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Damiansville Elementary
School Board Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2008

Present at this meeting:

Kelly Arentsen	-Board Member	Barb Maue	Guest
Susan Lynch	-Board Member (absent)	Marjorie Riddell	Guest
Jill Kassen	-Board Member		
Donna Goebel	-Board Member		
Phyllis Kassen	-Board Member		
Kevin Arentsen	-Board Member		
Mike Caraker	-Board Member (absent)		
Mike Toeben	-Superintendent		

Meeting called to order at 6:35PM.

Truth in Taxation Hearing FY 2010 – There were no guests for a hearing, so there was no hearing.

Roll Call: Susan and Mike C. absent.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Acknowledge Guests.

Accept/Amend Agenda: No changes.

Jill made a motion to accept the agenda, Donna seconded. Vote 5-0.

Guest Communications: None.

Consent Items: Donna made a motion to accept consent items, Jill seconded. Vote 5-0.

Superintendent's Report

- Received first check from property taxes from the state today, \$217,380.
- The teachers have started the homework tutoring after school on Tuesday and Thursdays. A couple kids have missed, they are going to send a letter home to the parents after the holidays.
- Diane suggested having an A/R night once a week for an hour after the holidays.
- IL Funds is getting .5% interest on the HiFi account, so LeighAnn is depositing the tax check in the checking account.
- There was a snow day yesterday. Mike used the new call system.
- Barb and Mike T went to Collinsville school for a demo on the Promethean Board. The sales rep is going to come to our school to demo it for all the teachers after the holidays. He expects the price to come down after the first of the year.
- It was suggested again to come up with a policy to allow LeighAnn and Mike T to move money around in our existing accounts without waiting for the Board to approve it. Mike will draft something up for the next meeting.

Committee Reports

4.01 Building Committee – Plan to meet again after the first of the year with the architect to get some more exact designs and estimates for the options we spoke about at our last meeting.

Policy Readings

4.11 First Readings – Dealing with School Board

- 2:10 – School District Governance
- 2:20 – Powers and Duties of the School Board
- 2:20-E – Waiver and Modification Request Process
- 2:30 – School District Elections
- 2:40 – Board Member Qualifications

4.12 Second Readings - Dealing with School Board Organization

1:10 - School District Legal Status – modified to read ‘districts having a population of not more than 500,000’

1:20 - District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements

1:20AP - Administrative Procedure

1:30 - School District Philosophy

Kevin made a motion to accept these Policies, Phyllis seconded. Vote 5-0.

Unfinished Business

5.01 09-10 Tax Levy – Jill made a motion to pass the Tax Levy as proposed with the 6.96% increase in EAV, Phyllis seconded. Vote 5-0

5.02 RtI Plan – We plan to start implementing this in grades K-2 by the next school year. Everyone is required to have this plan in place by Jan 2010. It gives guidelines of things to do with kids who are struggling.

Donna made a motion to accept the RtI plan as written, Phyllis seconded. Vote 5-0.

5.03 Risk Management Plan – This will allow us to use Tort funds for things that deal with safety issues. The plan will be effective Aug 2008.

Jill made a motion to accept the Risk Management plan as written, Phyllis seconded. Vote 5-0.

New Business

6.01 Memorandum of Understanding – The Clinton County Health Dept. has asked that all school districts have a Memorandum of Understand stating that we are willing to allow them use of our buses, bus drivers, and facility in case of a natural disaster. Mike will draft something up for the next meeting.

Action item – Mike will draft a Board Calendar, listing actions the Board needs to take on a monthly basis.

No executive session needed.

The next meeting will be January 20, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be held in the rectory meeting room.

Phyllis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kevin seconded. Vote 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Kelly Arentsen, President

Mike Caraker, Secretary
(Minutes taken by Jill Kassen)