

Board of Education
Regular Meeting
November 18, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 100 was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 in the office of the Board of Education. The meeting was called to order at 5:05 P.M. by Greg Brown, President. Other members present were Cindy Cannon, Angie Cory, Pete Hatfill, Julie Pohlman, and Ed Test. Also in attendance were James Whiteside, Interim Superintendent; Ken Schell, District Administrator; Cory Breden, Principal; and Kim Wackerly, Assistant Principal.

A motion was made by Hatfill, seconded by Cannon to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of student disciplinary cases; the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; and collective negotiating matters. On roll call, Brown, yes; Cannon, yes; Cory, yes; Hatfill, yes; Pohlman, yes; Test, yes. Motion carried. The Board, along with Mr. Whiteside and Mr. Schell adjourned to closed session at 5:05 P.M. (Session #1)

Mr. Breden and Mrs. Wackerly entered closed session at 5:07 P.M.

Mr. Breden, Mrs. Wackerly and Mr. Schell left the meeting at 5:33 P.M.

Mr. Schell re-entered the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Betty Nairn arrived at 6:08 P.M.

Mrs. Schuenke, Mr. Skinner, and Lieutenant Kirby entered closed session at 6:10 P.M.

Mrs. Schuenke, Mr. Skinner, and Lieutenant Kirby left closed session at 6:20 P.M.

Mr. Schell re-entered the meeting at 6:31 P.M.

The Board returned from closed session at 6:42 P.M. A motion was made by Hatfill, seconded by Test to reconvene the open meeting. On roll call, Cannon, yes; Cory, yes; Hatfill, yes; Nairn, yes; Pohlman, yes; Test, yes; Brown, yes. Motion carried.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:00 P.M. Those in attendance were Alan Churchman, Curriculum Director; Tracy Howard, Director of Special Education; Tammy Steckel, Director of Business Affairs; Keith Norman, Director of Technology; also, Jong Cambron, Jersey County Journal; Michelle Brown, Michelle Bidlack, Mary Schell, Rose DeCoursey, Cynthia Barnhart, Denise Kallal, and Lisa Schuenke, Principals; also, Kim Wackerly, Fudy Fritz, Cindy Russell, Vicki Bone, District Employees; Julie Goheen, John Hefner, Nikki Baddela, Alan Gilmore, Dee Dee Roth, Steve Pegram and Jacinda Jones.

A motion was made by Cannon, seconded by Hatfill to approve the agenda as presented. On roll call, Cory, yes; Hatfill, yes; Nairn, yes; Pohlman, yes; Test, yes; Brown, yes; Cannon, yes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Pohlman, seconded by Cory that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 21, 2009 be approved as presented. On roll call, Hatfill, yes; Nairn, yes; Pohlman, yes; Test, yes; Brown, yes; Cannon, yes; Cory, yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from Illinois Retired Teacher Foundation Association announcing a \$175 grant was awarded to JCHS written by Melanie Fessler.
2. Letter from the Teacher Retirement System thanking the district for the use of JCHS for a TRS Meeting.
3. Cindy Russell and Nikki Baddela spoke of concerns closing any or all elementary buildings.

BILLS

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

PERSONNEL

Mr. Whiteside reviewed personnel recommendations. A motion was made by Cannon, seconded by Hatfill to approve the following personnel:

- Approve the employment Carrie Moore as tutor at Illini Middle School
- Approve the employments of Lisa Kolkmeier and Maureen Shortal-Rench as tutors at JCHS.
- Approve the resignation of Dan Diamond as 8th grade football coach at Illini Middle School effective immediately.
- Approve the resignation of Kimberly Scoggins as 5th & 6th grade girls and boys basketball coach at Fieldon elementary effective immediately.

Informational Items

- Katie Green will volunteer as the 5/6 grade cheerleading sponsor for Dow Elementary.
- Joey Ontis will be providing part-time custodial help at Illini through the Department of Rehabilitative Services Program – 30 hours per week at no cost to the district.

On roll call, Pohlman, yes; Test, yes; Brown, yes; Cannon, yes; Cory, yes; Hatfill, yes; Nairn, yes. Motion carried.

INVESTMENTS

None at this meeting.

PURCHASES/CONTRACTS

Mrs. Steckel reviewed Bid No. 2009-22 for Spring Sports Supplies & Equipment. Following discussion a motion was made by Pohlman, seconded by Nairn to purchase spring sports supplies and equipment from the following vendors based upon low bids as per specifications amounting to \$2,158.11.

BSN Sports	\$161.37
Curt Smith Sporting Goods	882.25

Johnny Mac Sporting Goods	372.20
Medford Bicycle & Sporting Goods	<u>742.29</u>
Total	\$2,158.11

On roll call, Test, yes; Brown, yes; Cannon, yes; Cory, yes; Hatfill, yes; Nairn, yes; Pohlman, yes. Motion carried.

TAX LEVY RESOLUTION

Tammy Steckel presented information on the 2009 tax levy.

After discussion, a motion was made by Test, seconded by Hatfill to adopt the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 100, Jersey & Greene Counties, Illinois pursuant to the Truth in Taxation Act is required to determine the amount of money, exclusive of debt service, public building commission leases, and election costs, estimated to be necessary to be raised by taxation for the year 2009 and to give notice of and hold a public hearing if it is the Board's intention to adopt an aggregate levy in an amount which is more than 105 percent of the extension, exclusive of such costs, plus any amount abated before extension for the year 2008.

