

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD
SUNMAN-DEARBORN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
RIPLEY AND DEARBORN COUNTIES, INDIANA
JANUARY 12, 2012

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation was held January 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. EST, in the East Central High School cafeteria with the following individuals in attendance: David Anderson, Cindie, Fox, Jeff Lyness, Michael Norman, School Attorney Frank Kramer, Superintendent Dr. Jeff Hendrix, Director of Support Services Kris Wilson, Director of Financial Operations Charles Blake, Director of Human Resources Mary Ann Baines and Recording Secretary Cheri Huff. Board Members Brandon Burress, Joyce Huffman, and Glenn Scholl were not present.

An Executive session was held from 6:00 pm – 6:55 pm EST. During the executive session the Board discussed personnel items as provided by I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(1) and I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(9). The Board of Education will not discuss subject matter in the executive session other than the subject matter specified in the notice for the meeting.

Dr. Hendrix called the open meeting to order at 7:05 PM EST, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Dr. Hendrix opened the floor for nominations for the office of Board President. Mrs. Fox nominated Mr. Lyness, seconded by Mr. Anderson, for Board President. The nomination carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lyness opened the floor for nominations for the office of Board Vice-President. Mr. Anderson nominated Mr. Norman, seconded by Mrs. Fox, for Board Vice-President. The nomination carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lyness opened the floor for nominations for the office of Board Secretary. Mr. Norman nominated Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Anderson, for Board Secretary. The nomination carried by voice vote.

Dr. Hendrix recommended that the Board approve the appointment of Charles Blake as Treasurer and Kelley Fuernstein as Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. Norman made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the appointments as recommended. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lyness opened the floor for nominations for a Board Member to serve as the Indiana School Board Association (ISBA) Representative. Mrs. Fox nominated Mr. Norman, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to serve as the representative for the ISBA. The nomination carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lyness opened the floor for nominations for a Board Member to serve as the Legislative Liaison Representative. Mr. Norman nominated Mr. Burress, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to serve as the Legislative Liaison Representative. The nomination carried by voice vote.

Dr. Hendrix recommended that the Board approve the appointment of Cheri Huff as Recording Secretary.

Mr. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Norman, to approve the appointment as recommended. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lyness opened the floor for nominations for two Board Members to serve on the Sunman-Dearborn Endowment Board. Mr. Norman nominated Mrs. Fox and Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to serve on the Sunman-Dearborn Endowment Board. The nomination carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lyness asked for a recommendation from the Board for approval of the Regular Board Meeting dates. Mrs. Fox made a motion, seconded by Mr. Norman, to keep the dates of the Regular Board Meetings as is; the second Thursday of every month. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lyness asked for a recommendation from the Board for approval of Board Compensation for 2012. Mr. Norman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to keep Board compensation for 2012 as is. The motion carried by voice vote. (see attached)

Mr. Lyness opened the floor for nominations for the office of Board of Finance Committee President. Mr. Norman nominated Mrs. Fox seconded by Mr. Anderson, to serve as the Board of Finance Committee President. The nomination carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lyness opened the floor for nominations for the office of Board of Finance Committee Vice-President. Mrs. Fox nominated Mr. Lyness, seconded by Mr. Norman, to serve as the Board of Finance Committee Vice-President. The nomination carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lyness read the items on consent agenda.

4.1 Approval of Minutes for the Executive Session on December 12, 2011, the Regular Board Meeting on December 15, 2011, and the Public Meeting on December 15, 2011. (see attached)

4.2 Approval of claims for payment 113234 – 113498 (see attached)

4.3 Approval of personnel report

<u>Name</u>	<u>Request for Medical Leave</u> <u>Building & Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
	EC/Teacher Assistant	1/4/2012
	ND/Teacher	5/23/2012

Recommendation for Employment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building & Assignment</u>
Thomas Harris	Director of Support Services
Denise Schneider	EC/Custodian
Becky Busha	EC/Cafeteria (2-hr)
Lynn Loichinger	EC/Cafeteria (2 hrs to 2 ½ hrs)
Patrick Wilbur	Boys Assistant Track Coach
Todd Crabill	Girls Assistant Track Coach
Rachel Posey	Girls Assistant Track Coach

4.4 Approval of overnight field trip

- *Donna Tanner and 55 ECHS Music students going to a Music Festival in Chicago, IL leaving on 4/27/12 and returning on 4/29/12. (see attached)*

4.5 Approval to accept donations

- *Intermec Foundation donating \$2,000.00 to North Dearborn for improving technology.*
- *Various items to be accepted and used in the 6th grade Accelerated Reader auction at the Intermediate School.*

4.6 Approval of pay rates (see attached)

Dr. Hendrix recommended that the Board approve with one motion and one vote the Consent Agenda Items 4.1 through and including 4.6 as presented.

