

St. Rose School District #14-15
Minutes of the September 19, 2011 Board of Education Budget Hearing

President Tebbe called the meeting to order at 7:16 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 Kim Brede.

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

An overview of the 2011-12 budget was discussed by Superintendent Dr. Cornell. Copies of the proposed budget were available through the district office for the required 30 days prior to the hearing. A notice of this hearing was published in the Breese Journal. In addition, it was announced at the Open House on August 18, 2011.

Huelsmann made a motion to exit at 7:27 p.m. and Klostermann seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

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This month the board salutes Tony Hood, our technology person from H&H Computers. He has been very patient and really got into the summer projects including the new website. Tony and his father Gary donated the server box which cleaned up our local network system.

A motion to approve the agenda of September 19, 2011 was made by Klostermann and seconded by Huelsmann. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Koerkenmeier made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 15, 2011. Klostermann seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent Cornell reviewed the financial report as of August 31, 2011 with the board members. The total cash in the bank for all funds was \$975,260.04. 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 \$1,671,066.93. A motion to approve the treasure's report of August 31, 2011 was made by Knebel and seconded by Koerkenmeier. Voting aye: Tebbe, Fehrmann, Huelsmann, Klostermann, and Baer. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

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

Under communications, we have a request for retirements at the end of the 2011-2012 school year by Pamela Andrews and Kim Brede, with an early retirement option for Brede.

No public comments.

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

- Dr Cornell and the teachers have reviewed the proposed 2011-2012 school improvement plan by analyzing testing data and double checking that our goals are appropriate in meeting the needs of our St. Rose learners. Our primary goal is to regain the percent of students who meet and exceed state standards. Along with that, we will implement the common core standards (CCS) as required.
- Along with improvement planning, we host our own teacher in-service programs. The main focus is implementing the CCS and most of the time this year will be spent with teacher's discussing the standards and defining and writing where each is covered and assessed within the grade level curriculum.
- The Booster Club and PTO have met for the first time this school year. They have discussed goals and fundraising activities. The Booster Club will purchase the awning for the new main entrance through Traube Awning out of Dupo, Illinois. The cost is about \$1,885.00 and will be a red with black lettering indicating St. Rose School.
- Dr. Cornell attached the projected enrollment numbers through the 2016 school year. They are based on current enrollment numbers as sent to the Regional Office of Education and the known births within the community. We are down from 10-11 and look at declining for the next several years.
- Annually, PSIC sends Andy Antonellis to visit our school for insurance risk management. He did a walk through with Charlie Korte to discuss what could be done to reduce our liability for accidents. He is always interesting and provides a number of projects that will increase our safety.
- The current registration form has a place for parents to put in their child's social security number. The social security number was required for the State Student Information System but that changed about five years ago.

It has been optional since that time. The form will be changed to remove this entry.

- There has been some discussion that the Parent Advisory Committee group should meet as a whole this year and discuss the various topics rather than meeting in committee and returning to share. The topics for discussion or the committees would be determined at the first meeting. The meeting dates are January 17th, March 19th, and May 21st.
- We have been given an extra \$3,703.00 for the Title I portion of the NCLB Grant. Dr. Cornell submitted a revised budget and increased salary for the Reading teacher.

Under old business, most of the proposed policy changes are in footnotes and five year reviews. The teachers were given the social networking policy to discuss at the first day meeting. The pro and con of social media was discussed and the policy accepted. Klostermann made a motion to approve the policy manual as presented and Huelsmann seconded the motion. Voting aye: Tebbe, Knebel, Fehrmann, Koerkenmeier, and Baer. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Under new business, Huelsmann made a motion to approve the 2010-2011 audit which shows a positive cash flow. Knebel seconded the motion. Voting aye: Tebbe, Fehrmann, Koerkenmeier, Klostermann, and Baer. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Baer made a motion to approve application for recognition of schools and seconded by Koerkenmeier. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Klostermann made a motion to approve posting of the administrator salary compensation report on the St. Rose website. Koerkenmeier seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Klostermann made a motion to approve the budget for the 2011-2012 school year as presented. Huelsmann seconded the motion. Voting aye: Tebbe, Knebel, Fehrmann, Koerkenmeier, and Baer. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

The state report card for 2010-2011 was tabled at this time, as information was not received yet from ISBE.

Knebel made a motion to approve the boiler repair by Prost Heating and Cooling at a cost not to exceed \$4,912.00 and Klostermann seconded. Voting aye: Tebbe, Fehrmann, Huelsmann, Koerkenmeier, and Baer. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Huelsmann made a motion to hire Kevin Klostermann and Jeff Kampwerth as the 5/6th grade girls' basketball co-coaches and share a stipend of \$900.00. Baer seconded the motion. Voting aye: Tebbe, Knebel, Fehrmann, and Koerkenmeier. Abstain: Klostermann. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

The School Energy Efficiency Grant was tabled at this time.

Huelsmann made a motion for Moose Holtgrave weather proof the west wall at a cost not to exceed \$845.75 and Klostermann seconded. Voting aye: Tebbe, Knebel, Fehrmann, Koerkenmeier, and Baer. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Klostermann made a motion to disband the math tutoring program and release the three high school students who serve as tutors. Koerkenmeier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Tebbe, Knebel, Fehrmann, Huelsmann, and Baer. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Klostermann made a motion to approve the retirement of Kim Brede along with the early retirement payment of \$27,323.82 at the close of the 2011-2012 school year with appreciation for her years of service to St. Rose School. Huelsmann seconded the motion. Voting aye: Tebbe, Knebel, Fehrmann, Koerkenmeier, and Baer. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Klostermann made a motion to approve the retirement of Pam Andrews along with the early retirement payment of \$0.00 at the close of the 2011-2012 school year with appreciation for her years of service to St. Rose School. Koerkenmeier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Tebbe, Knebel, Fehrmann, Huelsmann, and Baer. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

At 8:43 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