

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

Monday, April 6, 2011  
Seventh Grade Classroom

President Jill Kassen called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

Board Members present at roll call were: Kelly Arentsen, Mike Caraker, Donna Goebel, Jill Kassen, Phyllis Kassen, Susan Lynch and Roger Toennies. Also in attendance was Mike Toebe, Superintendent, the following parents/guardians Sandra Kramer, Barb Kalmer, Diana Jansen, Matt Jansen, James Vetter, Steve Kalmer, Neil Budde, Kira Budde, Michelle Wegmann, Lori Toennies, Kari Kramer, Butch Schrage, Tammy Schrage, Craig Athmer, Donna Jankowski and the following faculty members: Nicole Vetter, Michelle Weiss.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

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

**Public Comments:** All of the parents/guardians stated they were present to support Mrs. Vetter and a few stated they were also present to support Mrs. Von Hatten. Parent/guardian comments included the following topics: criteria for a person to be present in a teacher's classroom and report back to the board, test scores and breakdown of those test scores to see which areas need to be worked on, the gap between first and second grade, curriculum mapping, mentor program, feedback to teachers, three years of tax money invested in one of the non-tenured teachers, professional development, textbook alignment, first grade students are learning the parts of a sentence but other schools have not covered that yet, improvement in their child's reading and math in first grade, Board basing decisions on facts, first grade teacher has helped their child and continues to help their child as he struggles with second grade, the first grade teacher is professional and dedicated, the first grade teacher gave advice on test taking while another teacher has dismissed that her child was a bad test taker, the first grade teacher help his child be excited about reading by finding what he was interested in, second grade has been a stressful year for their student, thought first grade teacher would be willing to learn how to improve and first grade teacher kept trying different things to get her daughter interested.

Renewal/dismissal of probationary/non-tenured staff – A motion was made by Arentsen, and seconded by P.Kassen to adjourn to closed meeting at 7:30 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 9:45 p.m.

P. Kassen made a motion to renew the contract of Nick Hollenkamp for the 2010-2011 school year. Lynch seconded and upon roll call, the following members voted Yeas: Arentsen, Caraker, Goebel, J. Kassen, P. Kassen, Lynch, Toennies. Nays: None. Motion carried.

P. Kassen made a motion to renew the contract of Amy Timmermann for the 2010-2011 school year. Lynch seconded and upon roll call, the following members voted Yeas: Arentsen, Caraker, Goebel, J. Kassen, P. Kassen, Lynch, Toennies. Nays: None. Motion carried.

P. Kassen made a motion to renew the contract of Candace Detmer for the 2010-2011 school year. Lynch seconded and upon roll call, the following members voted Yeas: Arentsen, Caraker, Goebel, J. Kassen, P. Kassen, Lynch, Toennies. Nays: None. Motion carried.

P. Kassen made a motion to renew the contract of Janel Lawson for the 2010-2011 school year. Lynch seconded and upon roll call, the following members voted Yeas: Arentsen, Caraker, Goebel, J. Kassen, P. Kassen, Lynch, Toennies. Nays: None. Motion carried.

P. Kassen made a motion to renew the contract of Lori Jansen for the 2010-2011 school year. Lynch seconded and upon roll call, the following members voted Yeas: Arentsen, Caraker, Goebel, J. Kassen, P. Kassen, Lynch, Toennies. Nays: None. Motion carried.

P. Kassen made a motion to renew the contract of Nicole Vetter for the 2010-2011 school year with the condition of a performance review plan. Lynch seconded and upon roll call, the following members voted Yeas: Goebel, P. Kassen, Lynch, Toennies. Nays: Arentsen, Caraker, J. Kassen. None. Motion carried.

P. Kassen made a motion to not renew the contract of Angie Von Hatten for the 2010-2011 school year. Lynch 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 Arentsen, and seconded by P. Kassen to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m. Motion carried.

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Jill Kassen, President

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Donna Goebel, Secretary