

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

Monday, February 22, 2011  
Seventh Grade Classroom

President Jill Kassen called the meeting to order at 6:31 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 Toeбен, Superintendent, Chris Brandmeyer, guest, Kevin Wills, First Midstate Assistant Vice President, Barb Anderson, Oates Project Manager, Jason Plough, Oates Project Architect, the following parents/guardians: Ron Arentsen, Ann Kalmer, Kevin Kalmer, Jeff Jansen, Sandra Kramer and Neil Budde, and the following faculty members: Lynn Hegeman, Diane Hegger, Cateri Hellige, and Michelle Weiss.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Phyllis Kassen arrived at 6:36 p.m.

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

**Approval of Items on Consent Agenda:**

Approval of Minutes from January 10, 11, 12, 18 & February 2, 2011 meeting,

Approval of Treasurer's report,

Approval of Payment of bills - Mr. Toeбен presented 1 additional bill from Americom Imaging Systems for the quarterly overrun in the amount of \$324.95.

Arentsen made a motion to accept consent agenda with the addition of the one bill noted above, Toennies seconded and upon roll call, the following members voted Yeas: Arentsen, Caraker, Goebel, J. Kassen, P. Kassen, Lynch, Toennies. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's Report** – Mr. Toeбен reported on the following:

- There are 25 Damiansville students and 29 Albers students signed up for track. Gwen Fuehne and Angie Winkeler are going to be the coaches again this year. A long jump pit will be built behind the playground. The practices will be held in Damiansville.
- The ISAT tests have been moved back one week and will now begin on March 8<sup>th</sup>. There is no attendance on March 7<sup>th</sup> due to Casimir Pulaski Day.

**Committee Reports**

Building Committee – Kevin Wells distributed a handout listing the amount of principal, interest and levy amounts for the next twenty years. All bonds have been sold locally (within 30 mile radius). Germantown Trust & Savings Bank will be servicing the bonds at a cost of \$500 each year. The District will receive a CD with all of the bond documents on it which needs to be kept for the length of the bonds (twenty years). The IRS filing for tax exempt bonds will be done by the bond attorney. The closing is set for March 9, 2011. There must be at least a 20 year lease in place.

Jason Plough reported that the new addition will not need an extra pump for the sprinkler system; but, a domestic pressure pump will be required for the tankless toilets. Barb Anderson and Jason Plough will return tomorrow night at 5:30 p.m. to meet with the Building Committee to discuss the information that is needed to complete the schematic design phase. Different staging area options were also discussed.

**Unfinished Business**

School Improvement Team – Mr. Toeбен reported that the School Improvement Team will begin meeting in March. Phyllis Kassen, Kelly Arentsen and Chris Brandmeyer will be on the School Improvement Team.

Sports Coop – Mr. Toebe reported that he and Mrs. Harms have been discussing establishing a sports policy for the coaches to follow; this would address some of the concerns regarding equal playing time. Some communication issues and a schedule not coming out until the month begins were also discussed. The only fundraising events for the Friends of the Cougars are the Lenten fish fry dinners. The current two year coop agreement with Albers through the SIJHSA will end on June 30, 2011. Arentsen made a motion to continue the sports coop with Albers for another two years. P. Kassen seconded. Motion carried.

Calendar – Mr. Toebe led the discussion regarding changes to the school calendar (refer to handout). Some other districts have published waivers allowing attendance on some holidays such as Columbus Day, Martin Luther King, Presidents’ Day, Casimir Pulaski Day, and Veteran’s Day. Mr. Toebe thought it would be a good idea to publish a waiver this summer in case the District wanted to use one of these days as an emergency day next year. Arentsen made a motion to approve the 2010 – 2011 amended school calendar. Toennies seconded. Motion carried

Maintenance Issue/Summer Work –The juveniles who were caught breaking into the gym and Chamber Park will be providing 40 hours of community service this summer. Each of these individuals will be working with the district’s custodian. Two bids are being obtained for refinishing the gym floor. The parish would like to have this completed by June 12<sup>th</sup>, Father Don’s jubilee celebration.

Consideration and action on a Resolution providing for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds for the School District – The board secretary, Donna Goebel, read the resolution. P. Kassen made a motion to adopt the resolution providing for the issuance of \$1,255,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2011, of School District 62, Clinton County, Illinois, and for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds. Lynch seconded and upon roll call, the following members voted Yeas: Arentsen, Caraker, Goebel, J. Kassen, P. Kassen, Lynch, Toennies. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### **New Business**

Motion for Superintendent to Act on board’s behalf during construction – Arentsen made a motion for superintendent to act on Board’s behalf during construction up to \$10,000 and to notify the Board if the amount exceeded \$5,000. Toennies seconded and upon roll call, the following members voted Yeas: Arentsen, Caraker, Goebel, J. Kassen, P. Kassen, Lynch, Toennies. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion for treasurer, Leigh Ann Arentsen to open up a construction account at local banks – Toennies made a motion for the treasurer of District 62, Leigh Ann Arentsen, to open up a construction account at local banks that are FDIC insured. 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.

A motion was made by Toennies, and seconded by Arentsen to adjourn to closed meeting at 8:35 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 11:03 p.m.

A motion was made by Arentsen, and seconded by P. Kassen to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 p.m. Motion carried.

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Jill Kassen, President

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Donna Goebel, Secretary