

St. Rose School District #14-15
Minutes of the August 15, 2011 Board of Education Meeting

President Tebbe called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. in the school's meeting room. Present were: Rhonda Fehrmann, Dale Huelsmann, Rich Koerkenmeier, and Karl Klostermann. Also present was Superintendent Dr. Patricia Cornell.

This month the board salutes our volunteers - Mike Munie, Stan Cornell, Jason Kapp, Joe Cirrincione, and Gaylin Gertsch! They helped get the school rooms and office in order. They went above and beyond.

A motion to approve the agenda of August 15, 2011 was made by Huelsmann and seconded by Koerkenmeier. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Koerkenmeier made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 18, 2011. Huelsmann seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Klostermann made a motion to approve opening the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of June 20, 2011 and Koerkenmeier seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Huelsmann made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 3, 2011 and Klostermann seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent Cornell reviewed the financial report as of July 31, 2011 with the board members. The total cash in the bank for all funds was \$807,435.29. The following items are in the education fund: petty cash - \$100.00, imprest fund - \$4,654.51, and \$360,896.48 on CD's. The total of all funds is \$1,349,622.14. A motion to approve the treasure's report of July 31, 2011 was made by Koerkenmeier and seconded by Huelsmann. Voting aye: Tebbe, Fehrmann, and Klostermann. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Koerkenmeier made a motion to approve the journals of July 31, 2011 and Klostermann seconded the motion. Voting aye: Tebbe, Fehrmann, and Huelsmann, Voting no: none. Motion carried.

No communications report.

No public comments.

Next, Dr. Cornell gave the Superintendent's Report. She informed the board of the following items:

- Charlie and Alex worked well together and did a fabulous job cleaning the building. Above and beyond the regular cleaning, they moved five classrooms and the office. Future projects include repairing the east wall

on the outside as it seems we have water coming into the building which is the problem in both fourth and second grade.

- Most families came for our registration. The number of students in grades kindergarten through eight is about 153. We had six possibly seven students leave the district due to family moves and four move into the district. Overall, our enrollment looks like it will be down from 159.
- The opening day is next Wednesday. The teachers will have an in-service on avoiding injuries and using our new Website. Andy Antonellis is the presenter from PSIC and Michelle Stockmann from TechKnow will work with the teachers on the Website. The second day of in-service will focus on SIP goals and implementation plans. We will discuss the Common Core Standards and how they are to be implemented this year.
- Open House has been set for August 18 from 6:30-8:00 pm. We will begin the evening with open classrooms from 6:30-7:30 and end with a meeting in the gym to discuss the changes around the building along with school improvement goals. The beginning band program will meet at 6:00pm prior to Open House.
- All bus drivers attended the annual driver recertification course offered by the ROE on July 26th in Carlyle. They are up-to-date on their physicals and renewing their bus driving licenses. All buses were cleaned earlier in summer and have been inspected by Auto-Tech.
- Dr. Cornell has been working the 2012 budget which is in-line with previous budgets. She has seen the usual ups and downs with the state instability but feel that with the tuition based preschool we can be within the same range as in the past.
- We had our full compliance visit two years ago so we have a mini-visit this year. Our full compliance visit will be next year as it is every three years. Brian Guthrie will be here and review our personnel files, our schedules to ensure teachers are highly qualified, and do a building walk-through. This is an on-going process and we should be in good shape.
- Dr. Cornell met with Art Hayhurst on Friday and has the engineer drawings for the roof, windows, doors, and lights. We will be looking at bids from a general contractor for the project as a whole.
- The Fiscal Year 2012 General State Aid (GSA) calculations have been finalized. The first FY 2012 GSA payment will be made on August 10. The final GSA net entitlement based upon local tax revenue and average daily attendance information calculated to \$4,679,299,867 leaving a shortage of \$231,195,353. This shortage requires a proration of 95% which has been applied towards the gross entitlement for each school district and regional office. With this 5% reduction in GSA, we lose close to \$30,000.
- Senate Bill 1744 removes the provision in Section 18-8.05 (F)(2)(b) that allows attendance to be less than 5 clock hours on the opening and closing of the school term. The bill, which passed both houses and was awaiting Governor Quinn's signature, had an effective date of June 30, 2011. Today the Governor amended the bill to change the effective date to July 1, 2012. Provided the General Assembly takes action to accept this veto

in the fall session this bill will become law and will take effect beginning with the 2012-2013 school year.

Under old business, we are still working with the painting in the hall around the window in the new office. Other than that, we are in the final stages of getting things organized. We have also approached the Booster Club about buying an awning for the new main door and the possibility of steps being put in.

Under new business, Klostermann made a motion to approve Amanda Gall, Joseph Dulle, and Abby Holtgrave as Math Tutors hired at minimum wage of \$8.25 for 1 hour Monday through Thursday. Koerkenmeier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Tebbe, Fehrmann, and Huelsmann. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Klostermann made a motion to approve specifications for Energy Grant. Huelsmann seconded the motion. Voting aye: Tebbe, Fehrmann, and Koerkenmeier. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Klostermann made a motion to approve disposal of student temporary records from 1970s-1990s through shredding at Highland Recycling. Huelsmann seconded the motion. Voting aye: Tebbe, Fehrmann, and Koerkenmeier. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Dr. Cornell received the policy changes. The summary is included in your packets. The majority of the changes are five-year reviews and reference changes. Please note the three new policies. These will need to be approved at the September meeting.

At 8:58 p.m. Klostermann made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Huelsmann. All voted aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Susan Tebbe
President

Rhonda Fehrmann
Secretary