NOW THEREFORE, Be it Resolved by the Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 100, Jersey & Greene Counties, Illinois as follows:

- Section 1: That the Board hereby determines that the proposed aggregate levy, exclusive of debt service, public building commission leases and election costs, estimated to be necessary to be raised by taxation for the 2009 upon the taxable property in the district is \$9,665,950.
- Section 2: That the amount of property taxes exclusive of debt service, public building commission leases and election costs, extended on behalf of the District, plus any amount abated before extension for the year 2008 was \$9,143,418.
- Section 3: That the foregoing proposed estimated aggregate levy for the year 2009 represents an increase of 5.7 percent over the foregoing taxes extended or abated for the year 2008.
- Section 4: That the secretary of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to publish or cause to be published a notice of public hearing, substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto, in accordance with the Truth and Taxation Act.
- Section 5: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 18th day of November 2009.

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 100, JERSEY & GREENE COUTIES
STATE OF ILLINOIS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

BY: _____
President

ATTEST:

Secretary

On roll call, Brown, yes; Cannon, yes; Cory, yes; Hatfill, yes; Nairn, yes; Pohlman, yes; Test, yes. Motion carried.

FUND RAISING REQUEST

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

- Request of Grafton Elementary Smart Board Committee to host a concession stand and to sell 50/50 tickets at the Christmas Program on December 7, 2009 using proceeds to purchase Smart Boards for Grafton Elementary.
- Request of JCHS Poms to hold two dance fund raisers at Illini Middle School on December 11, 2009 and January 29, 2010 for Illini students only using proceeds to go towards uniforms, clinics, competitions and approved trips.

On roll call, Cannon, yes; Cory, yes; Hatfill, yes; Nairn, yes; Pohlman, yes; Test, yes; Brown, yes. Motion carried.

USE OF FACILITIES

A motion was made by Cory, seconded by Cannon to approve the request from the Relay For Life Committee to use the high school to hold the annual Relay For Life scheduled for June 5 – June 6, 2010 contingent upon providing a certificate of insurance. On roll call, Cory, yes; Hatfill, yes; Nairn, yes; Pohlman, yes; Test, yes; Brown, yes; Cannon, yes. Motion carried.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

A motion was made by Nairn, seconded by Test to approve the discipline report as follows:

- Student A – approve the transfer to the Safe School effective October 21, 2009.
- Student B – approve the transfer to the Safe School effective October 21, 2009.
- To expel Student C discussed in closed session effective November 19, 2009 for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year school year with the expulsion held in abeyance pending attendance and successful completion of the Regional Safe School. The expulsion will go into effect immediately if the student ceases to be enrolled in the Safe School.
- To expel Student D effective November 19, 2009 for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year.

On roll call, Hatfill, yes; Nairn, yes; Pohlman, yes; Test, yes; Brown, yes; Cannon, yes; Cory, yes. Motion carried.

JERSEY COUNTY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION REQUEST

Alan Gilmore, JCBA CEO, reviewed the tax abatement request made by the JCBA on behalf of Colliers International. After discussion, decision was reached to table until the December meeting.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUEST

A motion was made by Hatfill, seconded by Test to approve the request of East Elementary to participate in the Red Cross American Heroes Program. The school is planning to do this in conjunction with the school's Student Character Council. On roll call, Pohlman, yes; Test, yes; Brown, yes; Cannon, yes; Cory, yes; Hatfill, yes; Nairn, yes. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Finance Reports

Mrs. Steckel presented the regular monthly finance reports, namely, the Treasurer's Report, Revenue and Expenditure Report, Interest & Revenue Report, PMA Activity Statement; Interest Revenue Report, Utility and Utility Comparison Report and the Activity Fund Report. Reports were received, discussed and placed on file.

Title II-D, Enhancing Education through Technology Grant

Mr. Whiteside announced the District has been awarded a \$225,000 grant through Title II-D, Enhancing Education Through Technology. The grant was written by Keith Norman, Tracy Rowling, and Melanie Fessler.

District Report Card Overview

Mr. Churchman presented an overview of the 2009 District Report Card comparing district averages to state figures.

District Building Audits

Mr. Schell reviewed the district building audits showing different scenarios of closing or combining some of the elementary schools. Mr. Schell explained the class sizes and utility savings of each scenario.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Whiteside reported on the following:

- Technology Help Desk Report
- Amber Blackorby donation of \$3,984 to the autism class
- Good News
- Ryan Todd, Cross Country

Discussion was held regarding the 77 acres of farm land owned by the district whether to bid it out again and for the number of years. Decision was reached to table till the December meeting for an action item.

A motion was made by Pohlman, seconded by Test to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. The Board, along with Mr. Whiteside, Mr. Schell, Mr. Churchman, and Mrs. Steckel adjourned to closed session at 9:33 P.M. Motion carried. (Session #2)

The Board returned at 9:43 P.M. A motion was made by Hatfill, seconded by Test to reconvene the open session. On roll call, Test, yes; Brown, yes; Cannon, yes; Cory, yes; Hatfill, yes; Nairn, yes; Pohlman, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Test, seconded by Hatfill to adjourn. On roll call, Brown, yes; Cannon, yes; Cory, yes; Hatfill, yes; Nairn, yes; Pohlman, yes; Test, yes. Motion carried. The regular meeting of November 18, 2009 adjourned at 9:43 P.M.