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Damiansville Elementary  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2007

Present at this meeting:

Kelly Arentsen	-Board Member	Dianne Hegger	Guest
Susan Lynch	-Board Member	Margorie Riddell	Guest
Jill Kassen	-Board Member		
Donna Goebel	-Board Member		
Phyllis Kassen	-Absent		
Mike Caraker	-Board Member		
Kevin Arentsen	-Board Member		
Michael Toeben	-Superintendent		

Beginning at 6:32 prior to the meeting was the budget hearing. There were no guests present so after a brief review of the modifications since it was presented at the last meeting, Jill moved that we close the budget hearing, Kevin seconded, Vote 6-0. Meeting called to order at 6:41PM.

Roll Call: Phyllis Kassen absent

Pledge of Allegiance. skipped

Accept/Amend Agenda: Move "Facilities management" from Executive Session to New Business 6.07. Jill made a motion to accept, Kevin seconded, Vote 6-0.

Guest Communications: Caterie and Marjorie going to workshop in Peoria, October 12, 13.

Consent Agenda:

Currently we are down \$122,706.88 but by last August we had already gotten our 1<sup>st</sup> installment of taxes (\$167,000) so we are actually ahead by \$44,293.12 over last year.

Jill made a motion to accept the consent agenda, Donna seconded. Vote 6-0.

**Superintendent's Report**

- Looking into a Study Skills class during milk break for the older kids.
- Peer team is going to start up with Caterie and Angela coordinating it.
- IASB dinner on October 25<sup>th</sup> will be attended by Mike T, Kelley, Jill, Donna and Mike C
- Scholar Bowl is joining the IESC to allow participation in regional and state tournaments. The cost is \$75 start-up plus \$60/year. Marjorie is leading this effort again this year.

**Unfinished Business**

5.01 – Approve FY08 Annual Budget, Jill made a motion to approve, Kevin seconded, Vote 6-0.

5.02 – Non certified staff pay raises, Jill made a motion to approve the 3% raises, Donna seconded, Vote 6-0.

5.03 – Scholar Bowl, approved

5.04 – Parish Lease Agreement, Jill made a motion that we sign the 1 year lease agreement, Kevin seconded, Vote 6-0.

**New Business**

6.01 – Bus Issues, Rhonda going to a split schedule to take other job, Sandy does Aviston run in her own car. Once everyone gets their licenses done, the costs to us should go down (no mileage reimbursement)

6.02 – Girls Basketball, need to have bus take the girls to the games and parents bring them home, Mike is working on ref's and agreed to do some of them himself.

6.03 – 2007 ISAT Scores, our reading scores are the biggest point of concern, mainly in the higher grades

6.04 – Title II Funds – Coop with ROE, \$937 out of teachers professional development funds

6.05 – Recognition of School – Approve Application, Donna moved to accept, Susan seconded, Vote 6-0.

6.06 – Possible donated computers, laptops. We discussed trying to get a work day together and asked Barb to make a priority list of the IT related items.

6.07 – Facilities Management, Mike has found some 3 year old buildings at Triad CA Henning school that they will be finished with in May. The owner of the buildings said he'd relocate them to our site for \$67,500 each (they have 4 of

them, each with 4 classrooms and a bathroom). We formed a building committee too investigate this consisting of Kelley, Jill and Mike C. They will try to meet the first week of October and report back to the board next meeting.

**The next meeting will be October 16, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.**

Jill motioned to move to executive session at 8:42. Donna seconded. Vote 6-0.  
Kevin made a motion to leave executive session at 9:08, Jill seconded. Vote 6-0  
Donna motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kevin seconded. Vote 6-0.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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Kelly Arentsen, President

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Mike Caraker, Secretary