

EMMONS SCHOOL DISTRICT #33
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 25, 2010

The following were present:

Dan Jordan, President

Damian England, Vice President

Jackie Zogran, Secretary

Laurie Christophersen

Eileen Huston

Michele Poss

Michele Reiser

Dr. Robert Machak, Superintendent

Carla Pratt, School Secretary

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

Motion to move to Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, and/or collective negotiation 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 Michele Poss. Yes: Poss, Reiser, Christophersen, Huston, Zogran, Jordan, and England. No: 0.

The Board moved to Closed Session at 6:12pm.

The Board reconvened Open Session at 7:04pm.

Also present were staff members Lisa Lawler, Cyndy Thielen, Cheryl McCameron, Sydney Ryan, Jennifer Wu, and Karen Brnot.

Motion to approve the agenda by Michele Poss. Second by Damian England. Yes 7, No:0.

Motion to approve the January 28 minutes of the Open Session with the correction of the time of Eileen Huston's attendance and the Closed Session minutes by Laurie Christophersen. Second by Jackie Zogran. Yes:5, No:0, Abstain:2.

Motion to approve the Bill List by Damian England. Second by Michele Reiser. Yes: Huston, Zogran, Jordan, England, Reiser, Poss, and Christophersen. No: 0.

Library Update:

Mrs. Ryan gave an update on the state of the Library and announced that Emmons received \$245.60 from a library grant from Jesse White's office.

Superintendent's Report:

Principal's Cabinet:

Dr. Machak met with the Principal's Cabinet on February 3, 2010. They discussed the following:

1. Summer Day - /February 26, 2010
2. Morning study hall – Morning study hall will begin on March 1st . There will be a maximum of 20 students per day.
3. Spirit Club – Mrs. Lockefer and Mrs. White will be the supervisors.
4. 8th grade class trip - the 8th grade will be going on a class trip on Thursday, May 20th followed by a Lock In. Friday, May 21 will be a non-attendance day for 8th grade.

The Board discussed ways to have financial planning for the 8th grade trip built in to curriculum for the 2010/2011 school year.

Township Curriculum:

The Superintendents and Curriculum Directors present at the last township curriculum meeting discussed the Explore Tests and how to utilize the results to enhance High School Curriculum for specific needs. The Curriculum Directors from the High School district plan to work with Middle School teachers from feeder schools to strengthen areas of weaknesses.

Jim Williams Visit:

Jim Williams will be at Emmons March 17, 18, and 19. He will meet with students, faculty and parents.

Township Board Dinner:

Dr. Van Pearl offered to host the Township Board Dinner.

Maintenance Issues:

One of the parking lot lights was hit and damaged by the school truck as the custodian was plowing snow. We are getting an estimate for replacing it.

ISAT Testing:

ISAT testing begins March 1, 2010.

Treasurer's/Business Office Report:

Mrs. Lawler shared the 5% tracking sheet.

Mrs. Lawler shared information regarding the OCE contract and the proposed cost of two new Kiyocera machines with the Board. The consensus was to have Mrs. Lawler move forward with the new company, contingent on the Board vote in March.

Mrs. Lawler shared the Budget Projection Summary with the Board.

SEDOL:

The next SEDOL board meeting is March 2, 2010, which will include their annual Grant-O-Rama.

Goals Reports:

Administrative Evaluation:

Nothing new to report.

Long Range Planning:

Met last Friday with the intent to specify goal. They discussed their objective, time frames, needs of the district and how to relate all of these to the District Goals.

Fiscal Accountability:

Mr. Jim Galante has joined the committee. The committee met last month and discussed the copier changes and the CPI.

Policy Update and District Mission:

The committee brought the Board policies for a first reading.

Academic Excellence:

Nothing new to report.

Communications:

Nothing new to report.

Facilities Management:

Nothing new to report.

District Operations and Procedures:

The committee is scheduled to meet March 10th.

Negotiations:

The committee will meet March 4, 2010.

Unfinished Business:

The Board held a second reading of policy updates 2:200, 2:250, 4:110, 4:150, 4:160, 5:10, 6:20, 6:50, 6:185, 7:10, 7:20, 7:180, and 8:70.

New Business:

Motion to approve the revision of the Board of Education Award as presented, but taking off the dollar amount by Michele Poss. Second by Jackie Zogran. Yes:7, No:0.

Motion to approve policy updates

Approval of policy updates: - motion: 2:200, 2:250, 4:110, 4:150, 4:160, 5:10, 6:20, 6:50, 6:185, 7:10, 7:20, 7:180, and 8:70 by Laurie Christophersen. Second by Michele Poss. Yes:7, No:0.

Motion to accept the resignation of Middle School Resource teacher, Jane Gorsline by Jackie Zogran. Second by Michele Poss. Yes: Zogran, Jordan, England, Reiser, Poss, Christophersen, and Huston. No:0.

The Board discussed the 2010/2011 school calendar.

Motion to move back to Closed Session by Jackie Zogran. Second by Michele Reiser. Yes: Jordan, England, Reiser, Poss, Christophersen, Huston, and Zogran.

The Board returned to Closed Session at 9:45pm.

The Board returned to Open Session at 11:30pm.

Motion to adjourn by

Michele Poss. Second by Eileen Huston. Yes:7, No:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carla Pratt
School Secretary

President

Date

Secretary