

MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CLOSED SESSION
EMMONS SCHOOL DISTRICT 33
January 27, 2011

A closed session of the Board of Education was held on January 27, 2011. Present were:

Dan Jordan, President
Jackie Zogran, Secretary
Eileen Huston

Jim Galante
Michele Reiser
Dr. Robert Machak, Superintendent

Board Members not present:

Laurie Christophersen
Damian England

The Board began closed session at 6:15pm. They discussed the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, and collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules or one or more class of employees.

Motion to reconvene open session by Eileen Huston. Second by Jim Galante. Yes: 5. No: 0.

The Board moved to an open hearing at 7:19pm.

The Board reconvened closed session at 8:52.

Motion to return open session by Eileen Huston. Second by Jim Galante. Yes: 5. No: 0. The Board returned to open session at 9:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Trischan
School Secretary

President

Date

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President Jordan called the meeting to order with roll call at 6:15pm.

Motion to move to Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, and collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules or one or more class of employees by Michele Reiser. Second by Jim Galante. Yes: Huston, Zogran, Jordan, Reiser, Galante. No: 0

The Board moved to Closed Session at 6:15pm.

The Board moved to Open Session at 7:19pm.

Also present were staff members Lisa Lawler, Erich Grauke, Sharon Thode, Carol Schuettenberg, Jennifer Wu, and Cheryl McCameron, and community members Melonnie Hartl, John Hartl, Amy Wiatt, and Tom Lane.

VISITORS TO BE RECOGNIZED:

No comments offered from visitors.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion to approve the January 27, 2011, agenda, the minutes from the December 16, 2010, meeting, and the December/January bill list by Jackie Zogran. Second by Jim Galante. Yes: Huston, Zogran, Jordan, Reiser, Galante. No: 0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

2011 EXPLORE Scores/Placement Summary:

Dr. Machak has been working with Dr. Fay at Antioch Community High School to track how Emmons students do at the high school level. The 2009-10 8th grade class had over 50% recommended for Honors Math, 42% recommended for Honors English, and a third were recommended for a level of Honors Science. Also, this year's 8th grade class is the first group to go through the two-year Spanish program and all students were recommended for Spanish 2, with almost two-thirds of those children being recommended for Spanish 2 Honors. Also, Mr. McKay and Mr. Nekritz, District 117 Superintendents, asked Dr. Machak to share with the Board a new program called the Freshman Academy. This English and Math summer support class will be available to students who, based on the EXPLORE test, did not meet what the ACT projects as college-readiness standards. The high school is confident that this program, which students will receive high school elective credit for, can help these students.

Kinzi the Reading Dog Pilot Update:

Five students have been a part of this program; four students who were identified as needing reading help and one control subject identified as reading at grade level. All five students have shown improvement. We will look into possibly increasing Kinzi's time here at Emmons School to expand the program.

Full-Day Kindergarten Pilot Update:

Dr. Machak has submitted seven pages of research which was compiled by IASB to the Board and has look at several other studies regarding full-day Kindergarten. A recommendation for the 2011-12 school year will be given by the March Board meeting to see if a full-day Kindergarten pilot is something that we would want to investigate. Dr. Machak will have a list of pros and cons at next month's meeting.

January 2011 High School Articulation Updates:

Dr. Machak reported on the second round of articulation meetings with the high school. The high school is interested in consistency among the elementary districts.

TREASURER'S/BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT:

Mr. Grauke updated the Board on the Comcast fiber optic Internet proposal.

Mrs. Lawler presented the 5% tracking sheet to the Board.

Mrs. Lawler also discussed the proposed facilities usage fees schedule.

SEDOL:

SEDOL is recommending that Dr. Thomas A. Moline be employed, effective July 1, 2011, as the new Superintendent.

IASB:

Nothing new to report.

GOALS REPORTS:

Administrative Evaluations:

The Board will be talking in Closed Session regarding Administrative Evaluations.

Long-Range Planning:

Mrs. Zogran reported that there was a wonderful turnout for the January 20th meeting. Staff and parents met and did a lot of brainstorming. The next meeting is set for April 27th at 6:30pm so the new Board can be a part of the discussion.

Fiscal Accountability:

Nothing new to report.

Policy Update and District Mission:

The Board has some policy updates and unfinished business that they are looking for their second reading on. Also, under new business they have some policies to be approved. There will have more policy updates for next month.

Academic Excellence:

The committee has not met.

Administrative Procedures:

Working on it by section.

Negotiations Committee:

Because the Board is in negotiations with the union, most of the discussion is done in Closed Session because they are talking about particulars. April 1st is currently the date to close negotiations.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mrs. Zogran had nothing. Dr. Machak mentioned that one of the things that came out of the Long-Range Planning meeting is that Mr. Grauke, Mrs. Cloutier, and some students will be presenting at the Tech 2011 Conference held at the state capital in May.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Board held a third reading on the Building Usage Fees Revisions.

The Board held a second reading on the Policy Updates 2:220, 2:230, 2:260, 4:10, 4:170, 5:10, 5:30, 5:120, 5:220, 5:260, 7:50, 7:100, and 7:310. Dr. Machak clarified under policy 2:260 his name should be listed as the complaint manager and Cyndy Thielen's title should be changed from Principal to Student Services Coordinator.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to approve the Revised Building Usage Fees Policy by Jim Galante. Second by Jackie Zogran. Yes: Huston, Zogran, Jordan, Reiser, Galante. No: 0

Motion to approve the Policy Updates 2:220, 2:230, 2:260, 4:10, 4:170, 5:10, 5:30, 5:120, 5:220, 5:260, 7:50, 7:100, and 7:310 by Jackie Zogran. Second by Jim Galante. Yes: 5, No: 0.

Approval of February 2011 BOE Meeting Date Change was tabled. It will be discussed in Closed Session and action will be taken after they come back from Closed Session.

Motion for the Acceptance of the Letter of Resignation from Carla Pratt, effective immediately, by Jim Galante. Second by Eileen Huston. Yes: 5, No: 0.

Approval of Administrative Contract Extensions – Ludwig, Thielen, and Grauke was tabled. Discussion will continue in Closed Session and action will be taken in Open Session.

VISITOR PARTICIPATION:

No comments offered from visitors.

Motion to suspend Open Session at 8:42pm by Eileen Huston. Second by Jim Galante. Yes: 5. No: 0

Return to Closed Session:

Motion to return to closed session at 8:52pm for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, and collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more class of employees by Eileen Huston. Second by Michele Reiser. Yes: 5. No: 0.

Return to Open Session:

Motion to reconvene Open Session by Eileen Huston. Second by Jim Galante. Yes: 5. No: 0.

Motion for the Approval of February 2011 BOE Meeting Date Change by Jim Galante. Second by Michele Reiser. Yes: 5. No: 0.

Motion for the Approval of Administrative Contract Extension – Ludwig by Jackie Zogran.
Second by Jim Galante. Yes: Eileen Huston, Jackie Zogran, Dan Jordan, Michele Reiser, and
Jim Galante. No: 0.

Motion for the Approval of Administrative Contract Extension – Thielen by Eileen Huston.
Second by Jackie Zogran. Yes: Eileen Huston, Jackie Zogran, Dan Jordan, Michele Reiser, and
Jim Galante. No: 0.

Motion for the Approval of Administrative Contract Extension – Grauke by Jackie Zogran.
Second by Eileen Huston. Yes: Eileen Huston, Jackie Zogran, Dan Jordan, Michele Reiser, and
Jim Galante. No: 0.

Motion to adjourn by Michele Reiser. Second by Jackie Zogran. Yes: 5. No: 0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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