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DAMIANSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 62
DAMIANSVILLE, ILLINOIS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, September 21, 2009
Rectory Meeting Room

President Jill Kassen called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Board Members present at roll call were: Kelly Arentsen, Mike Caraker, Donna Goebel, Jill Kassen, Susan Lynch, and Roger Toennies. Also in attendance was Mike Toeben, Superintendent, Michelle Weiss, Faculty, Angela Roeckenhaus, Faculty, Leigh Ann Arentsen, Treasurer, and Marjorie Riddell, Faculty.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Toennies made a motion to accept the agenda, Arentsen seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Items on Consent Agenda:

Approval of Minutes from August 24, 2009 meeting

Approval of Treasurer's report

Approval of Payment of bills

Toennies made a motion to accept consent items, Lynch seconded and upon roll call, the following members voted

Yeas: Arentsen, Caraker, Goebel, J. Kassen, Lynch, Toennies. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Phyllis Kassen arrived at 7 p.m.

Public Comments: Angela Roeckenhaus distributed a letter that she composed regarding the disparity she feels occurs from the School District's substitute pay structure. Mr. Toeben said he would gather information from other districts for the school board to review the pay structure at the next meeting.

Superintendent's Report

- Mr. Toeben discussed that Ittner Architectural Leadership is trying to solicit business
- Mr. Toeben reported the freezer is still working for now.
- Mr. Toeben also reported several children are falling & scraping knees on the rocks on way out to playground
- Mr. Toeben reported that the third & fourth grade classrooms were having internet/network issues due a problem with the underground cable which have since been resolved by adding a wireless connection

Committee Reports

Building Committee – A meeting has been set with the Diocese of Belleville at 3:30 p.m. on October 7th. Brent Goebel of the resident committee group, Father Don, Jan Mank of the parish council, and Mike Toeben will be presenting to the Diocese of Belleville.

Policy Committee – P. Kassen made a motion to accept the policy manual from PRESS, Lynch seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Office position – Mr. Toeben reported Katie Caraker started two weeks ago and is working out wonderfully. She works ½ days in the mornings. She is going to help with the District's technology plan and then start looking for grants we can try to obtain for the District. P. Kassen made a motion to officially hire Katie Caraker as a part-time office worker, Toennies seconded and upon roll call, the following members voted Yeas: Arentsen, Goebel, P. Kassen, J. Kassen, Lynch, Toennies. Nays: None. Abstain: Caraker. Motion carried.

Student Management System – Mr. Toeben reported that Charter has been contacted and the static IP address should be issued soon. Mr. Toeben handed out a sheet from Charter listing the monthly fees and services.

09-10 budget – Mr. Toeben lead the discussion about the budget. Toennies made motion to accept the budget. P. Kassen seconded and upon roll call, the following members voted Yeas: Arentsen, Caraker, Goebel, J. Kassen, P. Kassen, Lynch, Toennies. Nays: None. Motion carried.

10-year Life Safety Plan – The 10-year life safety plan was distributed for discussion; after it was reviewed, P. Kassen made motion to accept the 10-year life safety plan. Toennies seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

Enrollment/Financial projections – Mr. Toeben discussed the future enrollment numbers based upon the local baptismal records.

School Report Card – Mr. Toeben lead a discussion about the District's Report Card. The 2009-2010 no child left behind requirements are 77% in every subject (includes writing). The 2012 school year requirements are 92.5%. This could be an issue for the District.

ITBS Testing – ITBS testing will be October 19 through the 23rd. The 8th grade will be taking the explore test this year as requested by the 2 local high schools (this test is used for placement of freshman in classes). The high school will be paying for this and forwarding the results on to our District.

ASPIRE Training – Mr. Toeben and 4 teachers (K thru 3rd) will be attending this RTI training. There are 5 days of training during the school year. KSED will be paying for the substitute teachers on these days.

Technology Plan/E-Rate – Mr. Toeben and Katie Caraker will be putting together a technology plan. This will allow the District to receive some extra funds. 40% of telecommunication and internet services can recouped through this program. The application needs to be done by October 31st.

'08-09 Audit – Mr. Toeben handed out the annual audit report that he just received.

New Lease Agreement – Mr. Toeben received the lease agreement from the parish for the current year. The lease amount is the same for the current year but will increase by 3% next year.

Kelly Arentsen left at 8:14 p.m.

A motion was made by Lynch, and seconded by Toennies to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Motion carried.

Jill Kassen, President

Donna Goebel, Secretary