

Board of Education
Regular Meeting
January 16, 2008

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 100 was held Wednesday, January 16, 2008 in the office of the Board of Education. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M. by John Copley, President. Other members present were: Greg Brown, Angie Cory, Pete Hatfill, Bob Norman, and Paul Rogers. Also in attendance were Colleen Legge, Superintendent; Ruth Eschbach, Director of Programs; and Ken Schell, District Administrator.

A motion was made by Norman, seconded by Brown to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of student issues and personnel. Motion carried. The Board, along with Ms. Legge, Mrs. Eschbach, and Mr. Schell adjourned to closed session at 6:02 P.M.

Mrs. Droste arrived at 6:12 P.M.

Mrs. Eschbach left at 6:22 P.M.

Mr. Schell left at 6:25 P.M.

The Board returned to open session at 7:30 P.M. A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Droste to reconvene the regular session. Motion carried.

Also in attendance for the regular meeting were: Tammy Steckel, Director of Business Affairs; Keith Norman, Director of Technology; also, Jill Boomer, Jersey County Star; Jong Cambron, Jersey County Journal; Laura Griffith, The Telegraph; Michelle Brown, Michelle Bidlack, Mary Schell, Rose DeCoursey, Cynthia Barnhart, Denise Kallal, Alan Churchman, and Lisa Schuenke, principals; Chris Skinner, Kim Wackerly, Judy Fritz, Cindy Russell, District Employees; Jo Test, Julie Pohlman, JaCinda Jones, and numerous parents and students.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Illinois State Scholars and parents were introduced and recognized for their outstanding work accomplished to receive such an award.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Droste, seconded by Norman to approve the agenda as presented with an addendum to personnel. Motion carried.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Hatfill that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 19 be approved as recorded. Motion carried.

BILLS

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Droste that the bills be approved for payment as presented and orders drawn. On roll call, Brown, yes; Cory, yes; Droste, yes; Hatfill, yes; Norman, yes; Rogers, yes; Copley, yes. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Ms. Legge reviewed the personnel recommendations. Following discussion, a motion was made by Rogers, seconded by Droste to approve the following personnel recommendations:

- Approve the employment of Pat Coyle to fill the position of teaching one hour of English at JCHS and working an additional three hours per day in the truant alternative program for the second semester for the 2007-08 school year. This position is funded through the Truants' Alternative and Optional Education Program Grant and has been approved for three years. Although this is a three year grant – it is necessary to wait to see if funding is available for the next two years of the grant. This is a one semester position each year.
- Approve the resignation of Becky Hughes as custodian at the unit office effective January 7, 2008.

Informational Item

Gary Carter will serve as volunteer assistant for JCHS boys track team.

On roll call, Brown, yes; Cory, yes; Droste, yes; Hatfill, yes; Norman, yes; Rogers, yes; Copley, yes. Motion carried.

PURCHASES/CONTRACTS

None at this meeting.

SENIORITY LISTS

Following review of the Certified, Classified, and other Staff Seniority Lists, a motion was made by Brown, seconded by Droste to accept said lists as presented. Motion carried.

INVESTMENTS/LOANS/TRANSFERS

Each year interest earned through the Working Cash Fund Investments from the prior fiscal year is transferred into another Fund before the end of the current fiscal year. A motion was made by Norman, seconded by Rogers to transfer \$59,390.13 from the

Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund. On roll call, Brown, yes; Cory, yes; Droste, yes; Hatfill, yes; Norman, yes; Rogers, yes; Copley, yes. Motion carried.

FUND RAISER REQUESTS

A motion was made by Hatfill, seconded by Rogers to approve the following fund raiser requests:

- Request of Marsha Lott on behalf of the American Red Cross inviting elementary classes to participate in the annual "Penny War".
- Request of Jill Lamer to participate in the St. Jude's Math-a-thon late February or early March. All proceeds will be donated to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.
- Request of Erica Smith and the class of 2009 to sell and distribute Valentine-O-Grams for \$1.00 each.
- Request of Sandy Hefner and Bob Siemer asking permission for the senior class to sell candy items using proceeds to assist with the expense of colored senior pictures in the yearbook.
- Request of the JCHS football team to hold a co-ed dodge ball tournament on tentative date of February 23, 2008.

