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Damiansville Elementary
School Board Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2009

Present at this meeting:

Kelly Arentsen	-Board Member	Diane Hegger	Guest
Susan Lynch	-Board Member	Angela Roeckenhaus	Guest
Jill Kassen	-Board Member	Lori Toennis	Guest
Donna Goebel	-Board Member	Steve & Gwen Fuehne	Guests
Phyllis Kassen	-Board Member	Brent Goebel	Guest
Kevin Arentsen	-Board Member	Tina Toennis	Guest
Mike Caraker	-Board Member	Barb Kalmer	Guest
Mike Toeben	-Superintendent	Brian Rogers	Guest
		Gary Arentson	Guest

Meeting called to order at 6:35PM.

I. Call to Order

Roll Call: all present.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Action Item – flag needed in meeting room

Accept/Amend Agenda: no changes

Jill made a motion to accept the agenda, Phyllis seconded. Vote 7-0.

II. Introduction of Guests/Guest Comments

Jill made a motion that we move to executive session to discuss parent issues, Donna seconded, Vote 7-0 – 6:39pm

Jill made a motion to leave executive session at 7:29pm, Donna seconded, Vote 7-0

Many guests left at this time – Steve & Gwen Fuehne, Brent Goebel, Tina Toennis, Barb Kalmer, Brian Rogers, and Gary Arentsen

III. Consent Items:

Treasurer's report comment – may \$18k REAP fund coming. Lots of small state payments have not been received.

Bill Payment additions – change date of credit card statement (\$341.97) to be in synch with meetings, \$45.63 mileage reimbursement to Mrs Vetter.

Jill made a motion to accept consent items, Phyllis seconded. Vote 7-0.

IV. Superintendent's Report

- Regional volleyball tournament for varsity girls!
- Parish council meeting on April 14th, Mike is preparing a list of summer duties we'd like the parish to take care of.
- Skunk is still living under 3rd/4th grade building
- The lighting grant money has not been received but much of it has been spent. There's a bid in for \$12k to do the lights in the gym, looking into KW savings. The lighting grant has been extended through Dec 2009
- Next Monday night is the Kaskaskia District governing dinner – no volunteers
- We usually take the kids to a cardinals game, this year the timing doesn't work so Mike is looking into a Grizzlies game instead – Tuesday, May 12th
- Mike distributed a flyer regarding alternate energy solutions – windmills for consideration
- Thinklink, part of RTI, \$750/year (the rest of this year is free trial period). Focusing on reading first, then math. Some of the teachers are evaluating this currently.
- A handbook committee has been put together (teachers) – May/June target for completion
- Registration is being scheduled for August this year with supply lists sent out much earlier
- Mike is working with MikeC and Barb to put together a technology plan for the PTO donations
- Maintenance position – checking to see who's insurance is most beneficial to Ed
- Need to begin advertising for bus driver; bulletin, Breese Journal, our website, etc.

IVa. Committee Reports

4.01 Building Committee – Met last night to review summary survey compiled by Katie Caraker. The primary consensus of respondents was an addition to the existing facility and many requested more information. MikeC will contact our architect to investigate cost of connecting our buildings, ADA issues with using the rectory as classrooms and building inspection options for

pursuing the 99-year lease with the parish. We need to follow up with those respondents who said we could in addition to our projected town meeting in June.

IVb. Policy Readings

4.11 First Readings – 2:160, 2:170, 2:170AP, 2:190, 2:200, 2:220-E1, 2:220-E3, 220-E4, 2:220-E5, 2:220-E6, 2:230, 2:240, 2:250-E1, 2:220-E2, 2:240-E3, 2:250, 2:250-AP1, 2:250-AP2, 2:250-E1, 2:250-E2, 2:250-E3, 2:260, 2:260-AP

4.12 Second Readings – The policy committee recommends adopting these policies as-written.

2:100, 2:105, 2:110, 2:120, 2:120-E, 2:125, 2:125-E, 2:130, 2:140, 2:140-E, 2:150, 2:150-AP

Donna made a motion to accept these Policies, Phyllis seconded. Vote 7-0.

Unfinished Business

5.01 Adopt 09-10 calendar – distributed to board. Donna made a motion that we approve the calendar as written, Jill seconded, vote 7-0.

5.02 Adopt amended 08-09 calendar – distributed to board. Moved the emergency days to snow days taken. Donna made a motion to adopt the amended calendar as written, Jill seconded, vote 7-0.

5.03 Textbook Loan 7&8 – the books are not available anymore. Jenny is evaluating some Geometry and Algebra books instead.

New Business

6.01 Summer School/Retention – MikeT would like to investigate holding summer school for the students who might be retained otherwise. This would be a cost to the district as opposed to the way it was tried and failed last year where it was voluntary and paid for by the parents of the students in summer school.

6.02 School Improvement Committee & Meetings – Sending a survey out to parents/teachers/students to help with goal setting. Hopes to have these goals set by the end of the school year. Looking to have meetings with parents/teachers towards the end of May or early June.

6.03 Superintendent Evaluation – A committee was formed for this; Jill, Kelly, and Susan.

6.04 Renewal/Dismissal of tenured staff – Discussed in executive session

6.05 Renewal/Dismissal of non-tenured staff – Discussed in executive session

Jill moved that we enter executive session at 8:44pm, Donna seconded, vote 7-0.

The next meeting will be April 21, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be held in the rectory meeting room.

Phyllis motioned to leave executive session at 9:11pm, Kevin seconded, vote 7-0.

Jill made a motion to renew all tenured staff for the coming school year, Phyllis seconded, vote 7-0.

Phyllis made a motion to renew all full-time non-tenured staff for the coming school year, Jill seconded, vote 7-0.

Phyllis made a motion to NOT renew the contract of the special education teacher, Jill seconded, vote 7-0.

Jill made a motion to implement a remediation plan for the 3rd grade teacher, Kevin seconded, vote 7-0.

Jill motioned to adjourn the meeting. Donna seconded. Vote 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Kelly Arentsen, President

Mike Caraker, Secretary