

SILVIS SCHOOL DISTRICT #34 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
NORTHEAST JUNIOR HIGH – DISTRICT OFFICE
AUGUST 16, 2017
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Members Present: Wadsager, Lear, Schneider, Van De Walle, Hernandez

Members Absent: Terry, Rossmiller

Motion by Lear, second by Van De Walle to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2017 meeting, to approve the July 2017 Treasurer's Report, to approve the August 2017 expenditures, and to approve board policies: 2:210 Organizational School Board Meeting, 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure, 4:70 Resource Conservation, 6:80 Teaching About Controversial Issues, 6:180 Extended Instructional Programs, 6:210 Instructional Materials, 6:290 Homework, 7:80 Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance, 7:160 Student Appearance, 7:275 Orders to Forego Life-Sustaining Treatment, and 8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities.

Ayes: Wadsager, Lear, Schneider, Van De Walle, Hernandez

Nays: None

Communication/Recognition/Celebrations

- A thank you was shared with the Board from the family of Gene Hartsock, Sandy Jones' father, for the floral arrangement sent to his service.
- The Rocket Boosters are donating to the East Moline/Silvis Rotary Club for an iPad to promote literacy in our 3rd grade classrooms.

Mrs. Marjorie Henseler, District Title I teacher, Mr. Michael Hughes, George O. Barr Elementary School principal, and Ms. Kim Bultynck, George O. Barr Elementary School third grade teacher, were present.

There was no public participation.

Mr. Michael Hughes, George O. Barr Elementary School principal, was present to give the Board an update on the beginning of the school year. He reported that the summer janitorial crew did a fantastic job getting everything ready in time for the start of school and that the student registration process was a great success and thanked everyone involved. Mr. Hughes also discussed the new ELA curriculum and the time and work the district teaching staff has put in with trainers from the company, with Rock Island teachers who are already using the curriculum, and with their fellow teachers. He also reported that the enrollment at George O. Barr (K-5) at the end of 2016-2017 was 386 students and they are beginning this year with 398 students. He also noted that, although the number of students with IEP's dropped slightly, there are several incoming students with situations that are being addressed with temporary assistance from a couple of the district's retired teachers. The District's new technology provider DCS (John Wolfe) is working out very well and he is being kept very busy. The Pre-Kindergarten grant has some of the funds set aside for size/age appropriate playground equipment for those younger students. The staff member of the month at George O. Barr Elementary is Mrs. Meaghan Terry for going above and beyond.

Superintendent's Report:

1. 2017-2018 Tentative Budget: Dr. VandeWiele is projecting a deficit, but the final fund balance will depend on the revenue the district receives from the State of Illinois. The Board of Education will be

officially approving the budget at the September meeting with a budget hearing held at the beginning of the meeting.

2. District Improvement Plan Update: Dr. VandeWiele reviewed a summary of District Improvement Plan tasks completed during the 2016-2017 school year. In Goal Area 1 (Teaching and Learning): ELA curriculum was selected, professional development was held in June and July for the new curriculum, evaluated use of assessments, decided to implement a last period intervention period at Northeast Junior High School for the 2017-2018 school year, and to also implement an RtI curriculum developed for Northeast Junior High School; in Goal Area 2 (Engaged Community): the Growing Great Families Conference will continue under the leadership of Brianna Casarotto and Meaghan Terry, the District implemented iJAG for the 2016-2017 school year and it continues this year, the district developed a partnership with Robert Young and Bethany, and the District is participating in an East Moline/Silvis Rotary iPad literacy project; in Goal Area 3 (Learning Environment): the Discipline Committee reformed and met, work was done to update the district safety plan which is almost ready for Board approval, the Wellness Committee made significant progress toward their goals, and staff was involved in CPI training; in Goal Area 4 (Fiscal Integrity) the tuck pointing project was completed at George O. Barr Elementary School as well as the classroom doors, and monthly financial updates are provided to the Board of Education.
3. School Board Governance Recognition Discussion: It appears that September 13th is the date that will work for most Board of Education members and the session will address the One Cent Sales Tax, Community Engagement, and Communication.
4. Award Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Bid – Loffredo: Colin Kave applied for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program again this year and George O. Barr was selected as a recipient. Only one bid was received from Loffredo Fresh Produce for the 2017-2018 school year.
5. Compensatory Time-Off Policy 5:310: We reviewed the comp time policy and are suggesting that a change be made to the current policy. The current policy indicates that an employee may use comp time in half day increments. We are proposing to change from half day to one hour increments. We would also like to add one provision to the policy. Employees that do not use comp time by the end of each school year will be paid out on the July 15th payroll. This will ensure that employees do not accumulate an excessive amount of comp time. The change will also improve communication and record-keeping.
6. HVAC Update: Dr. VandeWiele met with Brandon Pierson from IMEG Corporation (formerly KJWW) on Tuesday, August 15th. He is taking the information she provided to his people and he will get back to Dr. VandeWiele by September 13. The district will accept the \$7,500 donation from Ragan Mechanical for costs the district has incurred repairing the HVAC system.

