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

Tuesday, January 19, 2010
Eighth Grade Classroom

President Jill Kassen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members present at roll call were: Mike Caraker, Donna Goebel, Jill Kassen, Phyllis Kassen, and Roger Toennies. Also in attendance was Mike Toeben, Superintendent, Michelle Weiss, Faculty, Sandra Kramer, parent, Tamara Farrington, parent, and Dave Kassen, parish council president. Community members involved with replacing the temporary buildings for the parish/school were also present: Steve Fuehne, Brent Goebel and Al Varel.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

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

Approval of Items on Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Minutes from December 21, 2009 meeting
- Approval of Treasurer's report
- Approval of Payment of bills

Mr. Toeben requested to add item 6.06 - Maintenance issues to the consent agenda

Mr. Toeben also presented 4 additional bills: credit card bill \$1,031.59 (charter upgrade, Intuit for payroll & W-2's, microphone for gym), Haertling exterminating \$25, Cartridge World \$122.93, KSED \$3,542.15

P. Kassen made a motion to accept consent agenda with the additional items listed above, Toennies seconded and upon roll call, the following members voted Yeas: Caraker, Goebel, J. Kassen, P. Kassen, Toennies. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

- Mr. Toeben stated that the last day of school is expected to be Monday, May 24th and 8th grade graduation is tentatively set for May 19th
- Mr. Toeben reported that 5 computers will be replaced at a bid of \$401 per computer out of the donated Technology Funds
- ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) flow through funds will be approximately \$6,000 this year which can be used for part of the cost of the special education teacher and the other ½ for technology
- Mr. Toeben stated that the next Promethean Board would be best placed in the 7th grade classroom
- Mr. Toeben distributed a letter from the State Superintendent, Christopher Koch regarding the Race to the Top application submitted by the State of Illinois to the U.S. Department of Education.
- Mr. Toeben stated that it is estimated that school districts will receive only 80% of the state aid
- Mr. Toeben reported that the Target Grant was denied
- Mr. Toeben stated that the peer team and scholar bowl are looking for a different activity instead of snow skiing as they haven't had the best weather or other issues in the past
- Mr. Toeben reported that he is now looking at "Common goal" software for the student management software instead of Focus

Committee Reports

Building Committee – Mr. Toeben briefed the group on the December meeting with Floyd Trame of Germantown Trust and Savings Bank. The paperwork has been sent to the parish council to sign off on. The school would be responsible for a higher lease payment of approximately \$80,000/year while the parish pays the loan back to the bank over 20 years. Any interest during construction could be rolled into loan. The current plan is for an eight room addition with a corridor between the gym and existing building.

It was recommended that Mike Toeben write a letter to the parish council requesting that a 99 year lease be drawn up on the existing buildings. The new addition would then be added to the 99 year lease after the parish pays the loan off.

Kelly Arentsen arrived at 6:47 p.m.

Unfinished Business

Track for Spring '2010 – A printout listing the SIJHSAA by-laws was reviewed. Mr. Toeben led the discussion about the number of students interested in track, two parent volunteer coaches for Track (Gwen Fuehne and Angie Winkeler) and the uniforms would be a t-shirt that would have to be purchased by the participating student. A motion was made by P. Kassen, and seconded by Toennies to approve a coop track team. Motion carried.

School Improvement Committee – Ideas for discussion at the upcoming school improvement committee meetings are: curriculum at 1st meeting, test scores at 2nd meeting, and three to five major goals at the 3rd meeting. The group was asked for ideas on the names of parents to ask to be a part of the committee. Kelly, Donna and Phyllis are Board Member representatives. The ideas that come out of this committee would drive what teachers do on school improvement days.

New Business

2-way radios for buses – A new law states that all buses must have two-way radio communication with the bus owner. Mr. Toeben reported that the cost for 2 sets of rechargeable handhelds would be between \$80 & \$100. This is another unfunded mandate from the government.

PTO “Bash for Cash” – The PTO is holding the annual auction fundraiser on March 13th. The funds generated by this event will go toward facility improvement.

Albers/Damiansville Co-op – Mr. Toeben and Mrs. Harms, Albers superintendent have discussed sending out a simple survey to parents and students to gather feedback on what could be done to make the sports co-op better.

Review of closed session minutes – Mr. Toeben led a discussion about the closed minutes having names in them. A motion was made by Toennies, and seconded by P. Kassen to approve keeping the minutes closed. Motion carried.

Maintenance issues – Mr. Toeben reviewed the handout listing the six items that are in need of repair/replacement. Dave Kassen of the parish council recommended that the school present these items to the parish council with bids by the end of the school year as the parish council meets every other month and this would improve the process of getting the items approved and acted upon in a timelier manner.

A motion was made by P. Kassen, and seconded by Toennies to adjourn to closed meeting at 8:20 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, Toennies. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Arentsen, and seconded by P. Kassen to approve resolution to require remediation and to impose suspension with pay to Teacher A. Upon roll call, the following members voted Yeas: Arentsen, Caraker, Goebel, J. Kassen, P. Kassen, Toennies. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Arentsen, and seconded by P. Kassen to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Jill Kassen, President

Donna Goebel, Secretary