

Minutes from September 2009

Board Members present were Mr. Brunson, Mrs. Ostermeier, Mr. Marvin, Mr. Boggs, Mrs. Bennett-Paul and Mrs. Moore.
Mrs. Bedolli was not present

The meeting was called to order at 6:46pm

Roll call was taken and a motion to go into closed session was brought forth by Moore and Seconded by Ostermeier

6-0 vote

A motion was made by Marvin and seconded by Bennett-Paul to exit closed session

6-0 ayes

The floor was then opened to the annual budget hearing

No public input or questions arose and the hearing was closed

6-0 vote

A motion was made by Bennett-Paul to and seconded by Boggs to approve the amended agenda

6-0 ayes

A report on the bus and transportation areas was given with notification of the new fleet of large busses. We will be receiving the smaller busses by the beginning of October according to Central Sate Bus Service.

The technology report consisted of an update on computer usage, new equipment and plans for its usage as well as an update on the ARRA grants which will be spent on technology for the Special Education programs and the RtI programs.

Mr. Bruno reported the results of registration and the attempt to reduce some of the hassle of registration. He feels it went better with a one check payout system but still can be modified and improved over the years.

Our numbers this year are up in comparison to last year, we are at 586 this year and 570 last year at this time. These numbers do not include the Pre-K programs

The new Professional Development program is in effect, it seems to be received very positively. The idea of the program is to assist the staff in new concepts and styles to better assist your children within the learning process.

SASED is still working towards decentralization.

We have received work from the Government and SASED that a portion of the ARRA grants can be used to decrease or supplant SASED costs.

The remainder of the ARRA grant will be used to purchase computers, curriculum programs, classroom materials and manipulative.

CACC has ratified their contract and is now final. The contract is a 2 year contract.

Herrins came and sprayed our track – gratitude was made towards the people and company for their assistance and help with District needs.

The all purpose room will be the back up location for the Census kick off in Buffalo. If weather is bad, the band and events will take place in the all purpose room.

Mrs. Cummins reported an increase in enrollment in the elementary. She said that about 75% of the students and parents attended the meet the teacher night and that RtI in the elementary is up and running. Pre-school has started and the program is working well again and seems to be very viable even with the States reduction in funding. The elementary will be doing the Fanny may fundraiser again this year and that on September 28th, there will be no homework assigned since this is Family Day.

Mr. Schupp reported that RtI testing is complete and our numbers have increased from last year. Curriculum mapping process with math is completed and science is close to being done. He feels this process and information will benefit our curriculum and lessons and thus enhance the learning process for the students.

The CACC numbers this year are at 40, the SCLA and Safe Schools are at 5.

Our sports participation is up overall in our sports programs.

Mr. Schupp then reviewed some upcoming dates such as senior pictures on Sept 20th, and Homecoming on October 24th.

Mrs. Kindel reported the roadmap and plan to initiate the Professional development plan within our district, she has set up events with both elementary and JH/ HS to assist in classroom activities and development. The program will primarily revolve around collaborative teaching and technology integration.

As for technology, in order to better serve the community, the elementary will update their own website page within the district website and the JH / HS will use skyward enhancements to communicate lessons and assignments to the community. ARRA funds were described as to where the technology would be placed to enhance our special education and RtI programs while benefiting our general population.

As stated previously, the district numbers are up by 16 students from last year
The sportsmanship guidelines were tabled to be brought back in policy form

A motion was made by Bennett-Paul and seconded by Marvin to adopt the new school board policies presented from the IASB
6-0 vote

CACC contract was ratified by their union for a two year agreement
SASED is dealing with decentralization and has been working with the districts in preparing the ARRA grants for additional funding to benefit the special education students and the RtI programs at the local schools.

A motion was made by Boggs and seconded by Marvin to adopt the 2009-2010 budget
6-0 vote

A motion was made by Bennett-Paul and seconded by Boggs to adopt the SASED policies
6-0 vote

A motion was made by Ostermeier and seconded by Marvin to accept the Trane maintenance agreement for the upcoming year
6-0 vote

A motion was made by Ostermeier and seconded by Bennett-Paul to create a JH / HS tech fund account

6-0 vote

A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Ostermeier to approve Mrs. Vassel's maternity leave request

6-0 vote

A motion was made by Boggs and seconded by Moore to hire an individual aid for Kindergarten – Lindsey Judge

6-0 vote

A motion was made by Marvin and seconded by Ostermeier to release Amanda Warner from JH softball coaching position

6-0 vote

A motion was made by Boggs and seconded by Bennett-Paul to hire Rich Jarrett as the JH softball coach

6-0 vote

A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Boggs to approve the consent agenda

6-0 vote

Board President Prerogative dealt with the web site. Mrs. Ostermeier questioned the status of some updates and pages containing information from the previous school year. Mr. Boggs also questioned the timing of some of the pages with examples printed to show current page information. This topic has been discussed previously with concerns and reasons for the need to have proper representation of the District on our web site in an effort to better market the district. The Administration responded with the time issue as well as the level of importance in certain circumstances. Mrs. Ostermeier also stated that she felt it was not the board of education's intent or role to decide what is on the web site or where it is placed, she emphasized that certain information needed to be there for parents and some pages updated to better represent the District. The discussion resulted in an understanding that the web site pages need to be updated or removed; Mrs. Bennett-Paul stated that she was in agreement with removing pages as appropriate. This will provide a cleaner appearance for the public. The web site is a source of information for all the needs of the community, parents, board and staff.

The Board of Education also would like the district to look into cameras for the Vans as well as link test scores to the website.

The Board of Education would also like to invite local politicians to attend a board meeting or visit the district in the future.

A motion was made by Bennett-Paul and seconded by Marvin to re-enter closed session

6-0 vote

A motion was made by Bennett-Paul and seconded by Moore to exit closed session

6-0 vote

A motion was made by Bennett-Paul and seconded by Marvin to adjourn

Board President

Board Secretary