

Board of Education
Regular Meeting
October 17, 2007

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 100 was held Wednesday, October 17, 2007 in the office of the Board of Education. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 P.M. by John Copley, President. Other members present were Greg Brown, Angie Cory, Pete Hatfill, and Paul Rogers. Also in attendance were Colleen Legge, Superintendent; Ruth Eschbach, Director of Programs, and Ken Schell, District Administrator, and Tammy Steckel, Director of Business Affairs.

A motion was made by Rogers, seconded by Hatfill to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of personnel and collective bargaining. The Board along with Ms. Legge, Mrs. Eschbach, and Mr. Schell, and Mrs. Steckel adjourned to closed session at 6:15 P.M.

Pete Hatfill left the meeting at 6:40 P.M.

The Board returned from closed session at 7:07 P.M. A motion was made by Rogers, seconded by Brown to reconvene the open session. Motion carried.

Also in attendance during open session were: Tracy Howard, Special Education Coordinator; Keith Norman, Director of Technology; Jill Boomer, The Jersey County Star; Jong Cambron, Jersey County Journal; Michelle Brown, Michelle Bidlack, Mary Schell, Rose DeCoursey; Denise Kallal, Alan Churchman, and Lisa Schuenke, Principals; also numerous district staff employees and community citizens.

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Hatfill to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Rogers, seconded by Brown that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 19, 2007 be approved as recorded. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Connie Springman, Jobs for Illinois Graduates Career Specialist, presented a presentation on the history and three phases of the JILG program.

Ronald Root, parent of Dow Elementary, stated he loved the school and thought Dow Elementary has excellent teachers. Mr. Root was concerned why the Dow PTO has to pay for the copier instead of the school. Mr. Copley asked him to talk to him after the meeting.

BILLS

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

PERSONNEL

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

Employments/ Assignments

- Approve the assignment of Sara Thompson as student council sponsor at Illini Middle School effective 2007-08 school year.
- Approve the assignment of Larry Foster as JCHS intramural coach effective the 2007-08 school year.
- Approve the assignment of B.J. Symes as JCHS intramural coach effective the 2007-08 school year.
- Approve the employment of Carol Hyde as temporary bus rider effective October 17, 2007.
- Approve the employment of John P. Gibson as temporary bus driver effective October 17, 2007.

Resignations/Leaves

- Approval of Julie Elliott-Alexander's maternity leave of absence on or about November 2, 2007 returning January 7, 2008.
- Approval of Amy Gray's maternity leave of absence on or about January 26, 2008 for approximately eight weeks.
- Approval of Amy Gray's resignation as Dow's boys basketball coach effective the 2007-08 season.
- Approval of Dan Diamond's resignation as Illini White's 6th grade boys basketball coach effective the 2007-08 season.

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

INVESTMENTS/LOANS/TRANSFERS

None

PURCHASES/ CONTRACTS

Mr. Schell reviewed proposals for snow and ice removal for the facilities of JCHS, Illini Middle School, East, West, Delhi, Dow, Fieldon, Bus Garage, and the Unit Office. Dean Long submitted the lowest proposal with price of services including all plows \$60 per hour; backhoes \$65 per hour; snow scoop \$125 per hour; and salt \$12.50 per 50 lb. bag.

A motion was made by Rogers, seconded by Brown to approve the recommendation of Mr. Schell accepting lowest bid from Dean Long for snow and ice removal. On roll call Brown, yes; Cory, yes; Hatfill, yes; Rogers, yes, Copley, yes. Motion carried.

TRIP REQUEST

A motion was made by Rogers, seconded by Cory to approve the request of Mrs. Diamond to allow the Illini Middle School cheerleading squad to compete in the IESA state competition in Peoria on November 16 & 17, 2007. Motion carried.

FUNDRAISING REQUESTS

A motion was made by Cory, seconded by Hatfill to approve the following fundraiser requests:

- Request of Jim Featherstone and Melanie Fessler for the scholastic bowl members to hold its annual catalog gift sales with Kleinhenn Company October 25 through November 6, 2007.
- Request of Connie Springman for the students participating in the JILG program to sell candles October 29 through November 21.
- Request of Kevin Robertson, teacher at Fieldon Elementary, to hold the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Math-A-thon November 5 through November 30 with all proceeds to be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.
- Request of Grafton PTO to hold a fundraiser through Kathryn Beich in October/November 2007, pizza fundraiser in January 2008, and a Spell-A-Thon in March 2008.
- Request of East PTO to sell items from Club Choice Foods during November, and make and sell food coupon books from Sinclair Grocery.

Motion carried.

USE OF DISTRICT FACILITIES

A motion was made by Hatfill, seconded by Brown to approve the following use of district facilities requests:

- Request of Jersey Junior Panthers Wrestling club to use the multi purpose room at JCHS for practice November 1, 2007 through approximately March 1, 2008; to use the main gym at JCHS for a youth wrestling tournament; and to run a 50/50 drawing at the varsity wrestling tournament held at JCHS December 8, 2007 and the JV wrestling tournament held January 5, 2008.
- Request of the Sheila Holm, Assistant CEO of the Girl Scouts of River Bluffs Council, to hold Brownie and Girls Scout meetings in various elementary buildings.
- Request of Tom Turpin, District Director of Trails West Council Boy Scout, to hold Boy Scout meetings at Grafton Elementary.

Motion carried.

NOVEMBER MEETING DATE

After discussion, the Board decided to keep the November Board meeting on the regular scheduled date of November 21, 2007.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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

Mr. Schell presented an updated set of procedures and guidelines for the use of district facilities. This procedure includes a general overview, clarification, and rules pertaining to facility usage or rent, a waiver form, an application and fees. These procedures are to be used by any individual or group for non-school sponsored activities.

Mr. Schell advised the Board that Dow Elementary and Fieldon Elementary are due this year for a mandatory 10 year Health/Life & Safety survey. Design Architects, Inc. will inspect and prepare the survey, including preparation of an amendment for approval by the Regional Superintendent and Illinois State Board of Education.

Mrs. Brown presented an overview of the District Report Card comparing district averages to state figures, reported on student academic performance statistics and district AYP, and also highlighted the school building report cards.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Legge reported on the following:

- Updated the Board on the payment of the installation of grass waterway and the block chute on the farm ground explaining 90% being paid by the Soil & Water Conservation Department and 10% covered by the district.
- Informed the Board that all schools are required to have a moment of silent prayer or reflection at the beginning of the school day.

- Announced she will be writing a monthly article in the Jersey County Star and the Jersey County Journal.

A motion was made by Rogers, seconded by Brown to adjourn. Motion carried. The regular meeting of October 17, 2007 adjourned at 8:36 P.M.