

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
EMMONS SCHOOL DISTRICT 33
December 15, 2011

The following were present:

Jim Galante, President
Eileen Huston, Vice President
Michele Reiser, Secretary
Laurie Christophersen

Melonnie Hartl
Diane Eldridge
Bruce Gottermeyer
Dr. Robert Machak, Superintendent
Donna Trischan, Administrative Assistant

President Galante called the meeting to order with roll call at 7:03pm.

Also present were staff members Lisa Lawler, Erich Grauke, Cyndy Thielen, and Cheryl McCameron.

VISITORS TO BE RECOGNIZED:

No comments offered from visitors.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

There were several changes to the agenda: the Communications Committee was added to the list of committees under item VII, B; it was a Second Reading and Discussion of the Policies in item 1 under Unfinished Business; and the last Policy listed in item 1 under Unfinished Business and item 1 under New Business is 7:305.

Motion to approve the December 15, 2011, agenda with these changes by Michele Reiser.
Second by Eileen Huston. Yes: 7. No: 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2011, meeting, by Diane Eldridge.
Second by Bruce Gottermeyer. Yes: 5. No: 0. Abstain: 2.

EXAMINATION AND APPROVAL OF BILL LIST:

Motion to approve the November/December bill list by Bruce Gottermeyer. Second by Diane Eldridge. Yes: Huston, Gottermeyer, Reiser, Galante, Hartl, Eldridge, Christophersen. No: 0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

8th Grade EXPLORE Scores Discussion:

Dr. Machak reported on how this year's 8th grade EXPLORE scores compared with the national average and with our 8th grade EXPLORE scores from last year.

TREASURER'S/BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT:

5% Tracking and Three-Year Expenditures Comparison:

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

TECHNOLOGY REPORT:

Mr. Grauke updated the Board regarding the fiber optic data lines that were installed this summer. One of the benefits of the faster Internet speed is the increased use of online multimedia and interactive resources. Mr. Grauke also gave an update on SMART Boards. Five SMART Boards will be installed over Winter Break, bringing the total number in the building to sixteen. He is also looking into iPads or other wireless tablet devices for teachers to use.

STUDENT SERVICES REPORT:

Mrs. Thielen summarized the December Data Meetings for the Board. Dr. Machak and Mrs. Thielen met with grade level teachers and, based off of the Academic Excellence Committee conversations, began looking at the item analysis summary with the ISAT information received.

SEDOL:

Mr. Gottermeyer attended the SEDOL Meeting on November 30, 2011. The meeting was preceded by an orientation and Grant-O-Rama. During the meeting, there was a vote on acceptance of the line of credit and some discussion of PERA, Senate Bill #7, and the modernization of Gages Lake School.

IASB:

Conference Review:

The Board reviewed the Triple-I Conference that they attended in November.

GOALS REPORTS:

The Board discussed the need and role of each of the committees. The Board asked Dr. Machak to come up with a plan to create a Vision Statement.

Administrative Evaluations:

The committee continues to discuss the survey they would like to give the teaching staff in regard to the administrators and the climate.

Long-Range Planning:

Nothing new to report.

Fiscal Accountability:

Nothing new to report.

Policy Update and District Mission:

The Board has some policy updates that they are looking for their second reading on. Also, under new business they have some policies to be approved.

Academic Excellence:

Nothing new to report.

Administrative Procedures:

Nothing new to report.

Negotiations Committee:

Nothing new to report.

Communications Committee:

Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Board held a second reading of the Policy Updates 2:250, 3:60, 4:80, 5:90, 5:100, 5:200, 5:240, 6:60, 6:150, 7:305.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to approve Policy Updates 2:250, 3:60, 4:80, 5:90, 5:100, 5:200, 5:240, 6:60, 6:150, 7:305 by Bruce Gottermeyer. Second by Laurie Christophersen. Yes: Hartl, Huston, Gottermeyer, Reiser, Galante, Eldridge, Christophersen. No: 0.

Motion to approve the Tax Levy by Bruce Gottermeyer. Second by Melonnie Hartl. Yes: Gottermeyer, Huston, Reiser, Eldridge, Christophersen, Galante, Hartl. No: 0.

Motion to approve Karen Brnot as the Long-Term Middle School Substitute by Eileen Huston. Second by Diane Eldridge. Yes: Reiser, Eldridge, Galante, Christophersen, Hartl, Gottermeyer, Huston. No: 0.

Motion to approve Kathy Lind as the Long-Term Para-Pro Substitute by Eileen Huston. Second by Melonnie Hartl. Yes: Eldridge, Gottermeyer, Reiser, Christophersen, Galante, Huston, Hartl. No: 0.

VISITOR PARTICIPATION:

No comments offered from visitors.

Motion to adjourn by Diane Eldridge. Second by Bruce Gottermeyer. Yes: 7. No: 0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Trischan
Administrative Assistant

Date

President

Secretary