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

Monday, December 21, 2009
Eighth Grade Classroom

President Jill Kassen called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Board Members present at roll call were: Kelly Arentsen, Mike Caraker, Donna Goebel, Jill Kassen, Phyllis Kassen, and Roger Toennies. Also in attendance was Mike Toeben, Superintendent, Michelle Weiss, Faculty, Cateri Hellige, Faculty and Leigh Ann Arentsen, Treasurer. The following parents were also present: Sandra Kramer, Derek Laird, Gary Tonnies, Scott Broaddus, Fred Santel, Karen Santel, Paul Toennies, Ashley Beach, Jody Broaddus, Jill Thomas, David Thomas, Brent Goebel, Ken Wobbe, Linda Wobbe, Phil Jansen.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Susan Lynch arrived at 6:35 p.m.

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

Approval of Items on Consent Agenda:

Approval of Minutes from November 16 and December 10, 2009 meetings

Approval of Treasurer's report

Approval of Payment of bills

Arentsen made a motion to accept consent items, 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.

Guests' Comments

Some third and fourth grade parents were present to ask the Board to consider allowing Damiansville to have its own midget boys' basketball team next year. There are enough children to have a midget boys' basketball team from Damiansville. The children have expressed wanting to play for their own school. There are also concerns that playing time will be limited as Damiansville has 6 fourth grade boys that play basketball outside of school now and Albers has 8 fourth grade boys that play basketball.

A motion was made by P. Kassen, and seconded by Arentsen to adjourn to closed meeting at 7:02 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District. Upon roll call, the following members voted Yeas: Arentsen, Caraker, Goebel, J. Kassen, P. Kassen, Lynch, Toennies. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

- Mr. Toeben reported that there is a Federal Grant called "Race to the Top". He attended a 2 hour webinar on this topic. Any funds through this grant would be distributed based upon Title I status. Since this district does not qualify to receive Title I funds, he does not think it would be beneficial to sign the Memorandum of understanding as there may be unnecessary and time consuming paperwork and recordkeeping if the district went with this program. Information on this program is available at www.ISBE.net/racetothetop.
- Mr. Toeben stated that the next KSED meeting is on Monday, February 1st in Carlyle.
- Mr. Toeben reported that the next Kaskaskia Division Dinner is on Tuesday, January 5th.

- Mr. Toeben led a discussion on the tax treatment of giving the teachers gift certificates for Christmas. If a monetary gift certificate is given, it is considered taxable employee wages by the IRS and must be added to the employee's W-2. A solution would be to give the employee a turkey or ham as this would not have to be added to their W-2.

Committee Reports

Building Committee – Brent Goebel, Steve Fuehne, Dave Kassen and Mr. Toeben met with Floyd Trame of Germantown Trust and Savings Bank on Thursday to discuss the possibility of the parish receiving a loan from them to build an addition. It was a very positive meeting. The Diocese and the parish will need to sign off on some paperwork.

Policy Committee – Mr. Toeben reported that the PRESS service has sent out more policy changes.

Unfinished Business

Student Management System – Mr. Toeben reported that Charter came out today to make the required changes so the District can move forward with this.

Tax levy – A motion was made by Arentsen, and seconded by P. Kassen to officially approve the levy of \$377,062 and upon roll call, the following members voted Yeas: Arentsen, Caraker, Goebel, J. Kassen, P. Kassen, Lynch, Toennies. Nays: Motion carried.

Negotiation Team – The team has not met yet.

New Business

School Improvement Committee – Mr. Toeben would like to begin meetings in 2010. He has Kelly, Donna and Phyllis as Board Member representatives.

Track for Spring of '10 – Mr. Toeben went over a report which listed how many students were interested in track from Damiansville and Albers.

Fifth/Sixth Grade Boys Basketball for '10 – See the discussion above.

2010-2011 Calendar – Mr. Toeben went over the first draft of the 2010-2011 calendar.

Economic Interest Statements – Mr. Toeben distributed the submission sheet which requires signatures for economic interest statements.

403b plan – Mr. Toeben reported American Fidelity will continue handling the 403b plan; there is a charge of \$1 each year.

A motion was made by Arentsen, and seconded by P. Kassen to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Jill Kassen, President

Donna Goebel, Secretary