

**St. Rose School District #14-15
Minutes of the March 19, 2012
Board of Education Planning Committee Meeting**

President Tebbe called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. in the school's computer room. Present were: Susan Tebbe, Rich Knebel, Rich Koerkenmeier, and Erick Baer. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Patricia Cornell, and committee members Dennis Sturgeon, Dan Trame, Justin Detmer, Mark Etter, Laura Cirrincione, and Beverly Kapp.

Knebel made a motion to approve the agenda and Koerkenmeier seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the generator, maintenance grant and gym floor, and state proposal for transportation. A fundraiser will begin in 2-3 weeks with spirit cups to assist with transportation.

Knebel made a motion to exit planning meeting at 7:18 p.m. and Baer seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Susan Tebbe
President

Rhonda Fehrmann
Secretary

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President Tebbe called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. in the school's meeting room. Present were: Rich Knebel, Rhonda Fehrmann, Dale Huelsmann, Rich Koerkenmeier, Karl Klostermann, and Erick Baer. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Patricia Cornell and Teacher Jean Jones.

This month the board salutes Robin Becker and the Harrisburg Project!

A motion to approve the agenda of March 19, 2012 was made by Koerkenmeier and seconded by Knebel. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Knebel made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 21, 2012. Koerkenmeier seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Klostermann made a motion to approve minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting of March 6, 2012. Koerkenmeier seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Koerkenmeier made a motion to approve minutes of the Special Meeting Executive Session of March 6, 2012. Klostermann seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent Cornell reviewed the financial report as of February 29, 2012 with the board members. The total cash in the bank for all funds was \$894,069.39. 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 \$1,502,006.02. A motion to approve the treasure's report of February 29, 2012 was made by Huelsmann and seconded by Koerkenmeier. Voting aye: Tebbe, Knebel, Fehrmann, Klostermann, and Baer. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Klostermann made a motion to approve the journals of February 29, 2012 and Baer seconded the motion. Voting aye: Tebbe, Knebel, Fehrmann, Huelsmann, and Koerkenmeier. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Under communications we had thank you note from Wilma Henss family.

Under public comments teacher Jean Jones was welcomed.

Under committee reports the board had a good meeting with parents before this meeting. A generator and new gym floor are still the topics at this meeting. There is a separate committee on benefits of St. Rose incorporating.

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

- We have completed the 2011-2012 testing for the state of Illinois. Our results are usually available in early June with the final report provided in August.
- We have the results of the eighth grade Explore Test which is a forerunner to the ACT which is taken in High School. Most of our students did very well and are eligible for honors classes at the high schools. We have looked over the information and will work to improve our curriculum to better meet the entrance requirements for our area high schools.
- The teachers are working on summer school proposals.
- Staff Appreciation in May was discussed. Ideas are appreciated.
- The 2012 KSED Dinner meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 26th. Karl Klostermann and Dr. Cornell will attend.
- There is a maintenance grant from ISBE available to schools. It is a 50/50 matching grant and can be used for regular and routine updating of an older building. Dr. Cornell is not sure if a gym floor or generator would qualify but will check.

- Dr. Cornell included the response sent to ISBE for the Lunch Program Review in our BOE packets. Dr. Cornell will respond with the required plan of action.
- There are over 80 dietary changes for next school year required in the Cafeteria Program. Our head cook has attended a webinar on these changes and will also meet with other cooks in Clinton County for discussion.
- Dr. Cornell included a response written by Lana Mitchell from ISBE on the conclusions drawn from the public meetings regarding school transportation. The two pieces of information that will change transportation are the increased levy limit and the removal of transportation mandate and allow it to be permissive.
- Based on sending in the memorandum of understanding for Race to the Top money, our allocation for next school year is Title I \$48,729 and RTTT \$2,696.

Under old business with budget cuts for 2012-2013, the Clinton County Conference did agree to increase prices for next year to \$3.00 per adult and \$2.00 per student. The student will now include high school students and under age 5 will get in free. In addition, the conference has decided that all schools should collect \$1.00 for the early 4:00pm games for all sports. Some districts are charging a technology fee. We are not at that point but may need to consider. Dr. Cornell is recommending that the assistant cook hours be reduced from 7 to 5 hours daily. Dr. Cornell is also recommending that the one hour after school tutoring program be revised to better meet the needs of students next year and reducing 1 FTE Reading Teacher to .5 Reading Teacher.

Eighth grade Graduation is set for Wednesday, May 16th, 2012.

Huelsmann made a motion to approve increases in fees for 2012-2013 with registration from \$50.00 to \$55.00, sports from \$25.00 to \$30.00, and band from \$35.00 to \$40.00. Klostermann seconded the motion. Voting aye: Tebbe, Knebel, Fehrmann, Koerkenmeier, and Baer. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Klostermann made a motion to exit regular session at 8:28 p.m. for executive session. Huelsmann seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Koerkenmeier made a motion to re-enter regular session at 9:22 p.m. and Klostermann seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Members present were Tebbe, Knebel, Fehrmann, Huelsmann, Koerkenmeier, Klostermann, and Baer.

Under new business, Koerkenmeier made a motion to approve the policy updates as presented and Klostermann seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Baer made a motion to approve the assistant cook hours be reduced from 7 to 5 hours daily for the 2012-2013 school year. Klostermann seconded the motion. Voting aye: Tebbe, Knebel, Fehrmann, Huelsmann, and Koerkenmeier. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Klostermann made a motion to approve reducing our certified staff by one hour for the after school tutor program for the 2012-2013 school year. Huelsmann seconded the motion. Voting aye: Tebbe, Knebel, Fehrmann, Koerkenmeier, and Baer. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Knebel made a motion to approve reducing one FTE Reading Teacher to .5 Reading Teacher for 2012-2013 school year. Klostermann seconded the motion. Voting aye: Tebbe, Fehrmann, Huelsmann, Koerkenmeier, and Baer. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Koerkenmeier made a motion to approve the initial draft of the Employee Handbook and Baer seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Klostermann made a motion to deny the change order for Energy Grant and Huelsmann seconded the motion. Voting aye: Tebbe, Knebel, Fehrmann, Koerkenmeier, and Baer. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

At 9:39 p.m. Huelsmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Klostermann. All voted aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

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