

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EMMONS SCHOOL DISTRICT 33

November 18, 2010

The following were present:

Dan Jordan, President	Laurie Christophersen
Damian England, Vice President (7:09pm)	Eileen Huston
Jackie Zogran, Secretary	Dr. Robert Machak, Superintendent
	Carla Pratt, School Secretary

Also present were staff members Cynthia Thielen, Lisa Lawler-Ludwig, Erich Grauke, Carla Moser, Pam Sims and Jennifer Wu and community members John Hartl, Mellonnie Hartl, Debra Balay, Dr. Jeannie Washow, Kim Turcaso, Leisha Semetka, Stephanie Faber, Bruce Faber, and special guests Jasmine Tata and Kinzi from Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy.

President Jordan called the meeting to order 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 Jackie Zogran. The Board moved to closed session at 6:10pm.

The Board reconvened open session at 7:03pm.

**VISITORS TO BE RECOGNIZED:**

Mr. John Hartl addressed the Board regarding his thoughts on statements allegedly made at a Family Night held at Emmons.

Dr. Machak introduced Ms. Jasmine Tata and her dog, Kinzi, volunteers from Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy who have been working with some of our K-2 students with their reading. Ms. Tata gave a summary of Rainbow's services and her and Kinzi's experiences at Emmons.

Mrs. Deb Balay addressed the Board regarding a parent sponsored trip for the class of 2012 to take place in the fall of 2012. Mrs. Balay asked the Board for support with their fundraising efforts, etc.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Motion to approve the consent agenda, including the November 18, 2010 agenda, open and closed session minutes of the October 28, 2010 meeting, and the October/November bill list by Laurie Christophersen. Second by Jackie Zogran. Yes: Huston, Zogran, Jordan, and Christophersen.

**Superintendent's Report:**

**School Board Appreciation:**

Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> was the official School Board Member Appreciation Day sponsored by IASB.

Dr. Machak shared the resolution from IASB regarding the day, and presented the Board Members, as well as past members Jim Fischer and Michele Poss, a certificate of appreciation. Mrs. Moser presented a video "poetry break" especially for the Board from her first grade students.

**Principals Cabinet Update:**

Dr. Machak gave the Board an update on the Principal's Cabinet .

**Preferred Foods Menu Survey:**

Following a survey of Preferred Foods menu items taken by the Principal's Cabinet members, Mrs. Lawler, Mrs. Thode, and members of the Principal's cabinet met with a representative from Preferred Foods to share the results of the survey and discuss possible menu changes.

**Treasurer's/Business Office Report:**

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

**2010 Levy Revision:**

Mrs. Lawler reported on the 2010 Levy Revision and discussed it with the Board. A legal notice will be placed in the News Sun regarding the upcoming Levy Hearing.

**Technology Director's Presentation:**

Mr. Grauke presented a technology update to the Board. They discussed possible improvements to our systems.

**SEDOL:**

A special meeting of the SEDOL Board has been rescheduled for January 17, 2011.

**IASB:**

The Annual IASB Conference is scheduled for November 19 and 20, 2010. Mrs. Huston, Dr. Machak and Mrs. Pratt will be attending on Saturday, November 20.

## **GOALS REPORTS:**

### **Administration Evaluation:**

Dr. Machack and Mrs. Christophersen met to discuss the timeline of the evaluation process. A meeting date will be set for December.

### **Long Range Planning:**

The committee continues to reach out to the community for volunteers to be part of a Community Long Range Planning Task Force. The committee will set a meeting date for December.

### **Fiscal Accountability:**

Nothing new to report.

### **Policy Update & District Mission:**

The committee met to review new policy revisions. They are presented for a first reading this evening.

### **Academic Excellence:**

Nothing new to report.

### **Administrative Procedures:**

The committee met via telephone. They discussed the Administrative Procedure manual.

### **Negotiations:**

The committee is waiting to hear back from the Teacher's Union. At that time, they will schedule another meeting.

### **Correspondence:**

Mrs. Zogran shared some of the many cards the Board received from Emmons students for Board Member Appreciation Day. She also read a Thank You note from Mrs. Kathy Blake.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Board held a first reading of the revised building use fees. The Board discussed the policy and made some suggestions for revision. The administration will make these changes and bring the policy back to the Board in December.

### **District Annual Audit:**

Motion to approve the District Annual Audit by Laurie Christophersen. Second by Eileen Huston. Yes: Zogran, Jordan, England, Christopherson, and Huston. No: 0.

**Long Term Substitute:**

Motion to approve Katelin Foster as the long term substitute for Mrs. White, at a salary of BA, Step A plus TRS, for a period of ninety eight days by Eileen Huston. Second by Jackie Zogran. Yes: Jordan, England, Christophersen, Huston, and Zogran. No: 0.

**Policy Reading:**

The Board held a first reading of Policies 2:20, 2:110, 5:100, 5:190, 5:290, 7:20, 7:180, 7:190, 7:285, and 8:30.

**VISITOR PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. John Fay told the Board that from what he had observed about the gym floor after use by Iceless Hockey, he recommended that we not allow Iceless Hockey games in the Tabar Gymnasium.

The Board returned to closed session at 9:30pm.

The Board reconvened open session at 10:20pm.

Motion to adjourn by Eileen Huston. Second by Damian England. The meeting adjourned at 10:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carla Pratt  
School Secretary

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President

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Secretary

