

Board of Education
Regular Meeting
February 20, 2008

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 100 was held Wednesday, February 20, 2008 in the office of the Board of Education. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 P.M. by John Copley, President. Other members present were Greg Brown, Angie Cory, Pete Hatfill, and Bob Norman. Also in attendance were Colleen Legge, Superintendent and Ruth Eschbach, Director of Programs.

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Hatfill to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of personnel, pending litigation against the district, and student discipline. Motion carried. The Board, along with Ms. Legge and Mrs. Eschbach adjourned to closed session at 5:36 P.M. (Session #1)

Mrs. Eschbach departed at 5:50 P.M.

Mr. Schell entered at 6:15 and departed at 6:37 P.M.

Mr. Rogers entered at 6:55 P.M.

The Board returned from closed session at 7:00 P.M. A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Hatfill to reconvene open 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, The Jersey County Star; Laura Griffith, The Telegraph; Deb Larson, Representative from IASA; Michelle Brown, Michelle Bidlack, Mary Schell, Rose DeCoursey, Denise Kallal, Alan Churchman, and Lisa Schuenke, Principals; Chris Skinner, Kim Wackerly, Bob Siemer, Judy Fritz, Cindy Russell, Cliff Kaminsky, LuAnne Taul, Vicki Bone, Gary Carter, Freddy Hatfill, district employees; JaCinda Jones, JCHS students participating in the IMEA and their parents.

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 Hatfill to amend the minutes of the regular meeting January 16 stating Mr. Pat Coyle be employed for second semester only for the 2007-08 school year 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; also approve the minutes of the special meeting of January 24, 2008. On roll call, Brown, yes; Cory, yes; Hatfill, yes; Norman, yes; Rogers, yes; Norman, yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

None at this meeting

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

1. Students from JCHS who participated in the Illinois Music Education Association (IMEA) competition were recognized for their outstanding musical talent and achievements. After completing auditions in October, twenty-two students were named IMEA District and nine were named IMEA All State.
2. Based on the improvement of ISAT test scores from 2005 – 2007, East Elementary received recognition for receiving the Spotlight School Award, 2007 Illinois Honor Roll School award; and Illini Middle School was recognized for receiving the Academic Improvement Award, 2007 Illinois Honor Roll School award.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

BILLS

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

PERSONNEL

Ms. Legge reviewed the personnel recommendations. A motion was made by Hatfill, seconded by Norman to approve the following personnel:

- Employ Roger Kirby as 7th grade football coach for the 2008-09 school year.
- Employ Scott Burney as boys assistant soccer coach at JCHS for the 2008-09 school year.
- Employ Gary Herron as boys assistant football at JCHS for the 2008-09 school year.
- Approve the resignation of Erica Smith as JCHS cheer coach at the end of the 2007-08 season.
- Approve the resignation of Ron Norris, custodian at Grafton Elementary, effective February 14, 2008.
- Approve the retirement of Sandra Bell, cook at Dow Elementary, effective March 31, 2008.

Informational Item

Randy Dilks will assist as a volunteer coach for JCHS girls softball team for the 2008 season.

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

PURCHASES/CONTRACTS

None at this meeting.

INVESTMENTS/LOANS/TRANSFERS

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Rogers to approve Investment Approval Request No. 2 completed by School Treasurer:

Investment #1

Invested on February 11, 2008 with Jerseyville Banking Center in CD #10007354 at 2.75% interest for a period of 30 days with maturity March 12, 2008.

Education	\$600,000
Operations & Maintenance	\$210,000
Transportation	\$100,000
IMRF	\$40,000
Social Security	\$50,000
Fire Prevention	<u>\$50,000</u>
Total	\$1,050,000

Investment #2

Invested on February 11, 2008 with Jerseyville Banking Center in CD #10007355 at 2.75% interest for a period of 60 days with maturity April 11, 2008.

Operations & Maintenance	\$1,140,000
Transportation	\$400,000
IMRF	\$300,000
Social Security	\$350,000
Fire Prevention	\$530,000
Working Cash	\$1,222,500
Bond & Interest	<u>\$57,500</u>
Total Invested	\$4,000,000

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

FUND RAISING

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

- Request of Mrs. Bone, Mrs. Brunaugh, and the Class of 2011 to sell items from the Greenraising organization March 10 through March 20, 2008.
- Request of JCHS Football team to hold a Trivia Night on April 11, 2008 at the

Jerseyville Knights of Columbus Hall.