On roll call, Brown, yes; Cory, yes; Droste, yes; Hatfill, yes; Norman, yes; Rogers, yes; Copley, yes. Motion carried.

USE OF DISTRICT FACILITIES

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Droste to approve the following requests:

- Request of the Jerseyville Police Department to use the facilities at JCHS to hold the annual D.A.R.E. "Guns and Hoses" basketball game on March 9, 2008.
- Request of First Assembly to use the facilities at Illini Middle School to hold a pine wood derby on February 16, 2008.

Motion carried.

ELEMENTARY READING TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

A motion was made by Cory, seconded by Hatfill to approve the recommendation of Michelle Brown and the Literacy Committee to adopt the McGraw-Hill Reading series for kindergarten through sixth grade. Textbooks will be purchased using funds from the Illinois Textbook Loan program and the ADA Block Grant. Additional materials will be purchased the following year using ADA Block Grant funds. On roll call, Brown, yes; Cory, yes; Droste, yes; Hatfill, yes; Norman, yes; Rogers, yes; Copley, yes. Motion carried.

STUDENT TRANSFER

A motion was made by Hatfill, seconded by Droste to approve an administrative transfer of Student G from Jersey Community High School to the Safe School Program effective for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year. On roll call, Brown, yes; Cory, yes; Droste, yes; Hatfill, yes; Norman, yes; Rogers, yes; Copley, yes. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES, DISTRICT PSYCHOLOGIST SALARY AND AD STIPEND

Ms. Legge stated the overall salary increase of Administrators and District Psychologist for the 2007-08 school year compared to the 2006-07 school year was a 1% increase. A motion was made by Droste, seconded by Hatfill to approve the administrative salaries, district psychologist salary, and AD stipend to be implemented as presented. On roll call, Brown, yes; Cory, yes; Droste, yes; Hatfill, yes; Norman, yes; Rogers, yes; Copley, yes. Motion carried.

MENTORING REQUEST

Illinois law requires that all new principals participate in a one year mentoring program. After discussion a motion was made by Norman, seconded by Rogers to approve the agreement between the Board of Education of Jersey CUSD No. 100, the Regional Office of Education No. 40, and the Illinois Principals Association as the State of Illinois mentoring program manager. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The regular monthly finance reports, namely Treasurer's Report, Revenue & Expenditure Report, Utility Report, Utility Comparison Report, PMA Activity Statement, Investment Summary Report, Interest Revenue Report, and the Activity Fund Report were received, discussed and placed on file.

JCHS graduation is scheduled for 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, May 18, 2008 at JCHS.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Christian Viola, student, passed away unexpectedly January 7, 2008.
- There was no school at Grafton Elementary on January 8, 2008 resulting from a delivery truck hitting a gas pipe.
- JCHS students' grade point averages and class rank are not available on Family Access at this time. Keith Norman is working with Skyward to make the necessary adjustments to personalize the needs of the JCHS grading system before posting this information.
- Finance Committee – Bob Norman is asking for a preliminary meeting to be held Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 3:00 P.M. including Ms. Legge, Mrs. Steckel, Mr. Copley, and himself.
- Facilities Committee – Greg Brown reported the committee is waiting on a date from the architect before scheduling a meeting.

- Board Policy Committee – The committee consists of John Copley, Sherry Droste, Angie Cory, and Colleen Legge. The committee will schedule a meeting within the next couple of weeks.
- Strategic Planning – Ms. Legge reported the Illinois School Board Association will be making a presentation at the February Board Meeting regarding School Improvement Training and the role of the board. She is recommending the Board wait until after the training to look at strategic planning.

A motion was made by Hatfill, seconded by Norman to adjourn. The regular meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M. January 16, 2008.