

EMMONS SCHOOL DISTRICT #33
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 28, 2009

The following were present:

Dan Jordan, President	Damian England
Jim Fischer, Vice President	Michele Poss
Jackie Zogran, Secretary	Michele Reiser
Laurie Christophersen	Dr. Robert Machak, Superintendent
	Dr. Cyndy Vandrush, Principal
	Donna Trischan, School Secretary

President Dan Jordan opened the meeting at 6:09 pm with roll call.

Motion to move to Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees and to discuss negotiation matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees by Michele Poss. Second by Michele Reiser. Yes: 7, No: 0. The Board moved to closed session at 6:20 pm.

The Board reconvened Open Session at 7:03 pm.

Also present were staff members Kathy Blake, Kathryn Clay, Cheryl McCameron, Barb O'Donnell, Sarah Posey, Sydney Ryan, Nancy Smith, Dawn Vogel, and Jennifer Wu, community members Glen Wiemerslage, Angela Wiemerslage, Glen Wiemerslage, Jr. and Karl Wiemerslage, Kathy Rieke, Shannon Rieke, Melanie Gelande, Scott Gelande, Elizabeth Gelande, Ann Marie Reband, David Reband, John Reband, and Claire Reband, and Insurance Representative, Phil Delany

8th Grade Award Winners:

The Board recognized 8th grade award winners and held a brief reception for them.

Recognition of Visitors:

Mrs. Dawn Vogel thanked everyone for the assembly on Friday, May 22, and Dr. Machak specifically for his efforts this past year. She also thanked the Board for everything they do for all of Emmons students.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Jim Fischer to approve the agenda. Second by Jackie Zogran. Yes: 7, No: 0.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2009 Open and Closed meetings and the May 1, 2009 Special Session by Laurie Christophersen. Second by Jackie Zogran. Yes: 7, No: 0.

Examination and Approval of Bill List:

A question regarding the timing of the payment for Read Naturally was raised by Michele Poss. Dr. Machak will look into the matter and get back to the Board . Motion to approve the Bill List by Damian England. Second by Michele Poss. Yes: Zogran, Fischer, Poss, Reiser, Christophersen, England, and Jordan. No: 0.

Superintendent's Report:

5% Tracking:

Dr. Machak informed the Board that once the Business Manager is in place, they will work together to clean up line items to show a truer picture of spending.

Tax Anticipation Warrants:

Dr. Machak has been in communication with Kurt Duehr and Jennifer Nolde and both feel that the district is in good shape for this time of year.

2009/2010 Budget Planning:

Dr. Machak has received requests from teachers for items they will need next year and he plans to have a draft of them for the June Board Meeting.

Waiver Application:

An advertisement will be placed in the Sun Times announcing a public hearing for the purpose of requesting a waiver to allow student attendance on Veteran's Day, Lincoln's Birthday and Casimir Pulaski Day for the 2009/2010 school year. We will hold the hearing just prior to the June Board Meeting.

2009/2010 Master Schedule:

There will be two major differences in the Master Schedule for the 09/10 school year. The first is that Middle School students will start their day with a twenty three minute period for homeroom. The second is that there will be two academic blocks in the Middle School day. The new Connections schedule will allow for Spanish every day for the entire year. A survey regarding interest in taking Spanish for the year went home to current 6th graders. We are now collecting the information.

Federal Stimulus Dollars:

Dr. Machak informed the Board that we earned a credit during some months this year.

Treasurer's Report:

Jennifer Nolde was unable to attend the meeting, but she reported to Dr. Machak that the financial picture at the end of this year is very encouraging.

Principal's Report:

Dr. Vandrush reported on the Social Studies Curriculum. Grade Level teams met nineteen times this year and have decided on three different publishers. Nancy Smith spoke for the K-2 team who chose McGraw-Hill for their kid friendly sized textbooks, leveled readers, and online tech support. They also liked the fact that McGraw-Hill had an entire book on Economics, which was lacking in their current program. The team felt that the McGraw-Hill program was teacher friendly. Mrs. O'Donnell spoke for the 3-5 team, reporting that the Scott Foresman program also had leveled readers and online support, including online textbooks. Dr. Vandrush reported for the Middle School team. They selected the TCI program. There will be a transition in topic presentation so students get what they need as they move on to high school. Nancy Smith appreciated Sydney Ryan being involved in the process and having resources available in the Emmons library.

SEDOL:

Jackie Zogran reported that the SEDOL Board meeting was being held this evening. Dr. Delp asked her if she was interested in being on the Executive Board. Mrs. Zogran declined and suggested he look for someone in a bigger school district.

Goals Report:

Administrative Evaluations:

Dr. Machak will present a power point to the Board on June 18, 2009 to summarize his year. This will start his evaluation process. The Board will meet on June 29 or 30, 2009 to discuss Dr. Machak's evaluation and then meet with Dr. Machak.

Fiscal Accountability:

Nothing new to report at this time.

Academic Excellence:

The committee met and focused on writing goals, master calendar and a new professional calendar.

Communications:

Emmons has been featured in the Antioch Review quite often this school year. Things seem to be going well.

Facilities Management:

The landscaping party has been scheduled. Laurie Christophersen spent time planting roses on the grounds. She commended Mr. Meza for his hard work. She also suggested that grounds management be put on the agenda for a future meeting.

Administrative Practices:

Nothing new to report at this time.

Correspondence:

The Board received thank you notes for the business cards that were given for Teacher Appreciation Week from Maggie Pisani, Nancy Smith, Carla Pratt, and the paraprofessionals.

Motion to move to Closed Session to discuss hiring of personnel and personnel salaries by Jackie Zogran. Second by Jim Fischer. Yes: 7, No: 0.

Open Session reconvened at 10:17 pm.

Motion to approve a 3% salary increase for Donna Trischan, Carla Pratt and Dennis Meza by Jim Fischer. Second by Damian England. Yes: Christophersen, Poss, Reiser, England, Fischer, Zogran and Jordan. No: 0.

Motion to hire Lisa Lawler-Ludwig for the position of Director of Business Services with a salary of \$80,000 plus family insurance for the 2009/2010 school year by Michele Poss. Second by Michele Reiser. Yes: Fischer, England, Reiser, Poss, Christophersen, Zogran and Jordan. No: 0.

Motion to Hire Erich Grauke for the position of Technology Coordinator at a salary of \$67,000 plus individual insurance by Michele Reiser. Second by Laurie Christophersen. Yes: Reiser, Poss, Christophersen, Fischer, Zogran, England, and Jordan. No: 0.

Motion to grant a contract to Cyndy Thielen for the position of Student Services Coordinator at a salary of \$65,000 plus individual insurance by Jim Fischer. Second by Michele Reiser. Yes: Fischer, England, Reiser, Poss, Christophersen, Zogran and Jordan. No: 0.

Motion to adjourn by Laurie Christophersen. Second by Michele Poss. Yes: 7, No: 0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carla Pratt
School Secretary

President

Date

Secretary