

EMMONS SCHOOL DISTRICT #33
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 29, 2010

The following were present:

Dan Jordan, President

Damian England, Vice President

Jackie Zogran (6:45pm)

Laurie Christophersen

Michele Poss

Michele Reiser

Dr. Robert Machak, Superintendent

Carla Pratt, School Secretary

President Jordan opened the meeting at 6:05pm.

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 for one or more class of employees by Laurie Christophersen. Second by Damian England. Yes: Jordan, England, Reiser, Poss and Christophersen. No: 0.

The Board returned to open session at 7:06pm.

Also present at that time, were staff members Lisa Lawler, Erich Grauke, Maggie Pisani, Kaeleen White, Jennifer Wu and Cheryl Mccameron.

VISITORS TO BE RECOGNIZED:

Dr. Machak introduced new staff members, Tammy Welninski, Jodi Cloutier, and Dr. Martinez to the Board.

Kaeleen White, Kindergarten teacher shared with the Board her concern with the possibility of holding one Kindergarten class per day rather than two. She shared her professional opinion of the pros and cons of each situation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion to approve the agenda of the July 29, 2010 meeting with the addition of re-entering the closed session, if necessary, after item X by Jackie Zogran. Second by Michele Reiser. Yes: 6, No: 0.

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2010 open session and closed session by Laurie Christophersen. Second by Michele Reiser. Yes: 6, No: 0.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2010 special meeting by Michele Poss. Second by Jackie Zogran. Yes: 5, No:0, Abstain: 1.

Motion to approve the June 10, 2010 special meeting minutes by Michele Poss. Second by Jackie Zogran. Yes: 5, No: 0, Abstain: 1.

Motion to approve the June 22, 2010 minutes by Michele Poss. Second by Laurie Christophersen. Yes: 5, No: 0, Abstain 1.

Motion to approve the July 15, 2010 special meeting minutes by Michele Poss. Second by Jackie Zogran. Yes: 5, No: 0, Abstain: 1.

June/July Bill List:

Motion to approve the June/ July bill list by Michele Poss. Second by Jackie Zogran. Yes: England, Poss, Reiser, Christophersen, Zogran and Jordan. No: 0.

Superintendent's Report:

Walking/Running Track:

Dr. Machak gave the Board an update on the status of the possibility of installing a running/walking track on Emmons property. He will continue to work on funding possibilities.

Kindergarten Enrollment:

Dr. Machak gave the Board an update on the enrollment in the Kindergarten class. The Board discussed options for the structure of the class.

The Board directed Dr. Machak to research how area districts hold kindergarten, and data supporting the pros and cons of holding a full day class with larger numbers rather than a half day class with smaller numbers.

The Board consensus was for Emmons to continue with two half day classes for the 2010/11 school year, and continue researching the subject with the idea that we might pilot a full day class during the 2011/12 school year.

School Year Planning:

Dr. Machak shared staff assignments, schedules, and open coaching positions with the Board.

The Board discussed Connections and Specials classes.

Treasurer's/Business Office Report:

Mrs. Lawler gave the Board an update on the 5% tracking sheet.

SEDOL:

Mrs. Zogran attending a SEDOL Board meeting in June. SEDOL is currently renting one room from Emmons for the 2010/11 school year.

TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR PRESENTATION:

Mr. Grauke presented the new template for the "electronic dashboard".

GOALS REPORT:

The Board will hold a special meeting on August 15th to discuss long term goals.

Long Range Planning:

The long range planning committee will meet on August 2 at 7:30am, and again on August 10 at 4pm.

Policy Update/District Mission:

The committee brings a tutoring policy for first reading at tonight’s Board meeting.

District Operations and Procedures:

Dr. Machak gave Board members a copy of the 2010/11 family handbook and asked for feedback by the start of the school year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tutoring Policy:

The Board held a first reading of the tutoring policy.

Approval of Hiring New Staff:

Motion to approve the hiring of Katarzyna Slawinska as a long term substitute for Lisa Smith at a salary for MA, step A plus TRS by Michele Poss. Second by Jackie Zogran. Yes: Zogran, Jordan, England, Reiser, Poss, and Christopherson. No: 0.

Motion to approve the hiring of Leona Swieton as the Middle School Resource Teacher at a salary of MA +6, step A plus TRS. Yes: Jordan, England, Reiser, Christopherson, Poss, and Zogran. No: 0.

Motion to approve the hiring of Jacquelyn Grimon as a para-professional at a salary of 13, 485 by Michele Poss. Second by Jackie Zogran. Yes: England, Reiser, Christopherson, Poss, Zogran, and Jordan. No: 0.

VISITOR PARTICIPATION:

Mrs. McCameron shared her opinions regarding the staffing of para-professionals and the Kindergarten class options with the Board.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45pm by Michele Poss. Second by Damian England. Yes: 6, No:0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carla Pratt
School Secretary

President

Date

Secretary