Mrs. Fox made a motion, seconded by Mr. Norman, to approve consent agenda items as recommended. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lyness recognized Mr. Kramer, School Attorney.

Mr. Kramer stated that he needs the Board to act on a request he received to appoint a hearing officer for a matter involving an employee of the district.

Mrs. Fox made a motion, seconded by Mr. Norman, to appoint a hearing officer as requested. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lyness reminded the Board that the approval of the 2012-13 school calendar was tabled to this Board Meeting. He stated that the recommendation for Option C received a motion but no second. Mr. Lyness asked if there was a second at this time. There was no second, therefore the motion dies. Mr. Norman made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve calendar Option C-1 for the 2012-13 school year. Mr. Anderson stated that option C-1 combines what both the public and the teachers wanted. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Hendrix recommended that the Board approve the ROD Inter-local agreement as presented.

Mr. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the agreement as recommended. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Kramer stated that he had received a request for the School Corporation to pay the attorney fees for the matter involving Mrs. Vennemeier and made a recommendation that the School Board deny this request.

Mrs. Fox made a motion, seconded by Mr. Norman, to deny the request as recommended. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lyness recognized Mrs. Baines, Director of Human Resources.

Mrs. Baines recommended that the Board approve the annual conflict of interest statements as presented.

Mrs. Fox made a motion, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the statements as recommended. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lyness recognized Mr. Blake, Director of Financial Operations.

Mr. Blake reviewed the Financial Report for all of 2011 and reviewed all funds for 2011. He stated that we are moving in the right direction.

Mr. Lyness asked for public comments and read the public comments policy.

The public presented the Board with their concerns on the following topics:

Proposed termination of Dr. Deutsch, the results of the calendar survey not being posted on the website, poor communication, calendar option C-1, problems with the new computer tech structure, the decision to deny paying attorney fees, and the strategic plan committee members.

Nancy Kordenbrock Gest of Blue Goose Road welcomed the Board to come to a 7th and 8th grade band event.

Christie Andres, teacher at S-DIS, thanked the Board for listening to the public in regards to Mrs. Vennemeier's contract.

Mr. Lyness thanked the public for their comments and stated that one of the Board's goals is to get better at communication.

Mr. Lyness asked for any comments from the S-DEA. There were no comments.

Mr. Lyness recognized the Principals to report on their buildings.

Mrs. Vennemeier, S-DIS, reported on second quarter honor roll, her buildings dedication to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, the St. Jude Math-A-Thon, and Destination Imagination.

Mrs. Morton, SE, reported on the 3rd and 4th grade winter program led by Mrs. Gast, Mrs. Iva McConnell sitting in as "Principal for the day", a P.J. party to benefit Riley Hospital, and the I-READ3.

Mr. Bond, NDE, reported on receiving a grant for technology, the successful 1st and 2nd grade music concert; thanking Ms. Wilson, the 2nd graders working with Ms. Ashley McConnell's culinary arts classes, and how the buildings have been using the data from Acuity testing.

Mr. Goessling, BE, thanked Pam Gast for the great winter program at the Performing Arts Center, reported on the successful PTO Santa Shop this season and stated the Winter Festival is March 2, Mr. Hutchinson's character education focus is self-control, alertness and action, Patrick Mitchell won the 4th grade spelling bee, and professional development that will take place the last 2 weeks of February thanks to a grant through Title I.

Mrs. Baudendistel, S-DMS, thanked the Board for supporting the recommendation for her to become the S-DMS Principal. She reported on the great musical talent in her building, the start of a parent/community outreach program, Acuity, and invited the Board Members to come by for a visit.

Mr. Lyness asked the Board to comment on any items of interest. There were no Board comments.

Mr. Lyness recognized Dr. Hendrix, Superintendent.

Dr. Hendrix shared on behalf of Mr. Shipley those ECHS students that had perfect attendance for the 2nd nine weeks at the Career Center. He also reported on the district-wide strategic planning committee.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Lyness asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Norman made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Fox to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm EST. The motion carried by voice vote.