

Damiansville Elementary District 62
School Board Meeting Minutes
July 15th, 2008

Present at this meeting:

Kelly Arentsen	-Board Member	LeighAnn Arentsen	Treasurer
Susan Lynch	-Board Member	Nicole Vetter	Guest
Jill Kassen	-Board Member	Michelle Weiss	Guest
Donna Goebel	-Board Member		
Phyllis Kassen	-Board Member		
Kevin Arentsen	-Absent		
Mike Caraker	-Board Member		
Mike Toeben	-Superintendent		

Meeting called to order at 6:33PM.

Roll Call: Kevin absent

Pledge of Allegiance

Accept/Amend Agenda – Mike T added a bill for paper from Sam’s Club for \$1040 for 40 cases
Jill made a motion that we accept the amended agenda, Phyllis seconded, vote 6-0.

Introduction of Guests/Guest Comments – skipped

Consent Items:

3.01 – Approval of Minutes from May 20th, 2008 and June 24th, 2008 meetings – no changes.

3.02 – Approval of Treasurer’s Report – no comments.

3.03 – Approve Payment of Bills –

Jill made a motion that we accept the consent items, Phyllis seconded, vote 6-0.

Superintendent’s Report

- Summer cleaning is almost complete. \$750 to clean all rugs, happening this week.
- Elaine Williamson fell and broke her leg and can put no weight on it for 4-5 months. Hopes to be at school on first day, wait and see.
- Reading textbooks are in – Lynn is reviewing them.
- REAP grant came in - \$18,100
- Budget will look very different next year, per state changes in how things are broken out. Tort becomes a separate section.

Unfinished Business

5.01 Open Positions for the 08-09 School Year – Nicole Vetter has accepted the 1st grade position.

Susan made a motion that we hire her, Donna seconded, vote 6-0.

No change in the Special Ed position. Mike T recommends that we re-hire Lori Jansen for 1 year to fill the need. This will be discussed in executive session.

5.02 Feasibility Study – Still waiting for a date for preliminary meeting with committee to discuss the study.

5.03 District Wide Alert System – Previously discussed and tabled until now. Cost is about \$2.50/student and staff. Phyllis made a motion that Mike be allowed to purchase this system, Jill seconded, vote 6-0.

5.04 Milk/Bread Bids – several bids distributed for bread and other food supplies. Bids are not quotes, therefore could change depending on food costs to the distributor. After discussing this with other area Superintendents, Mike T recommended that we go with the IBC bid for this coming school year. Donna made a motion that we accept the IBC bid for the 2008/09 school year, Phyllis seconded, vote 6-0. Since we only have 1 milk bid, no discussion necessary. Susan made a motion that we accept the Prairie Farms milk bid, Donna seconded, vote 6-0.

5.05 08-09 Fees – Mike T's recommendation is to leave all fees where they were last year. Our lunch system that we implemented last year seems to have paid off since we have collected a lot more than we had at this time last year.

5.06 Custodian Salary – Parish has asked for a raise for Randy which we'd pay 2/3 of. Mike T feels that there is not enough for him to do for a full time position and that the 2/3 – 1/3 split of his costs is not accurate with his workload. It was recommended that Mike T talk with the parish council about his observations. The lease from the parish remains the same as last year.

5.07 Non-Certified Staff Salary – in keeping with the same increase the teachers' received, Jill made a motion that we accept the "3% chart" distributed by Mike T, Phyllis seconded, vote 6-0.

5.08 403b Plan – Mike T's meeting with American Fidelity is July 17th. Report coming next month.

New Business

6.01 Extra-curricular activities – Time to start thinking about coaches/sponsors for this coming year. Next month we'll discuss hiring/application procedures.

Executive Session – Jill made a motion to move to executive session at 7:25pm, Donna seconded, vote 6-0.

The next meeting will be August 19th, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be held in the rectory meeting room.

Jill made a motion to leave executive session at 7:48pm, Phyllis seconded, vote 6-0.

Phyllis made a motion that we re-employ Lori Jansen to serve as Special Education position for 2008/09 school year, Donna seconded, vote 6-0.

Jill motioned to adjourn the meeting, Phyllis seconded, vote 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Kelly Arentsen, President

Mike Caraker, Secretary