

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
EMMONS SCHOOL DISTRICT 33
October 28, 2010

The following were present:

Dan Jordan, President	Eileen Huston
Damian England, Vice President (6:58pm)	Michele Reiser (6:18pm)
Jackie Zogran, Secretary	Dr. Robert Machak, Superintendent
Jim Galante	Carla Pratt, School Secretary

Also present were staff members Lisa Lawler – Lawler, Cheryl McCameron, Jennifer Wu, and Tina Meyer, and community members John Hartl, Melonnie Hartl, Renea Lockefeer, Christine Hamilton, and Paul Leali, and Jason Leiber, representing the Boy Scouts of America.

President Jordan called the meeting to order with roll call at 6:08pm.

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 Eileen Huston. Second by Jackie Zogran. Yes: Zogran, Huston, Galante, Jordan, and Christopherson.

The Board reconvened open session at 7:11pm.

VISITORS TO BE RECOGNIZED:

Mrs. Christine Hamilton addressed the Board to ask for a waiver of fees for building use for Boy Scout Pack 33, a newly formed pack whose members are District 33 students. She also introduced Jason Leber, from the Boy Scouts of America, who gave the board a summary of the types of activities the pack would be participating in while using the building. He asked if the building use fee could be waived, and if the scouts could give Emmons service hours in place of the fee. Mrs. Renea Lockefeer also addressed the board and volunteered to supervise pack events.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion to approve the October 28, 2010 agenda with the following changes: Change the number of item for New Business to IX – by Jackie Zogran. Second by Laurie Christopherson. Yes: 7, No: 0.

Motion to approve the September 23, 2010 Meeting minutes by Jackie Zogran. Second by Michele Reiser. Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstain: 1.

Motion to approve the September/October bill lists by Jackie Zogran. Second by Eileen Huston. Yes: Huston, Zogran, Jrodan, England, Reiser, Christopherson, and Galante. No:0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Regional Office of Superintendent Safety Inspection:

Three items of concern were raised by the Safety Inspector. All have been taken care of and the action report sent to Ms. Wood, Regional Superintendent.

Fire and Evacuation Drill:

Dr. Machak shared an article and pictures of our Fire and Evacuation Drill that were published in the Pioneer Press. He also updated the Board on the drill. The Lake County Sheriff's Office was very

complimentary to our teachers on the effectiveness of the drill and gave us valuable feedback. Their suggestion was to have a separate location for parent's to pick up their kids. The Crisis team will meet in early November to continue updating our plan. Another fire drill is planned for November.

Data Meetings:

Mrs. Thielen facilitated the first round of Data Meetings this past week. The October meetings focused on Fall bench mark testing sessions for ISAT testing and AIMS WEB testing. The administration has reviewed the data from those tests and flagged any student who correctly answered under 70% on any sub section on the ISAT. This information will be shared with teachers and will be very helpful with curriculum mapping. We will be analyzing the March ISAT data for grades 3 – 8 in this way also.

During Data Meetings, each student was discussed with their grade level teachers. Dr. Martinez was also involved in this process and we were able to develop RTIs on the spot for some who needed them. Next month will involve looking at students on the other end of the spectrum, those that scored 85% or higher on any sub section of the ISAT test.

ISAT Scores Summary:

Dr. Machak reported that the ISAT scores as a whole were outstanding. More than half the schools in IL did not make "adequate yearly progress". Emmons met AYP by every measure. Dr. Machak shared with the Board a study by the Commercial Club of Chicago regarding ISAT scores and predicting college readiness. The Board suggested that the study be shared with parents prior to ISAT testing in the Spring.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Lawler shared the 5% tracking sheet with the Board.

There was no budget report this month.

Mrs. Lawler informed the Board that Emmons made "Financial Recognition" again this year.

Board members received a copy of the Annual Financial Report.

SEDOL:

The next meeting of the SEDOL Board is scheduled for December 1, 2010. Mrs. Zogran will not be able to attend, and is looking for someone to volunteer.

IASB:

Laurie Christopherson, Jim Galante, and Dr. Machak Fall attended the Fall Northern District meeting. Mrs. Christopherson and Mr. Galante gave the Board a summary of the events.

GOALS REPORTS:

Administrative Evaluation:

The Committee will meet next month.

Long Range Planning:

The Committee plans to meet next month.

Fiscal Accountability:

Nothing more to report. Mrs. Lawler's report covered everything.

Policy Update and District Mission:

The Committee will meet in November

Academic Excellence:

The Committee met and reviewed ISAT scores. They will be looking at the Math curriculum next.

Policy Update and District Mission:

The Committee will meet in November.

District Operations & Procedures:

The Committee met and talked about the new Policy Manual and procedures for updating both the manual and the District Mission Statement. They will also be looking at forming a District Vision Statement.

Negotiations Committee:

Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board received a letter from Cheryl McCameron. Mrs. Zogran made a copy for every Board member. The Board also received a number of invitations for those going to the III Conference. Mrs. Zogran shared them with the other Board members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Board held a second reading on the district tutoring policy and on policy revision 5:330.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed building usage fees. The members of the Board will review information gathered regarding the building use policy and fees of other area districts and continue the discussion at the next Board meeting.

CERTIFIED ELECTION OFFICIALS:

Motion to approve Lisa Lawler-Ludwig, Carla Pratt, and Donna Trischan as Certified Election Officials authorized to accept candidate packets for the April, 2011 election by Damian England. Second by Laurie Christopherson. Yes:7, No:0.

Policy Revisions and District Tutoring Policy:

Motion to approve the District Tutoring Policy as stated by Michele Reiser. Second by Jim Galante. Yes:7, No:0.

Motion to approve the policy revision for policy 5:330 as stated by Laurie Christopherson. Second by Jim Galante. Yes: Zogran, Jordan, England, Reiser, Christopherson, Galante and Huston. No: 0

Application for Recognition of Schools:

Motion to approve the Recognition of School application for the 2010/11 school year by Damian England. Second by Michele Reiser. Yes:7, No: 0.

The Board moved back to Closed Session at 9:05pm.

The Board reconvened Open Session at 10:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by Laurie Christopherson. Second by Damian England. Yes:7, No: 0. The meeting adjourned at 10:01pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carla Pratt
School Secretary

Date

President

Secretary