

March 22, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of District #154 was held at the high school on March 22, 2010.

President Henning called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

Absent: Darlington,

Administration: Bertrand, Shepard, Secretary Baser

Guests: Members of the MEA-Nate Wright, R.J. Meyer, Lisa Anderson, Michael Patterson, J.D. Peters, Sarah Shanks, Kim Hoffmeister, Grant Taylor, Meg Czysz, Lars Lee, bob Fecarotta, Kirstin Murphy, Derek Amendt, Dave Anderson, Nick Rode, Rebecca Chayer, Robert Pomykala, Dan Schirmer, Alicia Tippins, Chad Olson, Steve McKnight, and Steve Young

Press: None

Moved by Trader and seconded by Volkening to approve the following consent agenda items: the minutes of the regular meeting of February 22, 2010 as corrected; to not release the minutes of the executive sessions of February 22, 2010, March 3, 2010, and March 4, 2010; to pay the financial obligations of the District as presented; to accept the Kooi and Pingel Educational Loan Trust Summary report of February 28, 2010; the quarterly report of pupils no longer enrolled in school; the agreement between the Florence Nursing Home and Marengo Community High School District #154 to provide nursing students with clinical experiences; the resolution to authorize the district to continue participating in the McHenry County Safe Schools program for the 2010-11 school year; to appoint Susan McGuire, Marengo Community High School District #154 Treasurer for the 2010-11 school year; to approve the FY2010 school district library program grant award of \$620.47 and to approve a memorandum of understanding with the McHenry county Health Department for mass medication/vaccination dispensing site at MCHS. Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Board Member Fischer arrived at 7:05 p.m.

MEA President Chad Olson presented the MEA's view in response to reductions in force.

Moved by Torman and seconded by Volkening to approve a Resolution of dismissal for two tenured teachers due to budget issues and declining enrollment. Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried

Moved by Dujmovich and seconded by Trader to approve hiring Clare Ossman as a long term substitute for Janet Konstant's maternity leave; to approve Margaret Czysz as the spring weight room supervisor; and to hire Milton Pykett, Frank Sexton and Susan Rowley as bus drivers for the district. Voice vote: Motion Carried.

Moved by Fischer and second by Dujmovich to add a third year of science as a graduation requirement beginning with the Class of 2014. Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

Moved by Volkening and seconded by Dujmovich to approve the first reading of the proposed Board policy changes/additions as attached. Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

Moved by Volkening and seconded by Torman to approve participating in the IASB Targeting Achievement through Governance (TAG) program. Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

Moved by Dujmovich and seconded by Traded to approve having an internal and an external audit for FY2010. Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

The Board discussed health insurance and possible request of proposals.

Superintendent/Board Report:

1. No discussion on the staff plat review for Liberty Arbour subdivision in Riley Township.
2. Discussed FOIA requests.
3. Discussed loan to Class of 1970.
4. Discussed the progress of the PEP grant
5. The first semester HOSA students all passed the Illinois Nurse Aide Competency test on their first attempt.
6. The end of the year luncheon will be held on May 25, 2010. There are no retirees at this time.
7. Discussed letter from Arleen Bower about option of Marching Band only.
8. Discussed letter to staff about budget, retirement incentive and Board mission, belief, vision and goals.
9. Discussed state funding.
10. Discussed articles from Becky Weinhandl-The Case for High School Activities by Robert Kanaby and Learning from the Negative; A Positive Perspective on High School Athletics by Ed Hockenbury.
11. Discussed Superintendent Bertrand attending the School for Advanced Leadership.
12. No discussion on SEDOM Board Briefs.
13. Discussed upcoming dates.

Moved by Volkening and seconded by Torman to go into executive session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss personnel. Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Moved by Volkening and seconded by Torman to return to the regular meeting at 9:15 p.m. Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

Moved by Volkening and seconded by Trader to pass the resolution for employment of certified personnel as second, third, and fourth year probationary teachers for the 2010-11 school year. Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Moved by Fischer and seconded by Torman to pass the resolution awarding teachers as presented contractual continues service (Tenure) effective the commencement of the 2010-11 school year. Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

There being no other business, Fischer moved the meeting be adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Signed:

President

Secretary

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Elizabeth Henning

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Linda Dujmovich

“Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays” indicates: Members voting aye: Torman, Henning, Trader, Volkening and Dujmovich. Members voting nay: none. “Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays” indicates: Members voting aye: Fischer, Torman, Henning, Trader, Volkening and Dujmovich. Members voting nay: none