

Damiansville Elementary District 62  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
March 11th, 2008

Present at this meeting:

Kelly Arentsen	-Board Member	LeighAnn Arentsen	Treasurer
Susan Lynch	-Board Member	Angela Roeckenhous	Guest
Jill Kassen	-Board Member	Dianne Hegger	Guest
Donna Goebel	-Board Member		
Phyllis Kassen	-Board Member		
Kevin Arentsen	-Board Member		
Mike Caraker	-Board Member		
Mike Toeben	-Superintendent		

Meeting called to order at 6:33PM.

Roll Call: all present

Pledge of Allegiance

Accept/Amend Agenda – Mike T suggested that we move to executive session prior to Guest communications. Jill made a motion that we amend the agenda as proposed, Donna seconded, vote 7-0.

Kevin made a motion to enter executive session at 6:39, Phyllis seconded, vote 7-0.

Kevin made a motion to leave executive session at 7:12, Phyllis seconded, vote 7-0.

Introduction of Guests/Guest Comments – no comments

**Consent Items:**

3.01 – Approval of Minutes from February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting – no comments.

3.02 – Approval of Treasurer’s Report – no comments

3.03 – Approve Payment of Bills – Wendy’s retirement payout amount approximately \$54,000!

Phyllis made a motion that we accept the consent items, Jill seconded. Vote 7-0.

**Superintendent’s Report**

- Retirement gifts – Mike/Dianne will work on this and report back to us next month.
- Wendy’s TRS buyout – Mike will check and see exactly what this amount entails and what the options are (if any) about how we pay it.

**Unfinished Business**

5.01 Bus Issues – the banks are still working on getting their best rates to us. We have to decide by April meeting on which bank we use. Mike has decided that the small bus is worth keeping due to convenience. They currently use it to take a special ed 1<sup>st</sup> grader to Aviston every day, the big bus cannot physically get to her house.

5.02 Facilities Management – Building committee – No meeting scheduled.

5.03 Board Goals – Mike T will distribute his written goals for comment

5.04 Technology Needs – Funding Issues – no new information

5.05 10-year Health Life/Safety Plan – Still waiting for architect to re-do the paperwork for submittal to the state!!!!

5.06 Informative Committee on Reorganizing with Albers – meeting scheduled for next Thursday (meeting #2). Albers was not interested in doing anything with just sports. They were very interested in pursuing a feasibility study on consolidation and approved pursuing this at their recent board meeting. Mike T explained the three options for the feasibility study, and the most favorable one to the Board is one that will charge us just what they state will reimburse for the study. Susan made a motion that we also pursue the Feasibility Study with no additional money allocated, Donna seconded, vote 6-1 (Mike C voting no).

5.07 Text Book Loan Program K-6 – order being placed this week

5.08 Fingerprinting Initiative, ROE – still waiting on the exact cost. This will be a one-time cost for the equipment, we will then have a per-use charge for each new teacher hired.

5.09 School Alert System – two quotes were provided at the meeting. After much discussion Kevin moved that we put this in the budget for next year rather than hit the parents with another fee, Jill seconded, vote 7-0.

5.10 Graduation – Kevin made a motion that we select May 16<sup>th</sup> as our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation date, Phyllis seconded, vote 7-0.

### **New Business**

6.01 08-09 School Registration – there was some discussion about why we have registration in May versus over the summer. The Board will consider this and discuss again next month.

6.02 Pre-school screening – happens on March 26<sup>th</sup>. 10 kids signed up so far, hoping for more!

6.03 Long-term Sub pay – there was some discussion about increasing the substitute teacher pay for long-term events like Wendy's accident. There was precedent set for this when Mrs Hellige had maternity leave last year. The reasoning for the increase is that a long-term sub also has to do class preparation. Mike T will find the amount of back pay days we'd be talking about for next month's meeting. We also need to define "long-term".

Susan motioned that we move to executive session at 8:23, Kevin seconded. Vote 7-0

Susan motioned that we leave executive session at 9:18, Jill seconded, vote 7-0.

Jill motioned that we draft a letter to Lori Jansen to not re-hire, Kevin seconded, vote 7-0.

**The next meeting will be April 15th, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be held in the rectory meeting room.**

Susan motioned to adjourn the meeting, Jill seconded, vote 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

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Kelly Arentsen, President

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Mike Caraker, Secretary