aye; Legare – aye; Motion carried, 5 Ayes; No Nays, 1 Absentee.*

*Supt. Ganson presented the 2009 Colona School District 190 Tentative Tax Levy on 2009 Taxable Property. The tax levy is based on an estimated Equalized Assessed Valuation of \$37,800,000, which is based on information from the Henry and Rock Island County Assessor's Offices. Colona School District's tax rate will decrease by about .04 from \$2.60 to \$2.56 for the 2009 Tax Levy. The overall tax levy will*

increase approximately 2.95 percent. If the final EAV estimates are lower, there will be less of an increase in the actual tax levy. The total revenue from our Levy would generate \$969,900 in anticipated Local Funding which is \$27,800 more than last year; this is based on preliminary information. The final EAV will not be set until sometime in the Spring of 2010, prior to the final calculation of tax bills.

Motion was made by Judy Smith, seconded by Scott McDanel, to approve the Tentative 2009 Tax Levy. Roll Call Vote: Smith – aye; McDanel – aye; Webster – aye; Kutzman – aye; Kyser – aye; Legare – aye; Motion carried, 5 Ayes; No Nays, 1 Absentee.

Dean Kraus from Colona Bank presented a check for \$500.00 to Colona Grade School District #190. This check was from the Visa Card Reward Services through the district's Visa account.

Tiffani Smith and Becky Kurt gave a presentation on the Quest Curriculum and Instructional Program. Becky Kurt is the elementary teacher and Tiffani Smith is the Jr. High teacher. The Quest Program is a new program that was initiated this year to address a multitude of Social-Emotional issues that students are confronted with each day. These issues can have serious implications on a student's academic, emotional, and social performance and health. The Quest Curriculum provides a safe and structured environment for discussion of behaviors related to alcohol, bullying, tobacco use, and other similar topics. Three students gave examples and stories about the Quest Curriculum and it was also noted that many other students would have liked to come and talk.

Representation was made from the Cafeteria staff regarding the Henry County Health visit on October 22, 2009. It was noted that there were concerns regarding the mold that was found in the walk-in refrigerator. No action was taken.

Discussion on the estimate of plumbing work to be completed by Myers Plumbing & Heating, Inc. There is a large hot water heater in the basement which supplies hot water to the kitchen and adjacent areas. A leak in a supply line prompted a closer look at the pump and size of the copper lines it moves water through. There is concern that the high pressure from the pump may create a leak in older copper pipes that are enclosed above the ceiling in the hallway leading to the cafeteria. A leak in this area would create some major damage if not noticed/stopped quickly. This would be preventative work that should be done.

Motion was made by Judy Smith, seconded by Scott McDanel, to approve the estimate of plumbing work to be completed by Myers Plumbing & Heating, Inc. Roll Call Vote: Smith – aye; McDanel – aye; Webster – aye; Kutzman – aye; Kyser – aye; Legare – aye; Motion carried, 5 Ayes; No Nays, 1 Absentee.

Discussion that the district's Health Insurance premium would likely see a 37 percent increase, \$80,000 for the school district, which is due to some medical claims within the group. Supt. Ganson has called for a meeting with staff and Todd Lohman, our Health Insurance agent for Blue Cross/Blue Shield, to listen to possible options. Supt. Ganson is in the process of looking at other alternatives.

Motion was made by Judy Smith, seconded by Scott McDanel, to approve the payment of checks numbered 20521 - 20574 totaling \$219,235.26 as presented before the Board, the Estimated Schedule of payments from November 13<sup>th</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup> totaling \$366,000, and the October activity fund statements as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Smith – aye; McDanel – aye; Webster – aye; Kutzman – aye; Kyser – aye; Legare – aye; Motion carried, 5 Ayes; No Nays, 1 Absentee.

Information items included the asbestos three year re-inspection timeline. Supt. Ganson has received asbestos re-inspection estimates from three companies. Aspec Environmental Testing submitted an

*estimate for \$325, Midwest Environmental Consulting Services submitted a bid for \$600, and IDEAL Environmental Engineering, Inc. submitted a bid for \$750. It was also noted that Supt. Ganson initiated the agreement with Aspec Environmental Testing to begin this work; they conducted the previous three year re-inspection.*

*The State Board of Education will conduct an audit of the Colona Cafeteria program and operations in the Spring of 2010. This is a requested audit.*

*Badges were passed around to the Board regarding the Joint Annual Conference.*

*Having noted that all agenda items had been discussed, the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.*

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