

Damiansville Elementary District 62
School Board Meeting Minutes
October 21st, 2008

Present at this meeting:

Kelly Arentsen	-Absent	LeighAnn Arentsen	Treasurer
Susan Lynch	-Board Member	Angela Roeckenhous	Guest
Jill Kassen	-Board Member	Diane 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: Kelley absent

Pledge of Allegiance

Accept/Amend Agenda – Mike T added 6.03 – Booster Club. Jill made a motion to accept the amended agenda, Phyllis seconded, vote 6-0.

Introduction of Guests/Guest Comments – none

Consent Items:

3.01 – Approval of Minutes from September 16th, 2008 meeting – no changes.

3.02 – Approval of Treasurer’s Report – Our finances are better than feared, still no local funding and still may need to get a tax anticipation warrant.

3.03 – Approve Payment of Bills – We received a check from the parish for the building items we forwarded to them last month. Waiting for a bid for gym lights as part of grant.

Donna made a motion that we hold payment for the audit until it can be reviewed further, Jill seconded, vote 6-0.

Jill made a motion that we accept the Consent Items as amended, Donna seconded, vote 6-0.

Superintendent’s Report

- There is some state money coming in now, it’s just the county money that’s slow.
- Spirit week is the week of the 27th timed with the start of varsity basketball.
- ITBS tests are being administered this week. The results will not be in by parent/teacher conferences which are November 5th.
- Red Ribbon week is going on now, there will be an assembly Friday afternoon.
- Report cards go out this Friday.
- Blinds are going up in the 8th grade room.
- No school on Halloween, teacher institute in Mt Vernon.
- School board elections are coming up this April. We’ll have 4 seats open.

Committee Reports

4.01 Building Committee – Mike T included a sheet from 1st Midstate showing out total bonding capacity based on our estimated EAV. It shows a total bonding capacity of \$846,575. We believe the EAV will go up from this estimate based on comments from the county. The community survey results were distributed. There is a follow-up meeting on October 30th in the Village Hall, they have invited our building committee to attend. On November 17th there will be an open community meeting to present the findings to all who are interested.

Unfinished Business

5.01 403b Plan – Mike T will distribute the American Fidelity plan to us and the teachers for review. Diane asked about the fees, Mike T will check. Donna made a motion that we adopt the plan, Jill seconded, vote 6-0.

5.05 07-08 audit – Included in our packets, to be reviewed next month.

New Business

6.01 PRESS Service – Mike distributed flyers of the options. This service provides us with electronic copies of the policies and we'd get samples to review and adopt. We may only need this service for 1 year to get the policy manual completed. The service is \$600/year.

6.02 09-10 Tax Levy – On hold waiting for the actual EAV to come in for this year.

6.03 Booster Club – Phil Jansen is looking to sell logo items (shirts, polos, hoodies, etc.). They would also run the concession stands and possibly sell candles.

Executive Session – Jill made a motion to move to executive session at 7:41pm, Donna seconded, vote 6-0.

The next meeting will be November 18th, 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 8:18pm, Donna seconded, vote 5-0.
Jill motioned to adjourn the meeting, Donna seconded, vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Kelly Arentsen, President

Mike Caraker, Secretary