

St. Rose School District #14-15
Minutes of the November 21, 2011 Board of Education Meeting

President Tebbe called the meeting to order at 7:27 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, teacher Chris Gertsch, and guest Joe Temple.

This month the board salutes Pam Andrews, Kim Brede, Chris Gertsch, and Brenda Niedzwiecki. They are working with teachers to increase student engagement in learning using the Instructional Practice Inventory.

A motion to approve the agenda of November 21, 2011 was made by Knebel and seconded by Klostermann. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Huelsmann made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 17, 2011. Koerkenmeier seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent Cornell reviewed the financial report as of October 31, 2011 with the board members. The total cash in the bank for all funds was \$1,048,331.57. 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 \$1,800,970.86. A motion to approve the treasure's report of October 31, 2011 was made by Knebel and seconded by Huelsmann. Voting aye: Tebbe, Fehrmann, Koerkenmeier, Klostermann, and Baer. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

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

Under communications, Father Schaefer was welcomed and talked about the diocese discussion on merging rural parishes.

Under public comments teacher Chris Gertsch and guest Joe Temple were welcomed.

No committee reports.

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

- The Halloween Party has been more of a challenge this year than in the past. Dr. Cornell feels that the appropriate response would be a quick survey on whether to continue the Halloween Party. The survey will be finalized in the near future and then sent out through the PTO.

- Family Reading Night is sponsored by Title I and the Preschool Program to promote reading within families. It was a success this year with a Camp Theme.
- Dr. Cornell included proposals for 10% and 15% increase on our equalized assessed value for property taxes in 2011. This year (2011) is a quadrennial reassessment and we have several new homes that will be on the tax role for this year. Our tax levy hearing is scheduled for December 19 at 7:15 p.m.
- The Christmas Party, due to the high number of ball games at home, will be held on Monday, Dec. 19th before the BOE meeting.
- We had our mini-compliance visit on September 19, 2011 and have received the final documentation that states we are in full compliance with all Illinois State Codes for Education. We need the original transcripts from one employee when she gets them.
- Dr. Cornell is the coordinator for the Clinton County Articulation Workshop on January 13th. Robin Becker is her co-partner. They've held two meetings of 14 area teachers and have determined that mini-workshops and then grade level or subject area meetings would be appreciated by all teachers.
- There is a group from Clinton County attending the meeting on December 5th in Springfield. Dr. Cornell would encourage board members to attend if possible.
- Dr. Cornell shared information via email on the Education Reform Act. The teachers and Dr. Cornell have discussed the required committee and feel that four members is a good size. Two teachers and two board members. There is a required committee meeting to be held by December 1, 2011 to determine the purpose and criteria for rating teachers.
- Starting next year with elections, new board members will be required to attend 4 hours of training on finance, Open Meetings Act, and Negotiations within 90 days of taking office. The training will be available on-line and the District Office will maintain records of such training.
- We received notice that our allocation from the Federal Government for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act would increase from the original dollar amount.

No old business.

Under new business, Dr. Cornell enclosed the summary from IASB on policy updates - First Reading. Also, Rich Knebel received information on a program that we are being asked to participate with from Centruie Bank. At this time it was decided that we did not see any benefits to participate.

Klostermann made a motion to hire Alex Knebel for up to five days for custodial assistance during the Christmas Holiday. Huelsmann seconded the motion. Voting aye: Tebbe, Fehrmann, Koerkenmeier, and Baer. Abstain: Knebel, Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Klostermann made a motion to approve purchase of gift cards for staff in the amount of \$840.00. Koerkenmeier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Tebbe, Knebel, Fehrmann, Huelsmann, and Baer. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Klostermann made a motion to approve Tracy Martin and Paula Munie as Scholar Bowl sponsors for the 2011-2012 school year. Baer seconded the motion. Voting aye: Tebbe, Knebel, Fehrmann, Huelsmann, and Koerkenmeier. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Dr. Cornell asked that Susi appoint two members of the Board of Education for the Education Reform Act Committee. Appointed were Rich Knebel and Erick Baer.

Koerkenmeier made a motion to approve a new engine for Bus #7 with Midwest Transit Equipment and Baer seconded the motion at a cost of \$12,742. Voting aye: Tebbe, Knebel, Fehrmann, Huelsmann, and Klostermann. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Knebel made a motion to approve the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant of \$6,323.04 and Baer seconded the motion. Voting aye: Tebbe, Fehrmann, Huelsmann, Koerkenmeier, and Klostermann. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Next, Baer made a motion to hire Breeann Hedger as substitute bud driver upon receiving the CDL and the Class B license for the State of Illinois. Koerkenmeier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Tebbe, Knebel, Fehrmann, and Huelsmann. Voting no: Klostermann. Motion carried.

At 9:38 p.m. Huelsmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Knebel. All voted aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Susan Tebbe
President

Rhonda Fehrmann
Secretary

**St. Rose School District #14-15
Board of Education Special Meeting
Minutes of the November 30, 2011**

President Tebbe called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 was Superintendent Dr. Patricia Cornell.

Huelsmann made a motion to approve the agenda and Klostermann seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the custodial position and compensation.

Klostermann made a motion to exit regular session for executive session at 7:11 p.m. and Huelsmann seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Huelsmann made a motion to re-enter regular session at 7:54 p.m. and Koerkenmeier seconded the motion. Members present were Tebbe, Knebel, Fehrmann, Huelsmann, Koerkenmeier, Klostermann, and Baer.

Huelsmann made a motion to approve \$16.00 an hour frozen until July 1, 2013 with benefits based on current salary agreement for Charlie Korte effective December 10, 2011 for head custodial position. Klostermann seconded the motion. Voting aye: Tebbe, Knebel, Koerkenmeier, and Baer. Abstain: Fehrmann. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Klostermann made a motion to exit special meeting at 7:59 p.m. and Huelsmann seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Susan Tebbe
President

Rhonda Fehrmann
Secretary