- Request of Patty Heineman, teacher at Illini Middle School, to hold a fund raiser using proceeds to assist with the expenses to attend the Special Olympics 2007 in Quincy, Illinois.
- Request of West Elementary to participate in the Pizza Hut Fund Raiser Night in February, sell food items from Club Choice Foods in March, and sell coupon books from Sinclair Foods using proceeds to purchase new playground equipment.
- Request of Dow Elementary to sell butter braids from the Show-Me-Dough company.

Motion carried.

USE OF FACILITIES

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

- Request of Bob Middleton, on behalf of Rockford College, to use the facilities at Illini Middle School the week of July 7 -11, 2008 and during the first and second semester of the 2008-09 school year.
- Request of Marie Mangrum, Girl Scout leader, to place collection barrels in each school for a food drive collection.
- Request of West Central Illinois Criminal Justice Council to use the facilities at JCHS for training session on July 30, 2008.

Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mrs. Steckel reviewed the regular finance reports, namely, Treasurer's Report, Revenue and Expenditure Report, Interest Revenue Report, Investment Summary, PMA Activity Statement, Activity Fund Report, and Utility Report. Reports were received, discussed and placed on file.

Freedom of Information Requests – None at this meeting

The Board Policy committee met January 30 and February 11 to review the latest policy update recommendations from the Illinois Association of School Board Policy update service. The policies listed below were considered for the first reading of changes. These policies will be placed on the March agenda as an item for action.

- 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
- 4:10 Fiscal and Business Management
- 4:60 Purchases and Contracts
- 4:110 Transportation
- 5:10 General Personnel –Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment

- 5:290 Educational Support Personnel – Employment Termination and Suspensions
- 6:60 Curriculum Content
- 6:320 High School Credit for Proficiency
- 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited
- 7:180 Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 7:220 Bus Conduct
- 8:20 Community Use of School Facilities

Deb Larson, representative from the Illinois Association of School Boards, was present to report on the Targeting Achievement Through Governance Program. This program is a grant-funded program to provide services to school boards in districts with schools not making adequate yearly progress for two consecutive years. This training is provided at no cost to the district.

Mrs. Bidlack presented the Kindergarten pre-registration report showing 140 students have pre-registered for Kindergarten for the 2008-09 school year. Mrs. Bidlack indicated this number will continue to increase between pre-registration and sixth day enrollment as it has in previous years.

Mrs. Schell presented the procedures which will be put in place at the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year for promoting and retaining students in the elementary buildings. Mr. Churchman also presented the promotion and retention procedures which will be put in place at the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year for students at Illini Middle School. Both elementary and middle school procedures are designed to track students failing, to get parents involved in the process, to improve the student's attendance and most importantly - to assist students in successfully completing the school year so that they can be promoted to the next grade.

Mr. Schell reviewed the three categories of hazardous weather considered when determining the safety of the students and whether school will be open or closed. In addition to early dismissal, or calling off school, Mr. Schell would like to implement the delayed start of school for the 2008-2009 school year at times when weather is uncertain at 5:30 A.M. In this case, school would begin at 10:00 A.M. instead of the usual 8:30 starting time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Legge reported on the following:

- The Third Quarter Round Table meeting with the union has been tentatively scheduled for March 10 at 5:30 P.M.
- The Dress Code Committee met February 13, 2008. Twenty-two people attended including 4 students and agreed the dress code needs to be reviewed and the code needs to be enforced. Any changes in the dress code for the 2008-09 school year will be made in time for the printing of the student/parent handbook.
- The Finance Committee plans to schedule a meeting within the first two weeks of

March.

- The Insurance Committee met February 20 consisting of teachers and administrators and plans to meet again in March.
- The Policy Committee plans to meet again March 3 and have additional policies ready for the March meeting as the first reading.
- The Facilities Committee met with the Architect February 19 at Illini Middle School to inspect the entry way. Plans are to amend the Health Life Safety survey to make necessary repairs to the metal doors. This year the ten year Health Life Safety survey will be conducted at Dow Elementary and Fieldon Elementary. Mr. Schell stated all the work on the previous Health Life Safety survey has been completed.

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Rogers to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of personnel. Motion carried. The Board, along with Ms. Legge and Mr. Schell adjourned to closed session at 9:00 P.M. (Session #2)

The Board returned to open session at 9:25 P.M. A motion was made by Hatfill, seconded by Brown to reconvene the open session. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Hatfill to adjourn. The regular meeting of February 20, 2008 adjourned at 9:25 P.M.