

Damiansville Elementary District 62  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
August 19th, 2008

Present at this meeting:

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

Meeting called to order at 6:34PM.

Roll Call: Jill, Phyllis absent

Pledge of Allegiance

Accept/Amend Agenda – Title of 5.03 amended to read “Custodian Salary & Lease”. Kevin made a motion to accept the amended agenda, Donna seconded, vote 5-0.

Introduction of Guests/Guest Comments – skipped

**Consent Items:**

3.01 – Approval of Minutes from July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting – not included in packet.

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

3.03 – Approve Payment of Bills –

3.04 – Approval of School Treasurer for the year

3.05 – Approve date for budget hearing – September 16, 2008 – 6:30pm. Mike T will email final budget info on Friday.

3.06 – Approve meeting procedures and dates for 08-09 school year

Donna made a motion that we accept the consent items, Kevin seconded, vote 5-0.

**Superintendent’s Report**

- Summer cleaning has become more work than has been done over the summer in the school for a very long time. Tons of work done in the cafeteria painting, consolidating the library, etc. Connie Ganz has put in lots of time helping out.
- Elaine Williamson fell will be out for some period of time at the start of the school year. Mrs Riddell may also miss some school due to a spider bite.
- Enrollment has dropped this year from 114 to 104.
- Mike will be meeting with Patty Cornell to get some help on cleaning up the policy manual.
- School board convention registration happening very soon. November 21-23 in Chicago. Board members need to let Mike T know right away if they wish to go.
- 2 young girls expressed interest in being cheer sponsors, 1 of them is almost 18 (Mater Dei cheerleaders).
- Mike T attended the recent parish council meeting and talked about many things, including the heat in the basement. He has gotten a quote for \$7700 to put A/C in the entire basement. The parish was hoping we could pay for that with HL/S money. That’s not an option unless we can prove that what we have is broken rather than just nonexistent.

**Committee Reports**

4.01 Building Committee – This was discussed at the recent parish meeting and they were invited to include someone on our building committee. Mike has gotten a bid for a 6 classroom structure for \$32x,000 completely installed. We are waiting to hear back from our district architect about discussing our long-term goals with him and getting some ideas.

### **Unfinished Business**

5.01 Open Positions for the 08-09 School Year – Donna made a motion that we re-hire Mrs Swaim for the 08-09 school year, Kevin seconded, vote 5-0.

5.02 Feasibility Study – Kelly and Mike T met with Albers members and Mr Rogers. Copies of the study are coming soon. They feel like there is little chance of this going forward because there are just no incentives for Albers to do it.

5.03 Custodian Salary & Lease - Mike T is instituting a work order system so that things will not be forgotten. We had a long discussion about how we feel that we have no leverage or say with the parish on such measures.

Kevin left at 7:30

Donna made a motion that we accept the raise as-is, Mike seconded, vote 3-1 (Kelly voting no).

Donna made a motion that sign the lease as-is, Susan seconded, vote 4-0

Mike C made a motion that we have a discussion with the parish council regarding the historic split of salary and other financial matters that concern us, Susan seconded, vote 4-0.

5.04 Non-Certified Staff Salary – Mike T will amend this for next meeting. There was a mistake in Dianne's salary on the previous worksheet. She has talked about retiring in 2 years. Mike T would like to discuss a bonus of some sorts for her.

5.05 403b Plan – An ongoing project hoping to finish before January.

5.06 Extra-curricular activities – Some of this was covered in the superintendants report. Ed Kramer has expressed interest in basketball coaching. It was decided that we would prefer to have an adult paired with younger cheer coaches.

### **New Business**

6.01 Air Conditioning in Cafeteria – covered in superintendent report above

6.02 08-09 budget – Actual EAV is not yet completed, but is looking very good for us. We actually didn't levy for as much as we could have. The current budget looks like we'll get all the money we were promised.

6.03 County Sales Tax – further discussion is required to see if we want to pass a resolution asking the county to place this on the ballot in November.

**Executive Session** – Donna made a motion to move to executive session at 8:17pm, Susan seconded, vote 4-0.

**The next meeting will be September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be held in the rectory meeting room.**

Donna made a motion to leave executive session at 8:26pm, Susan seconded, vote 4-0.

Donna motioned to adjourn the meeting, Susan seconded, vote 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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Kelly Arentsen, President

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Mike Caraker, Secretary