IASA/IASB/IASBO Annual Conference Update – preconference workshop information was shared with the Board.

Rossmiller arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Motion by Schneider, second by Van De Walle to approve awarding the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program bid to Loffredo Fresh Produce Company, Inc., and to approve the changes to the Compensatory Time Policy 5:310.

Ayes: Wadsager, Rossmiller, Lear, Schneider, Van De Walle, Hernandez

Nays: None

Motion by Lear, second by Schneider to enter executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee or employees of the district (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)), and to discuss student disciplinary cases (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)).

Ayes: Wadsager, Rossmiller, Lear, Schneider, Van De Walle, Hernandez

Nays: None

Executive session was called to order at 7:19 p.m.

Members Present: Wadsager, Rossmiller, Lear, Schneider, Van De Walle, Hernandez

Members Absent: Terry

Motion by Schneider, second by Hernandez to exit executive session at 7:28 p.m.

Ayes: Wadsager, Rossmiller, Lear, Schneider, Van De Walle, Hernandez

Nays: None

Meeting called to order at 7:29 p.m.

Members Present: Wadsager, Rossmiller, Lear, Schneider, Van De Walle, Hernandez

Members Absent: Terry

Motion by Lear, second by Van De Walle to approve the personnel recommendations:

1. Accept resignation of Sheryl Schluenz, art teacher.
2. Accept resignation of Ashley Spriet, volleyball coach.
3. Accept resignation of Jean DeDecker as an aide.
4. Approve employment of Rachel Larson as long term substitute teacher.
5. Approve employment of Dan Taylor as a football coach.
6. Approve Ashley Cirricione as volleyball coach.
7. Approve Eric Johnson as a custodian.
8. Approve America Bunker's contract, as presented.
9. Accept termination agreement with Sue Cutkomp, bus driver.
10. Approve employment of Dana Densberger as an art teacher.
11. Approve Mariah Quin as a substitute paraprofessional aide.
12. Approve Tika Gomez as a substitute teacher.
13. Approve Thais Rowland as a substitute teacher.
14. Approve Beth Schrup as a substitute teacher.

Ayes: Wadsager, Rossmiller, Lear, Schneider, Van De Walle, Hernandez

Nays: None

There were no Freedom of Information Act requests since the last Board Meeting.

Dr. VandeWiele was interviewed by Channel 6 this morning concerning lead testing. There were some questions about staffing for potential aides at George O. Barr Elementary School. The District is using substitutes until it can be determined what is best and if there is a need to hire any permanent aides. Dr.

VandeWiele also answered questions concerning the East Moline Alternative School – the students we send would be enrolled there for a minimum of one semester. It was also decided that, for safety reasons, the elementary students will not be viewing the eclipse and that permission slips for parental approval will be sent home with the Northeast Junior High students.

Mrs. Hernandez reported that her Level II students have started at George O. Barr Elementary in the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classrooms and that she will have approximately 50 United Township High School students touring the school on August 29th.

Motion by Lear, second by Hernandez to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Motion carried by voice acclamation.

Kevin Rossmiller, Board President

Wendi Harrell, Recording Secretary