

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD
SUNMAN-DEARBORN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
RIPLEY AND DEARBORN COUNTIES, INDIANA
OCTOBER 9, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation was held October 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. EST, in the Performing Arts Center at East Central High School with the following individuals in attendance: Board Members Jeff Lyness, John McKay, Brandon Burrell, Joyce Huffman, Joe Graf, Michael Norman, School Attorney Frank Kramer, Interim Superintendent Dr. John Williams, Director of Support Services Tom Harris, Director of Financial Operations Charles Blake, Director of Human Resources Mary Ann Baines and Recording Secretary Cheri Huff. Board Member Glenn Scholl was not present.

Mr. Lyness called the open meeting to order at 7:00 PM EST, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Lyness adjourned the regular School Board meeting at 7:01 PM EST and called to order the Public Hearing on the Third Amendment to Lease and the 1028 Public Hearing.

Notice of this meeting had been published in the Dearborn County Register, a newspaper in Dearborn County, and in the Herald-Tribune, a newspaper published in Ripley County, Indiana, on August, 26, 2014. Proofs of publication were presented to the meeting, and upon examination were found to be in due form of law. On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, said notice and proofs of publication thereof were approved and ordered filed.

Mr. Blake stated that the proposed third amendment to lease (the "Third Amendment"), plans specifications and estimates for the school buildings to be renovated and improved by the Sunman-Dearborn Intermediate School Building Corporation had been on file from the date of publication of said notice until today, in the Administration Building of Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation, St. Leon, Indiana. Copies of the same were presented to this meeting for the inspection of the members of the Board of School Trustees. He said that it was not necessary to review in detail all of the procedure to date since all of the members of the Board were thoroughly familiar with all the steps heretofore taken, including the proposed Third Amendment, plans and estimates just submitted, but that if any persons present, other than members of the Board of School Trustees had any questions concerning these documents or the previous actions of this Board, or other steps taken looking towards the renovation and improvement of said school buildings, he would be glad to answer the same.

Mr. Blake next explained another purpose of the meeting was that under Indiana law whenever a school corporation proposes to construct or renovate a school building at a cost in excess of one million dollars it must first hold a public hearing.

It was explained that at this hearing all interested people may give testimony and/or ask questions concerning the building projects. The purpose of the hearing is two-fold: (1) to inform the public as to the proposed building projects; and (2) to allow all interested parties, taxpayers and patrons of Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation to voice their opinions as to the project and ask questions.

After the purpose of the hearing was explained, the presentations regarding the need for the renovation of and improvements to Bright Elementary School, Sunman Elementary School, North Dearborn Elementary, Sunman-Dearborn Intermediate School, Sunman-Dearborn Middle School and East Central High School and technology, equipment and vehicles district-wide (the "Project") were given. An evaluation of the existing facilities was given. The building plans were then given explaining the proposed facilities. The estimated Project cost and schedule was then presented to the public.

Mr. Lyness announced they would now hear testimony and questions from the public.

Mr. Lyness adjourned the Public Hearings.

Mr. Lyness reopened the Regular Board Meeting.

Mr. Blake recommended that the Board approve to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Third Amendment to Lease.

Mr. Norman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burress, to adopt the resolution Authorizing the Third Amendment to Lease. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Blake recommended that the Board approve to adopt the Project Resolution.

Mr. Graf made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Huffman, to adopt the Project Resolution. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Blake recommended that the Board approve to adopt the Resolution Accepting Patrons Petition.

Mr. Burress made a motion, seconded by Mr. Graf, to adopt the resolution Accepting Patrons Petition. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Blake recommended that the Board approve to adopt the resolution Approving Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.

Mr. Norman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Graf, to adopt the resolution Approving Continuing Disclosure Undertaking. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Lyness read the items on consent agenda.

- 10.1 Approval of Minutes for the Board Work Session on September 4, 2014 and the Regular Board Meeting on September 11, 2014
- 10.2 Approval of claims for payment (122031 - 122334)
- 10.3 Approval of personnel report

Request for Medical Leave

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building & Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
	MS/Staff member (Extension)	10/04/14 – 12/31/14
	SE/Staff member (Extension)	10/02/14 – 04/01/15
	EC/Staff member	09/25/14 – 11/20/14
	IS/Staff member	01/02/15 – 04/05/15
	EC/Staff member	01/25/15 – 03/29/15
	ND/Staff member	03/07/15 – 04/18/15
	EC/Staff member	03/14/15 – 05/08/15

