

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
EMMONS SCHOOL DISTRICT 33
September 22, 2011

The following were present:

Jim Galante, President
Michele Reiser, Secretary
Laurie Christophersen

Melonnie Hartl
Eileen Huston
Diane Eldridge
Dr. Robert Machak, Superintendent
Donna Trischan, Administrative Assistant

President Galante called the meeting to order with roll call at 6:40pm.

Also present was Mrs. Lisa Lawler.

Motion to move to Closed Session to discuss the compensation of specific employees of the District by Laurie Christophersen. Second by Diane Eldridge. Yes: Huston, Reiser, Galante, Christophersen, Eldridge, Hartl. No: 0

The Board moved to Closed Session at 6:42pm.

The Board moved to Open Session at 7:02pm.

Also present at this time were staff members Lisa Lawler, Erich Grauke, Cyndy Thielen, Kathy Lind, Jodi Cloutier, Katelin Foster, Kathleen Raupp, and Cheryl McCameron, and community member Bruce Gottermeyer.

VISITORS TO BE RECOGNIZED:

Dr. Machak introduced Kathy Lind, the new Long-Term Paraprofessional Substitute, and Katelin Foster, the new Kindergarten Teacher. Mrs. Lind and Ms. Foster each spoke about themselves and their past experiences.

Motion to move Agenda Item H under New Business to the first order of business, and approve the September 22, 2011 agenda with this change by Laurie Christophersen. Second by Diane Eldridge. Yes: 6. No: 0.

Motion to appoint Bruce Gottermeyer to the Board of Education's open position by Michele Reiser. Second by Eileen Huston. Yes: Huston, Christophersen, Galante, Reiser, Eldridge, Huston. No: 0.

The Oath of Office was administered to the new Board of Education Member, Bruce Gottermeyer.

Motion to nominate Eileen Huston for the Office of Vice President by Jim Galante. Second by Diane Eldridge. Yes: Christophersen, Galante, Reiser, Eldridge, Gottermeyer. No: Hartl. Abstain: Huston.

Motion to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2011 Public Budget Hearing by Laurie Christophersen. Second by Michele Reiser. Yes: 6. No: 0. Abstain: 1.

Motion to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2011 meeting, by Eileen Huston. Second by Diane Eldridge. Yes: 6. No: 0. Abstain: 1.

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 1, 2011 self-evaluation meeting by Michele Reiser. Second by Laurie Christophersen. Yes: 6. No: 0. Abstain: 1.

Motion to approve the August/September bill list by Michele Reiser. Second by Eileen Huston. Yes: Huston, Reiser, Galante, Hartl, Eldridge, Christophersen, Gottermeyer. No: 0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Summer School Program Review:

Dr. Machak introduced Kathleen Raupp and Jodi Cloutier to review the Summer School Brush-Up Program. Students identified as needing to avoid any type of regression over the summer were invited to participate in this program. Mrs. Cloutier discussed the comparison of MAP scores from Spring 2010 and Fall 2010 versus MAP scores from Spring 2011 and Fall 2011. Ms. Raupp and Mrs. Cloutier also reviewed the results of a parent survey of the program and made recommendations for the program for next year.

Field Trip Request – K. Slawinska:

Policy 6:240 states that field studies beyond a 50 mile radius of the school must have the prior approval of the Board at least 60 days prior to the trip. Ms. Slawinska is requesting to take her Great Works class to the Art Institute and on a Frank Lloyd Wright Tour.

Senate Bill 7 – Performance Evaluation Reform Act:

Dr. Machak discussed the Performance Evaluation Reform Act with the Board. He is still getting information regarding PERA from the State.

TREASURER'S/BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT:

5% Tracking and Three-Year Expenditures Comparison:

Mrs. Lawler presented the 5% Tracking and Three-Year Expenditures Comparison.

FY 2012 Budget Review:

Mrs. Lawler briefly reviewed the FY 2012 Budget with the Board.

SEDOL:

Nothing new to report.

IASB:

President Galante read aloud the Board Agreements from Self-Evaluation Activity.

Return to Closed Session:

Motion to return to Closed Session for clarification of a topic that came up while discussing Board Agreements at 8:37pm by Eileen Huston. Second by Michele Reiser. Yes: 7. No: 0.

Return to Open Session:

Motion to return to Open Session at 9:13pm by Eileen Huston. Second by Diane Eldridge. Yes: 7. No: 0.

GOALS REPORTS:

President Galante suggested that all committees meet before the October Board Meeting. Mrs. Huston reported that the Academic Excellence committee met today. The committee discussed their goals and how to assess whether or not they are meeting those goals. Mrs. Eldridge reported that the Administrative Procedures committee met earlier this week. The committee is making the suggested revisions to the manual, one section per month, with the goal to have the updated version of the manual finished by the end of the school year.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to adopt the FY 2012 Final Budget by Eileen Huston. Second by Bruce Gottermeyer. Yes: Hartl, Christophersen, Galante, Reiser, Eldridge, Huston, Gottermeyer. No: 0.

Motion to approve IESA Participation by Melonnie Hartl. Second by Laurie Christophersen. Yes: Hartl, Christophersen, Galante, Reiser, Eldridge, Huston, Gottermeyer. No: 0.

Motion to approve the ISBE Recognition of Schools 2011-12 Application by Laurie Christophersen. Second by Diane Eldridge. Yes: 7. No: 0.

Motion to approve Marne Gehring's FMLA Leave by Melonnie Hartl. Second by Eileen Huston. Yes: Hartl, Galante, Reiser, Eldridge, Huston, Gottermeyer. No: 0. Abstain: Christophersen.

Motion to approve the hiring of Part-Time Custodian, Blase Vale, by Bruce Gottermeyer. Second by Melonnie Hartl. Yes: Hartl, Christophersen, Galante, Reiser, Eldridge, Huston, Gottermeyer. No: 0.

Motion to approve the Great Works Class Field Trip by Melonnie Hartl. Second by Bruce Gottermeyer. Yes: 7. No: 0.

Motion to approve the SEDOL Resolution by Michele Reiser. Second by Bruce Gottermeyer. Yes: Hartl, Christophersen, Galante, Reiser, Eldridge, Huston, Gottermeyer. No: 0.

VISITOR PARTICIPATION:

No comments offered from visitors.

Motion to adjourn by Eileen Huston. Second by Laurie Christophersen. Yes: 7. No: 0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Trischan
Administrative Assistant

President

Date

Secretary

MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CLOSED SESSION
EMMONS SCHOOL DISTRICT 33
September 22, 2011

A Closed Session of the Board of Education was held on September 22, 2011. Present were:

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Eileen Huston
Michele Reiser, Secretary

Laurie Christophersen
Melonnie Hartl
Diane Eldridge
Bruce Gottermeyer (8:37pm)
Dr. Robert Machak, Superintendent

The Board began Open Session at 6:40pm.

Motion to move to Closed Session at 6:42pm by Laurie Christophersen. Second by Diane Eldridge. They discussed the compensation of specific employees of the District.

Motion to reconvene Open Session by Melonnie Hartl. Second by Eileen Huston. Yes: 6. No: 0.

The Board moved to Open Session at 6:55pm.

Motion to return to Closed Session for clarification of a topic that came up while discussing Board Agreements at 8:37pm by Eileen Huston. Second by Michele Reiser. Yes: 7. No: 0.

Motion to return to Open Session at 9:13pm by Eileen Huston. Second by Diane Eldridge. Yes: 7. No: 0.

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