

January 25, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of District #154 was held at the high school on January 25, 2010.

President Henning called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Dujmovich, Torman, Henning, Volkening, Fischer, Darlington, and Trader.

Absent:

Administration: Bertrand, Amendt, Secretary Baser

Guests: None

Press: None

Moved by Dujmovich and seconded by Volkening to approve the following consent agenda items: the minutes of the regular meeting of December 14, 2009; to pay the financial obligations of the District as presented; the December treasurer's report; to accept the Kooi and Pingel Educational Loan Trust Summary Reports of December 31, 2009; the 2009-10 Certified Staff Seniority List as presented; the 2009-10 Extra Support Personnel seniority list as presented; to authorize Superintendent Bertrand to begin preparing the 2010-11 school year budget; the Economic Interest Letter to be signed by the Board of Education Secretary consisting of the names of individuals subject to filing an economic interest statement with the county Clerk's office; to appoint Superintendent Dan Bertrand as the privacy officer for the health insurance portability and accountability act of 1996 (HIPAA) responsible for ensuring that privacy policies and procedures are maintained and followed and approval of the Privacy Officer Job Descriptions as presented; the HOSA students for an overnight field trip to the State Leadership Conference in Decatur on March 17-19, 2010; for FFA students for an overnight trip to attend the "Made for Excellence Leadership Conference" in Schaumburg on January 29-30, 2010; the proposed Math Specialist job description; the Quarterly Report of Pupils No Longer Enrolled in school; and the first reading of the proposed changes and additions to the Board policies. Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Julie Amendt, Director of Special Education, presented to the Board information regarding implementing a Mentally Disabled program at MCHS and moving our students from the SEDOM program to the high school. This move would result in significant savings to the district. Additionally money from the ARRA IDEA grant could be used to offset the initial start up costs.

Moved by Fischer and seconded by Darlington to approve implementing a mentally disabled special education program at MCHS beginning with the 2010-2011 school year. Voice Vote: Motion Carried. Board Member Dujmovich abstained from the vote.

Superintendent Bertrand presented the financial status of the district and the financial report through December 31, 2009.

Moved by Volkening and seconded by Torman to release the following previously non-released executive session minutes: September 14, 2009 and October 26, 2009. Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

Moved by Dujmovich and seconded by Trader to approve a maternity leave for Kathleene Joyce beginning around May 3, 2010 for the remainder of the school year and a maternity leave for Shellie Kamminga for six weeks at or near the beginning of the 2010-11 school year. Both employees will use FMLA time for the leaves. Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

Superintendent Bertrand gave the Board an update on activities being used to raise student achievement.

Moved by Torman and seconded by Volkening to approve the proposed 2010-11 school calendar as presented. Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

Moved by Dujmovich and seconded by Volkening to approve appointing Dr. Dan Bertrand as the Freedom of Information officer for the District. Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

Moved by Torman and seconded by Fischer to authorized Superintendent Bertrand to solicit bids for a 2010 mini-van. Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

Moved by Volkening and seconded by Trader to approve the curriculum changes as presented. Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

Superintendent/Board Report:

- a. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. This will be a Board mission and goal setting workshop.
- b. 65 students are registered to take the ACT Prep Class.
- c. Discussed the Big Northern Conference up date with rock Falls replacing Hampshire in the Conference.
- d. Discussed the tax intervention results on the property of Martin and Nancy Halwix and the new filing by Walter Lechner.
- e. A parent forum will be held on Feb. 18, 2010 on texting and social networking.
- f. Discussed the schedule for professional development activities-Cecilia Frank's schedule for this semester and the Feb. 12, 2010 institute day.
- g. Superintendent Bertrand will be attending the HSDO meeting on March 2 & 3, 2010 in Springfield to support the lobbying efforts of high school districts.
- h. No discussion on the January Business Office Newsletter, the SEDOM Bulletin and the SSNS newsletters.
- i. Discussed upcoming dates.

Moved by Trader and seconded by Volkening to go into executive session at 9:20 p.m. to discuss student discipline and personnel. Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Moved by Volkening and seconded by Torman to return to the regular meeting at 10:53 p.m.  
Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

There being no other business, Fischer moved the meeting be adjourned at 10:54 p.m.

Signed:

President

Secretary

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Elizabeth Henning

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Linda Dujmovich

“Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays” indicates: Members voting aye: Darlington, Torman, Fischer, Henning, Trader, Volkening and Dujmovich. Members voting nay: none