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

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

Mr. Lyness called the open meeting to order at 7:02 PM EST, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Lyness read the items on consent agenda.

3.1 Approval of Minutes for the Executive Session on June 4, 2012, the Work Session on June 7, 2012, the Executive Session on June 11, 2012, and the Regular Board Meeting on June 14, 2012.

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- 3.2 Approval of claims for payment (115122 115338)
- 3.3 Approval of personnel report

Request for Medical Leave		
Name	Building & Assignment	Effective Date
	MS/Staff member	11/3/2012 - 1/31/2012
Recommendation for Employment		
Name	Building & Assignment	
Dana Heileman	IS/Teacher	
Bryan Bitner	MS/Instructional Assistant	
David Mosure	EC/English Teacher	
Kati Stanley	EC/English Teacher	
Stuart Durham	MS/Science Teacher (1/2 time)	
Malorie Dickhaus	ND/Teacher	
Lauren Sidwell	ND/Instructional Assistant	
Cristen Dietz	ND/Instructional Assistant	
Accept Letters of Resignation		
Name	Building & Assignment	Effective Date
Charlotte Schutte	IS/Instructional Assistant	8/13/2012
Pamela Hall	EC/Instructional Assistant	8/13/2012
Pam Gast	BE/SE Music Teacher	8/9/2012

Dr. Hendrix recommended that the Board approve, with one motion and one vote, Consent Agenda Items 3.1 through and including 3.3 as presented.

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

Mr. Blake recommended that the Board approve the resolution for additional appropriations. He explained that this is the process in order to be able to spend the money the Corporation is reimbursed with from ROD and that another request will occur in November or December. He assured that this had no impact on property owners.

Mr. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Norman, to approve the resolution for additional appropriations. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Hendrix recommended that the Board approve the updates to Board Policy that were presented and discussed at the June Board Meeting.

Mr. Norman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the updates to Board Policy. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lyness asked the Board for a motion on the request for sabbatical leave as submitted Brandy Bittner. Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the sabbatical leave. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. Discussion took place on the purpose of a sabbatical and how the master contract reads. Mr. Lyness called for a vote. The motion carried by voice vote, 5-0.

Mr. Lyness recognized Mrs. Copenhaver, Director of Food Service.

Mrs. Copenhaver discussed the current charge policies at East Central and S-DMS and the procedures that are followed when a student or staff member has a negative balance. She recommended to the Board that the current policies remain the same; however, a similar policy needs to be made for S-DIS and the three elementary schools. The Board stated that they agree making it the same across the board is a good thing. Mrs. Copenhaver asked if they would like to make it a Board policy or a Food Service Department policy. Mr. Lyness referred to Mary Ann Baines and Dr. Hendrix to answer the question. Dr. Hendrix stated that if we want consistency, then it should start with the Board and work its way down.

Dr. Hendrix recommended that we establish a consistent policy across the school corporation that includes anyone that participates in the school lunch program that does not qualify for free/reduced that after the 3rd unpaid lunch they will get reduced menu offerings and the High School and Middle School will lose their alacarte privileges. He also stated that a written policy will be completed for the next board meeting.

Mr. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Norman, to allow Dr. Hendrix, Mrs. Baines, and Mrs. Copenhaver to begin putting together a consistent charge policy for the Corporation. The motion carried by voice vote.

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

Mr. Blake reviewed the Financial Report for June 2012 and the second quarter 2012. He stated that ROD will officially be on their own tomorrow. He also stated that the money from the sale of the old central office was put into debt service.

Mr. Lyness recognized Mr. Harris, Director of Support Services.

Mr. Harris recognized his custodial staff in all the buildings and stated that they are doing a wonderful job and that they are ahead of schedule due to the last day of school being so early this past year. He shared some of the bigger jobs that are being completed at each building, the new company that will be utilized for paper towels and toilet tissue, and changes with Rumpke that will save the corporation money. He discussed transportation in regards to bus cleaning, routes, and Versatrans training.

Mr. Lyness asked for public comments and read the public comments policy. There were no comments.

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

Mr. Lyness recognized the Principals. There were no comments.

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

Mr. Blake reported in regards to new budget requirements, he will have a preliminary set of numbers for next year's budget by 8/1 for the county council to review.

Mr. Norman mentioned that the school system increased I-STEP scores quite a bit. Mr. Lyness agreed and stated that he believes Dr. Hendrix is going to mention that in more detail.

Mr. Lyness recognized Dr. Hendrix, Superintendent.

Dr. Hendrix stated that it has been a work in progress; however, the corporation increased 5.2% from last year to this year for percent passing both Math and LA. He mentioned that there was a remarkable turnaround at the Middle School.

Dr. Hendrix reported that the EC FCCLA and the S-DMS FCCLA combined are bringing home 14 gold medals and 8 silver medals from the National FCCLA meeting in Orlando, FL. He thanked Mrs. Osman, Mrs. Knotts, Ms. McConnell, the parents and students for all of their hard work.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Lyness asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burress, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm EST. The motion carried by voice vote.