Recommendation for Employment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building & Assignment</u>
Caitlin Odar	BE/Instructional Assistant
Jennifer Risinger	BE/Instructional Assistant
Amber Humble	BE/Long Term Substitute Instructional Assistant
Angela Viel	MS/Instructional Assistant
Pam DeLisle	EC/Long Term Substitute Teacher
Robin Harsh	EC/Long Term Substitute Instructional Assistant
Lesa Stenger	MS/Homebound Instruction

Accept Letters of Resignation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building & Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Julie Dudley	MS/Instructional Assistant	9/26/2014
Danielle Barrett	MS/Food Service Associate	10/7/2014

Recommendation for Overnight Field Trip Sponsor

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building & Assignment</u>
Karen Nailor	EC/Volunteer Overnight Field Trip Sponsor

Recommendation for Re-Assignment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building & Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Josh Roseberry	SDS Spec to Network Administrator	10/10/2014

10.4 Approval of wage report

10.5 Approval of overnight field trip

- Krista Hutzler and Pam Donohue taking approximately 28 ECHS Student Council members to the 2014 IASC State Convention in Indianapolis; leaving on November 1, 2014 and returning on November 2, 2014.
- Roy Johnson and Karen Nailor taking 4 FFA members to the National FFA Horse Evaluation CDE in Louisville, KY; leaving on October 29, 2014 and returning on October 31, 2014.
- Roy Johnson taking 6-8 FFA members to the Indiana FFA FIRE Conference in Trafalgar, IN; leaving on November 21, 2014 and returning on November 23, 2014.
- Shelly Anderson, Mary McCoy, and Amy Roth taking approximately 24 ECHS students to Europe; leaving on March 24, 2016 and returning on April 2, 2016.
- Donna Tanner taking 100 ECHS Choir students to the Smoky Mountain Music Festival in Gatlinburg, TN; leaving on April 23, 2015 and returning on April 26, 2015.
- Brenda Osman taking 5-7 Middle School FCCLA members to the National FCCLA Cluster Meeting in New Brunswick, NJ; leaving on November 5, 2014 and returning on November 9, 2014.

Mr. Lyness asked if the Board would like any items broken out individually.

Dr. Williams recommended that the Board approve with one motion and one vote, consent agenda items 10.1 through and including 10.5 as presented.

Mr. Burress made a motion, seconded by Mr. Norman, to approve consent agenda items 10.1 through 10.5 as recommended. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lyness recognized Mr. Blake.

Mr. Blake reviewed the financial report for September and the third quarter 2014.

Mr. Blake read the budget numbers that were advertised and recommended that the Board approve to adopt the 2015 Budget as advertised.

Mr. Graf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Norman, to adopt the 2015 Budget as advertised. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Blake recommended that the Board approve to adopt the 2015 CPF Plan as advertised.

Mr. Norman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burress, to adopt the 2015 CPF Plan as advertised. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Blake recommended that the Board approve to adopt the Bus Replacement Plan and Resolution.

Mr. Graf made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Huffman, to approve to adopt the Bus Replacement Plan and Resolution. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Blake read the Pension Bond Neutralization Resolution and recommended that the Board approve to adopt the Resolution.

Mr. Norman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Graf, to approve to adopt the Pension Bond Neutralization Resolution. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lyness recognized Mr. Harris.

Mr. Harris recommended that the Board approve the bus route addendum included in their board packet.

Mr. Graf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burress, to approve the bus route addendum. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Harris recommended that agenda item 12.2, Approval of Extension of Bus Contracts, be tabled at this time.

Mr. Burress made a motion, seconded by Mr. Norman, to table the approval of extension of bus contracts. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lyness recognized Mrs. Baines.

Mrs. Baines did the second presentation of the revision to Board Policy 8510 and asked for any questions regarding the changes. There were no questions, therefore Mrs. Baines recommended that the Board approve the revision to Board Policy 8510.

Mr. Norman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Graf, to approve the revision to Board Policy 8510. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lyness asked for comments from the S-DEA. Brenda Osman reported on the positive feedback she has been receiving about the professional development training Bonnie Kelly has been giving the Transition Team Members in regards to the new standards.

Mrs. Baines stated that agenda item 13.2 was missed under her report. Mrs. Baines recommended that the Board approve the conflict of interest statement that was included in their Board packet.

Mr. Burress made a motion, seconded by Mr. Graf, to approve the conflict of interest statement. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lyness recognized the building Principals.

