

SILVIS SCHOOL DISTRICT #34 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
NORTHEAST JUNIOR HIGH – DISTRICT OFFICE  
OCTOBER 18, 2017  
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Motion by Schneider, second by Terry to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2017 meeting, to approve the September 2017 Treasurer's Report, and to approve the October 2017 expenditures.

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

Nays: None

#### Communication/Recognition/Celebrations

- The Northeast Junior High Homework Club is being offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mrs. Hirst, Mrs. Cirricione, Ms. Brummet, Mr. Mumma, Ms. Thomson, Mr. Clendenny, Mrs. Wyffels, and Miss Rowe are volunteering to stay after school to assist the students. There were thirty-one students on the first night, fifty-eight students had initially signed up and another six have since signed up.
- United Education Foundation grants have been awarded this school year to Mrs. Beeler, Mrs. Adamson, Mrs. Drummond, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Kongkousonh, Mrs. Sonnevile, Mrs. Taylor, and Mr. DeWitte.
- Mr. Lootens has been asked to go to Washington, D.C. from November 27 to December 5 for the JAG national event.
- Ms. Thomson, Mrs. Wyffels, Mrs. Moody, Mrs. Minas, and Mrs. Sweeney worked with Rock Island teachers over Fall break on the new ELA curriculum.
- Dr. VandeWiele shared examples of the first literary analysis paper written by Northeast Junior High 6<sup>th</sup> grade students using the new ELA curriculum.
- The Board received a thank you from Jan Anderson for the use of Northeast Junior High School for their fundraiser. The group is donating \$3,200 to fight childhood cancer ([beatcancertoday.org](http://beatcancertoday.org)).
- The district received the first check today for the school facilities tax proceeds of \$27,659.25 which is for sales in July 2017.

Mrs. Marjorie Henseler, District Title I teacher, and Mrs. Rosalva Portillo, District English Learner Program Director, were present.

There was no public participation.

Mrs. Rosalva Portillo, District English Learner Program Director, was present to discuss the district's English Learner program. This year there are seventy students in the program which is 11% of the total student population. There are currently ten different languages spoken in the district. Due to a new standard setting and reclassification criteria, only one student exited last year which is creating a higher case load for the district. Once a student exits the program, they must still be monitored for four more years.

Superintendent's Report:

- a) Audit Report FY17: The District received a Financial Profile Score of 3.8 which is in the Financial Recognition category. In fiscal year 2017 revenue in the operating funds consisted of 48% local, 39% state, and 13% federal. The expenditures in the operating funds consisted of 73% salary and benefits, 14% purchased services, 8% supplies and materials, 1% capital outlay and 4% tuition, transfers and other.
- b) Referee Pay Rates: Mr. Lootens and other area junior high athletic directors discussed the cost of referee pay rates and have made the following recommendations:
- Volleyball: Increase pay from \$30 (one game)/\$45 (two games) to \$30 (one game)/\$55 (two games)
- Basketball: Increase pay from \$30 (one game)/\$45 (two games) to \$30 (one game)/\$60 (two games)
- Football: Increase pay from \$45 to \$50 per game
- c) Evidence Based Funding Model: Dr. Vandewiele attended a meeting in Lisle on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at which she learned more about the Evidence Based Funding Model and the financial impact the new formula will have on districts in the future.

Motion by Lear, second by Terry to approve an increase in referee pay rates for volleyball from \$30 (one game)/\$45 (two games) to \$30 (one game)/\$55 (two games), for basketball from \$30 (one game)/\$45 (two games) to \$30 (one game)/\$60 two games, and for football from \$45 per game to \$50 per game.

Ayes: Schneider, Hernandez, Wadsager, Terry, Van De Walle, Rossmiller, Lear  
Nays: None

Dr. Vandewiele shared information with the Board on the Delegate Assembly Meeting at the IASB/IASA/IASBO Chicago Conference which will be held November 17-19, 2017, and that they will have to decide on a couple of items at the next Board meeting so that the district's delegate, Mrs. Hernandez, can vote accordingly.

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: Schneider, Hernandez, Wadsager, Terry, Van De Walle, Rossmiller, Lear  
Nays: None

Executive session was called to order at 7:41 p.m.

Members Present: Schneider, Hernandez, Wadsager, Terry, Van De Walle, Rossmiller, Lear  
Members Absent: None

Motion by Terry, second by Lear to exit executive session at 7:44 p.m.

Ayes: Schneider, Hernandez, Wadsager, Terry, Van De Walle, Rossmiller, Lear  
Nays: None

Meeting called to order at 7:46 p.m.

Members Present: Schneider, Hernandez, Wadsager, Terry, Van De Walle, Rossmiller, Lear  
Members Absent: None

Motion by Schneider, second by Terry to approve the personnel recommendations:

1. Accept resignation of Kim Pettis as aide at George O. Barr Elementary School.
2. Approve Nemat Musa as a substitute teacher.
3. Approve Michael Craig Heald as a substitute custodian.
4. Approve Whitney Gaylord as a substitute teacher.

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

Nays: None

There were two Freedom of Information Act requests since the last Board Meeting which were handled in a timely manner.

George O. Barr Elementary School had a student who developed chicken pox over Fall break, so the classroom was disinfected, letters were sent home to parents, and the case was reported to the Rock Island County Health Department.

Staff have worked to remove graffiti on the building at George O. Barr Elementary School.

Dr. VandeWiele gave the Board an update on the HVAC system at George O. Barr Elementary School. There have not been as many issues since ChangeAir came in and did some resets last April and they are also working to provide training on the units. It is also believed that the expansion tank is too small and it may be that the specifications called for a tank of inappropriate size. The District has accepted the offer from Ragan Mechanical of \$7,500 to compensate for money spent by the district on the HVAC units.

Motion by Wadsager, second by Van De Walle to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Motion carried by voice acclamation.

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Kevin Rossmiller, Board President

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Wendi Harrell, Recording Secretary