

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
EMMONS SCHOOL DISTRICT 33

July 19, 2011

The following were present:

Jim Galante, President
Jackie Zogran, Vice President
Michele Reiser, Secretary

Eileen Huston
Melonnie Hartl
Diane Eldridge
Dr. Robert Machak, Superintendent

Also Present:

Lisa-Lawler Ludwig, Director of Business Services
Erich Grauke, Director of Technology
Cynthia Thielen, Student Services Coordinator

President Galante called the meeting to order with roll call at 6:10pm.

Goals Discussion:

Dr. Machak summarized progress during the 2010-11 school year in the following goal areas:

Superintendent's Evaluation:

The Superintendent's Evaluation instrument was edited and updated by the Board by March 2011 as stated in the goal.

Policy Updates:

The Board received regular monthly updates regarding policy changes in accordance with Illinois School Code and state and Federal laws as stated in the goal.

Fiscal Accountability:

Evidence of meeting this goal included 'Financial Recognition' status from ISBE for the third year in a row, successful negotiation of a two-year teachers' contract, and positive fund balances to end the school year.

Administrative Procedures:

The April 2011 timeline for completion of the Administrative Procedures Manual was moved back to the end of the summer. At present, six of the eight sections in the Manual have been revised.

Academic Excellence:

The goal to meet or exceed standards on the state testing program was met as evidenced by the Academic Excellence Award that Emmons received from the State of Illinois; the goal to develop a K-8 literacy curriculum document was met as evidenced by the curriculum documents

that the Board has received and reviewed during the school year; the goal to review and evaluate the District K-8 math curriculum was met as evidenced through the recommendation of an 8th grade Geometry curriculum, successful implementation of a 7th grade Algebra curriculum, and recommendation for a K-8 math resources adoption presented to the Board last Spring; the goal to meet the needs of the Gifted population was met via the creation of the Gifted/Resource position which serviced students in grades K-8, including a middle school Gifted Language Arts program; the goal to have 90% of Emmons students meet their personal target growth goal on the Measures of Academic Progress assessment was not met – approximately 50% of our students met this goal.

Negotiations:

The goal to have a successfully negotiated contract in place by April 2011 was met.

Long Range Planning:

The goal to host a District-wide Town Hall meeting in September 2011 was met; the goal to establish a process District-wide long-range planning and goal development was met successfully via the Long-Range Planning Task Force, which met twice during the school year.

Goals Planning for 2011-12

Mr. Galante facilitated discussion regarding revision of existing goals and establishment of new goals and committees for the 2011-12 school year, including Board member participation on the various committees. Mr. Galante stated he would send the Board copies of the brainstorming session for review and potential adoption at the August 2011 general Board of Education meeting.

Motion to Adjourn by Mrs. Zogran; motion seconded by Mrs. Eldridge. The meeting adjourned at 10:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Robert Machak
Superintendent of Schools

Date

President

Secretary