

## **Minutes from Jan 13, 2011 – Open Session**

The meeting opened with 6 board members present, Mrs. Bennett-Paul was not present.

A motion was made by Boggs and seconded by Ostermeier to go into closed session.

6-0 vote

Closed session ended at 7:30 pm

A motion was made by Bedolli and seconded by Moore to accept the agenda

6-0 vote

The transportation, facility and athletic reports were given by Mr. Bruno. They covered the condition of our fleet and the benefits of the camera system we have for the safety of the students. The facility report covered the needs and plans for the future. The intention is to have the roof work done this summer as well as the upkeep and maintenance of the building.

As for the athletic report, Mr. Schleicher wrote the Aaron Bennett is the Student Athlete of the month as well as the MSM conference updates to include the idea of Nokomis becoming part of the MSM.

He brought to our attention the TC will host the JH County Volleyball Tournament on Feb 19 and 21<sup>st</sup>.

He updated the ticket taker situation; the FCA group will now be taking tickets at games and events.

The Superintendent report consisted of a UIS roundtable update that covered the Danielson method of evaluations as well as documentation for walk-through models to help steer and direct classroom improvements.

He explained the upcoming election and how the process works and what options the Board of Education would have if they chose to put anything on the ballot. He also explained the law that if there were 75% in one township that the law would change our status. This information was given to the board for review and determination.

Mr. Bruno updated the Board on the upcoming ERO question or resolution if the board chooses to offer. There are two staff members identified with the union as possible candidates for such a resolution.

Non-certified increases were discussed and what options and amounts are available if Jobs bill was to be used as well as increases as a whole if that money was not used. The issue appeared on the agenda for discussion.

Mr. Bruno presented the idea of adding a student assistance position to the staff while going over the need and benefit our students will have by adding such a position. The idea is to have them work with students from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade to assist students who generally fall through the cracks.

Mr. Bruno also stated that the administration team would like to hire a reading specialist for next year. This person would be a great help to improving the overall fluency and reading within our classrooms. The administration has recommended however that we wait until next year to hire this person as use a consultant this year to get a base-line of where we are and what we need to do to be prepared to improve next year with this additional hire.

Mr. Bruno updated legislative happenings as per the IASA legislative council.

Mr. Day reported he is using the suggestions to increase reading with staff and they are implementing at least 1 way to trial within the classrooms.

He reported on some changes that will take effect in the spring to aid students and parents and better allow staff and administration to follow and work with kids who need help.

There was a handbook committee to discuss changes for next year as well as an update to the board that grades will be updated each Monday.

Mr. Day is looking to provide a 6-12 forum for drugs and alcohol via the gateway center. A snowflake presentation was held on Jan 28<sup>th</sup> by SHG.

He also spoke about the 6<sup>th</sup> grade orientation via a flier and explanation.

Mrs. Kindel reported new strategies to improve methods of assisting struggling students. A grid was developed to help assist kids and parents with keeping up in classroom assignments. She is looking in ways to increase our reading curriculum. A recommendation was made to add reading strategies class in the High School. In the process we would like to bring in a consultant to go over and review our reading curriculum process and activities to better facilitate future action to improve reading across the

district.

All students in the district are loaded in the State system for ISAT and PSAE testing.

Mrs. Kindel will attend the technology coordinators meeting to discuss the Illinois Transcript Coding Project.

All our seats in credit recovery are filled at this point and 5 of our students have meet the requirements to recover credits.

A motion was made by Boggs and seconded by Ostermeier to approve the Jostens handbook for next year.

6-0 vote

A motion was made by Bedolli and seconded by Moore to approve the resolution for early retirement options for two staff members

6-0 vote

A motion was made by Brunson and seconded by Moore to put on the ballot a possible change to at-large voting.

3-3 vote, vote fails

A motion was made by Ostermeier and seconded by Moore to create and hire a student assistance position

5-1 vote passes

A motion was made by Brunson and seconded by Moore to go into closed session

6 ayes

A motion was made by Boggs and seconded by Moore to come out of closed

6-0 ayes

A motion was made by Brunson and seconded by Boggs to adjourn

6-0 vote

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