

Minutes of Regular Meeting

February 10, 2010

The Board of Education Summit Hill District 161

A Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Summit Hill District 161 was held February 10, 2010, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Administration Office Board Room.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Sean William Doyle at 7:01 P.M. The Secretary, Ken Balcerzak called roll. Members in attendance were: Mr. Doyle, Mr. Balcerzak, Mrs. Molinare, Mrs. Kenny, Mrs. Lenz, Mr. Macek, and Mrs. Murphy. Others in attendance were: Mr. Pain, Mr. Gerdes, Mrs. Rains, Building administrators, students, parents, and community members.

Freedom of Information Request

Mr. Pain discussed the recent FOIA request made by Mrs. Kenny and the Herald-News.

Approval of Consent of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Macek and seconded by Mr. Balcerzak that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda items: 4-A-2a, 4-A-2b, 4-A-3, 4-A-4. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Doyle aye, Mr. Balcerzak aye, Mrs. Molinare aye, Mrs. Kenny aye, Mrs. Lenz aye, Mr. Macek aye, Mrs. Murphy aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Macek and seconded by Mr. Balcerzak that the Board of Education approve the Closed Session Minutes of January 27, 2010 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Doyle aye, Mr. Balcerzak aye, Mrs. Molinare aye, Mrs. Kenny aye, Mrs. Lenz aye, Mr. Macek aye, Mrs. Murphy aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made by Mr. Macek and seconded by Mr. Balcerzak that the Board of Education approve the Regular Session Minutes of January 27, 2010 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Doyle aye, Mr. Balcerzak aye, Mrs. Molinare aye, Mrs. Kenny aye, Mrs. Lenz aye, Mr. Macek aye Mrs. Murphy aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Approval of the Bill List

A motion was made by Mr. Balcerzak and seconded by Mr. Macek that the Board of Education approve the Bill List of January 7, 2010 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Doyle aye, Mrs. Molinare aye, Mr. Balcerzak aye, Mrs. Kenny aye, Mrs. Lenz aye, Mr. Macek aye Mrs. Murphy aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Parent Handbook Items

Mr. Doyle and the Board discussed the proposed updated items for the Parent Handbook.

2010 IASB Conference Presentation

Mr. Doyle and the Board Members discussed the proposal that the Board would present at the annual IASB Conference.

Resignation of Staff

Mr. Pain presented a letter of resignation letter from Christine Olsen. Mr. Pain recommended that the Board accept Ms. Olsen's letter of resignation.

A motion was made by Mr. Macek and seconded by Mr. Balcerzak that the Board of Education accept the letter of resignation of Christine Olsen effective March 19, 2010. After a voice vote, the motion carried.

Employment of Staff

Mr. Pain stated that the Will County Regional Office of Education has temporarily stopped accepting applications for the countywide substitute teacher list on October 30, 2009. The District, however, would like to offer our student teachers the opportunity to substitute in our district by bringing candidates to the Board for approval into the teacher pool. At this time the District seeks to add Jennifer Battistoni to our substitute teacher pool.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lenz and seconded by Mr. Balcerzak that the Board employ Jennifer Battistoni as a substitute teacher on an as-needed basis. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Doyle aye, Mrs. Molinare aye, Mr. Balcerzak aye, Mrs. Kenny aye, Mrs. Lenz aye, Mr. Macek aye, Mrs. Murphy aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Approval to Sign Utility Contracts

Mr. Gerdes stated that Vanguard Energy, the company that provides electricity and natural gas to Summit Hill School District, has recommended Summit Hill extend the electrical contract for two years because of currently attractive rates for electricity. The rates for electricity have fallen during the recession. The current contract expires in December, 2010.

A motion was made by Mr. Balcerzak and seconded by Macek that the Board of Education grant the Director of Finance authority to sign contracts on behalf of Summit Hill School District #161 for electricity and natural gas as needed during the 2010 and 2011 fiscal years. After a voice vote, the motion carried.

Permission for the Superintendent to Engage in Limited University(Summer) Teaching.

Mr. Pain requested that the Board authorize the superintendent to teach a graduate level Educational Research class this summer.

A motion was made by Mr. Macek and seconded by Mr. Balcerzak that the Board of Education allow the Superintendent to engage in limited university teaching for the Summer Session 2010. After a voice vote, the motion carried.

District Summer School

Mr. Pain discussed the potential for a summer school once again this year that is enrichment and athletically based and that is self-supporting. A discussion followed and the Board agreed to offer summer school once again.

Approval for Summit Hill Junior High School Eight Grade Washington Trip

Mr. Pain stated that once again the district would like to offer the Grade 8 Washington D. C. field trip from Friday, February 26, 2010 until Sunday, February 28, 2010. (Casimir Pulaski Day is on Monday, March 1, 2010). Mr. Pain recommended that the Board of Education approve this Washington D. C. trip.

A motion was made by Mr. Balcerzak and seconded by Mr. Macek that the Board of Education approve the Washington D.C. trip for our grade 8 students who elect to attend and which occurs from February 26, 2010-February 28, 2010.

President's Comments

Mr. Doyle congratulated the Park District on the receipt of the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant. This will allow for the development of the Lighthouse Pointe Park, located in the Lighthouse Pointe subdivision in Frankfort

Enrollment Report

Mr. Pain stated that there are currently 3,690 students enrolled in the Summit Hill School District schools.

State Financial Profile Designation for 2008 – 2009

Mr. Pain discussed the new State Financial Profile Designation for 2008 – 2009.

Kindergarten Registration

Mrs. Rains discussed to the Board the online registration procedure.

NWEA Report

Mrs. Schiro explained to the Board how the NWEA results will be shared with the parents.

Grade 8 EXPLORE Test Results

Mr. Pain presented information regarding the EXPLORE test that were given to students in eighth grade recently.

Family Run for Fun

Mrs. Dusek presented information on Family Run for Fun that the Wellness Committee will be sponsoring on May 8, 2010.

District 843 Meeting Report

Mr. Pain recommended that Mrs. Molinare approve the new proposed bylaws regarding district withdrawals from the cooperative.

Adjournment of Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mrs. Lenz and seconded by Mr. Balcerzak that the Board of Education adjourn the regular meeting of the Board. After a voice vote, the motion carried. The time was 8:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Miller
Standing Secretary to the Superintendent

President

Secretary