

St. Rose School District #14-15
Minutes of the February 21, 2012 Board of Education Meeting

President Tebbe called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. in the school's meeting room. Present were: Rich Knebel, Rhonda Fehrmann, Dale Huelsmann, Rich Koerkenmeier, and Karl Klostermann. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Patricia Cornell and Teacher Laura Cirrincione.

This month the board salutes Haley Fisher, Illinois Scholar, and St. Rose Scholar Bowl Team and Sponsors!

A motion to approve the agenda of February 21, 2012 was made by Klostermann and seconded by Knebel. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Klostermann made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 17, 2012. Koerkenmeier seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Knebel made a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session Board Meeting of January 17, 2012. Klostermann seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent Cornell reviewed the financial report as of January 31, 2012 with the board members. The total cash in the bank for all funds was \$952,889.63. The following items are in the education fund: petty cash - \$100.00, imprest fund - \$4,654.51, and \$361,443.91 on CD's. The total of all funds is \$1,602,190.12. A motion to approve the treasure's report of January 31, 2012 was made by Huelsmann and seconded by Koerkenmeier. Voting aye: Tebbe, Knebel, Fehrmann, and Klostermann. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Klostermann made a motion to approve the journals of January 31, 2012 and Huelsmann seconded the motion. Voting aye: Tebbe, Knebel, Fehrmann, and Koerkenmeier. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Under communications we had thank you note for the Wal Mart gift card from Sister Justina and thank you note from Dr. Cornell's family during their time of loss.

Under public comments teacher Laura Cirrincione was welcomed.

No committee reports.

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

- Based on our annual financial report data given to the state through our audit, we have a score of 4 which indicates the highest level of financial stability. Given our balanced budgets for the past four years and our

- positive balance in each fund, we are in the best shape possible for a school.
- ISAT testing and preparations is March 6 – March 16th. We will use our time wisely to make sure our students are prepared for these very important assessments.
 - The Bright Star and Illinois Academic awards only look at student performance for Reading and Math. We qualify and have been awarded the Academic Excellence Award from ISBE!
 - Friday, February 17th, is the Tri-County Teachers Conference. We have three teachers presenting their Instructional Practices Program based on the work of Jerry Valentine. I am very proud of Mrs. Gertsch, Mrs. Brede, and Mrs. Andrews.
 - On our behalf, I have filed the 470 and 471 forms for E-Rate. This program has saved us about \$1,644.31 during the past year. The amount for 2012-13 will be slightly higher, but not significantly.
 - The Open Meetings Act (OMA) requires elected local officials, including any school board member who is in office as of January 1, 2012, to receive training in the Act. School board members have one year from that date to receive the training. Anyone appointed or elected to a school board after January 1, 2012, must complete the OMA training within 90 days of taking the oath of office. The on-line training is located at <http://foia:ilattorneygeneral.net>.
 - We are eligible to write a grant for \$25,000 with Monsanto being nominated by a local farmer. Dr. Cornell will work with Mr. Scheibel and Mr. Holtgrave to put together a plan that will allow us to purchase 25 iPads for student textbooks.
 - Our anticipated Equalized Assessed Value for St. Rose is 19.6% increase over last year. This is almost 5% higher than we anticipated. There is some contesting scheduled so we shall see what the final outcome is with our taxes.
 - Dr. Cornell provided a synopsis page for the policy updates. Once again, most of the updates appear to be footnote or reference changes.
 - The lunch audit with ISBE was conducted on February 3, 2012. We learned some things, were cited on some things, corrected things, and then found that there were errors in the audit. A written response is required.

Under old business Dr. Cornell asked of any feedback from our Strategic Planning Committee. During the last meeting we reviewed our list of goals from the previous year and this group was most interested in pursuing the generator. Dr. Cornell has the original documents from Gerald Meyer and will bring that to our next parent meeting. Susi Tebbe can also give us an update on the Fundraiser for the Sports Cups.

Under new business, we need to discuss potential budget cuts for 2012-13. In reviewing the budget, there are a few areas where we can lower our expenditures. This is open for discussion in March.

Klostermann made a motion to approve the proposed calendar for the 2012-2013 school year as presented. Huelsmann seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Looking ahead to the end of the school year, our last day of school without any snow days falls on Monday, May 21st. We will need to set a date for graduation soon. Based on a parent request to change the proposed date, the decision is tabled.

Klostermann made a motion to approve the Athletic Handbook as presented with the changes listed. Huelsmann seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Klostermann made a motion to approve the Student Handbook for 2012-13 as presented. Huelsmann seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Huelsmann made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Race To The Top Program and Klostermann seconded the motion. Voting aye: Tebbe, Knebel, Fehrmann, and Koerkenmeier. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

The approval to increase our fees for 2012-13 was tabled at this time.

Klostermann made a motion to allow the Fire Department to use our data base through Alert Now for Emergency notification and Huelsmann seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

At 8:38 p.m. Klostermann made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Koerkenmeier. All voted aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Susan Tebbe
President

Rhonda Fehrmann
Secretary