Mrs. Vennemeier thanked Rollie Hollowell and the Girl Scouts for their work on the Jack Carpenter Memorial Garden. She also thanked teachers and parents for their efforts to make conferences go so well.

Dr. Williams presented a review of enrollment, personnel, and finances. He then reviewed both immediate and long term alternatives for consideration. He then turned it over to the Board for discussion.

Discussions included class size, making the slide show available for the public, moving 6th grade to the middle school, lines on the map, how to balance the number of students between two elementary schools, inter-district transfers, and bus routes.

Mr. Lyness stated that he thinks growth will come from Bright and if we push Bright Elementary to its max then there would be no room to grow. He also stated that he thinks he is leaning towards option D but will need more information.

Mr. Lyness asked for public comments and read the rules for public participation.

Rick Gill, a Franklin County resident residing north of Brookville on Blooming Grove, stated that he is a Franklin County Board Member and is running for Indiana House District 68. He stated that the current administration at the state has a target for public schools and our small county schools get hurt. He added that he is running for office so he can go to Indianapolis and voice his opinion.

Gary Gellert, Sawdon Ridge, stated that the Board needs better communication, that he is opposed to having no school in the middle of the district and also opposed to centralization.

Rick Huffman believes North Dearborn would be used as a charter school if we close it.

Jacob Hiltz, Rolling Dr. in West Harrison, would like to know what the timeline is.

Mr. Lyness stated that the Board will make some comments and answer questions after they hear the public comments.

A North Dearborn parent said that she only heard about this through rumor and that she has not heard anything about the quality of education that our children would receive being considered.

Nicole Katenkamp, resident of Picnic Lawn subdivision, stated that she specifically moved back to the area so her daughter could go to school at North Dearborn Elementary.

Becky Stutz, resident of Sunman, stated that she has 4 kids in the district in 4 different schools and is concerned about one of her children who is special needs and is bussed from Sunman to North Dearborn. She would like to know what is going to happen to the special needs program.

A Falcon's Nest resident referred to a statement about the corporation not being able to afford the schools we have and then a statement about building another school.

Tammy Hensley, resident of Bright, wonders why the 1.7 million dollars in repairs needed at North Dearborn couldn't have been done over time instead of all at once; and, if we keep 3 (three) elementary schools, could they hold K-6.

Dan Helcher, Mt. Pleasant area bus driver, stated that the drivers bids are based on miles and if we send all the North Dearborn kids to Sunman we will have a large transportation bill.

A parent that resides in Guilford stated that if any of these alternatives are chosen, it makes more sense for her kids to go to Lawrenceburg.

Melissa Comer, resides off of Sawdon Ridge, stated that if we jam pack the middle school with kids how will that help their "C" rating.

Julia Phyllis, resides off of Carr Road, stated that even if North Dearborn is run down, the people and the teachers are really what is important.

A member of the audience who spoke previously also asked what impact our state and local property taxes have on these decisions.

Mr. Lyness thanked everyone for coming and voicing their concerns. He commented on some of the items that the public spoke of. He stated that a decision will not be made tonight.

Dr. Williams added that we will do our best to keep special needs as similar as possible to what it is now. He also stated that we should be extremely proud of our staff in regards to the quality of education our children are receiving.

Mr. Lyness stated touched on capital funds in regards to the 1.7 million dollars at North Dearborn. He said that the main reason is the age of the building but the 1.7 was a projection over a 5 year period.

Mr. Lyness said they would have to look at doing K-6 at the elementary buildings instead of K-5. Dr. Williams added that Bright Elementary is not big enough to be K-6.

Mr. Lyness recognized Dr. Williams.

Dr. Williams stated that Friday is the ADM count day. He also invited the Board members to a dinner on November 18 hosted by the Vocational School. He thanked all of the young people in our corporation, the teachers, administrative staff, support service staff, and parents.

Mr. Lyness asked the Board members to comment on any items of interest.

Mr. Norman asked if the middle school would be too crowded with 6th grade, could the 6th grade be at the IS or could the 8th grade go to the high school.

Dr. Williams stated that anything is a possibility and that 25 was just used as an estimate.

Mr. Lyness stated that we really need to look at what impact the 6th grade has on going to the middle school. He added that he does not feel good about the dividing line and maybe we should use Route 1. He said he would like to take a harder look at option D.

Mr. Lyness stated that we will bring this back at the November meeting with more information.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Lyness asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Graf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm EST. The motion carried by voice vote.