

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF LAKE VILLA COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT #41, HELD AT PALOMBI MIDDLE SCHOOL, IN THE LEARNING CENTER, LAKE VILLA, ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF LAKE, ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012, AT 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the president. Upon roll call the following members answered "present":

Michael Conway
Joe Dunne
Peggy Kuzmanovich
Joanne Osmond
Nancy Schell
Darla Vanderwall

Members Absent: Kurt Hansen

Staff Members Present: Dr. John Van Pelt, Dr. A. Barbour, M. Conkling, P. Volling

Also Present: District Attorney, Cindi DeCola

ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Osmond made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Schell:

Motion: Enter into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Personnel, Student Issues, and Negotiations.

Roll Call Vote. Kuzmanovich – yes, Osmond – yes, Vanderwall – yes,
Conway – yes, Schell – yes, Dunne – yes.

Motion passed.

Mr. Hansen joined the session at 6:02 p.m.

COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Osmond made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Kuzmanovich:

Motion: Come out of Executive Session at 6:51 p.m.

Voice Vote. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Passed.

The meeting recessed until 7:00 p.m. The Palombi Jazz Band under the direction of Band Director Renee Brown performed for all in attendance.

Staff Members Present: Dr. John Van Pelt, Dr. A. Barbour, Dr. S. Keim-Bounds, R. Brown, M. Conkling, K. Depperschmidt, L. Girten, J. Glader, B. Huyett, Dr. M. Jordan, Dr. S. Klene, J. Larson, D. McCuistion, J. Milani, B. Parker, P. Planic, J. Reynolds, C. Saam, P. Santopadre, K. Shelly, R. Stave, P. Volling, B. Yarnall

PALOMBI MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTATION AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dr. Jordan presented a video of Palombi Middle School activities which features students and staff members.

COMMUNICATIONS

GOOD NEWS!

Dr. Van Pelt commended the District intermediate band students for the concert held on December 21, 2011 at Martin School. The B. J. Hooper Bell Choir also performed at the concert.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS –

108 N. Milwaukee Avenue Update -- Mr. Depperschmidt reported that the revised cleanup plan has been submitted to the State and the District has not received an approval yet.

POLICY

Citizen Recognition Award -- Dr. Van Pelt asked the Board if they were interested in honoring this year a parent/community member for their extraordinary work in the District. The Board agreed that the award was meaningful and wanted to present the award to someone in March. The request for nominations would go out to all staff members on Tuesday.

APPROVE EXTENDED FIELD TRIP REQUEST

Mrs. Osmond made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Kuzmanovich:

Motion: The Board of Education approve the Field Trip Request for the 8th Grade Blue Team to visit Kalamazoo/Dearborn Michigan area, May 2 to May 4, 2012, as presented.

Voice Vote. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Passed.

CURRICULUM –

EXPLORE Assessment Report -- Dr. Barbour reviewed the EXPLORE Assessment Report. He explained that in years past the high schools administered the test to entering freshmen. This is the first year that the District give the test to all the middle school students and forwarded the 8th grade results to the high schools for them to use for entrance placement.

Dr. Barbour reviewed the longitudinal data and how the scores compared to the high school mean scores. He talked about how the scores combined with the student's ACT and PLAN scores show the student's college readiness. Dr. Barbour also talked about upcoming changes in assessments and noted that the ISATs will be used for two more years and after that the assessments will be much more rigorous. Questions and answers followed which included way to improve the District #41 student's scores.

ELL Program Discussion-- Dr. Barbour reminded the Board that at a previous meeting the Board had requested information with regard to possibly moving all siblings of students eligible for the ELL Program to Martin School. He presented classroom size information pertaining to those students who would leave Thompson School and go to Martin School to keep the families together. It clearly showed an impact on the regular classrooms at Martin School and he recommended not offering this as an option to parents of those not currently in the program. Discussion followed including not allowing the parents a choice to participate, but to making it mandatory. Dr. Barbour reported that it is the common practice in surrounding districts to let the parents choose to participate in the program, and he recommended doing the same in District #41.

Dr. Van Pelt noted that the District finally has the program in place at Martin to help the bilingual students, and all are not taking advantage of it. He hoped that in future years, the success of the program will lure all parents into participation for their eligible students.

Summer Enrichment Program – Dr. Barbour reported that a summer program will be offered for retention, special education, and ELL. He asked the Board if the program should include a self-funded enrichment component. He reminded the Board of the successful program offered in years past, but noted that for the last few years there was not enough interest from parents for various reasons to run an enrichment program.

Lengthy discussion followed on different scenarios on a program that could be offered. Dr. Barbour suggested surveying the parents to see if there is enough interest in a few kinds of programs and report back to the Board. The Board agreed on a survey and Dr. Barbour will bring the results back to the Board.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESENTATION AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS –

Mary Conkling, Special Education Director, presented a power point presentation on the highlights of the different aspects of the Special Education Program as it is offered in the District.

SEDOL Report and Needs for Next Year -- Mrs. Conkling gave an overview of the number of identified Special Education students of all disabilities by school and grade levels. In addition she reported on the students in the program district-wide over the last four school years, which showed a decline of students.

Mrs. Conkling reported on the SEDOL needs for the 2012/13 school year including staff that will be contracted for at a total cost of \$98,127. She reported on the tuition costs of the District students that will be placed in a SEDOL program which totaled \$859,077.

Mrs. Conkling next reported on funding reimbursement for 2011/12 which included Flow Through monies that the District will receive totaling \$640,652. Estimated reimbursement for personnel, for both certified and non-certified will total \$618,111.

The Board thanked Mrs. Conkling for her thorough and informative presentation and report. Mrs. Conkling commended the school nurses for all the services that they provide to the special education students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT –

FOIA Request -- No request were received.

CALENDAR REVIEW

CHANGE THE STARTING TIME OF THE JANUARY 23, 2012 BOARD MEETING TO 6:00 P.M.

Dr. Van Pelt noted that the Board will need meet in closed session with attorney Cindi DeCola on the 23rd beginning at 8:30 pm. as she is unavailable at 6:00 p.m. The regular business of the meeting can then begin at 6:00 p.m. and attempt to work through it all before going into closed session.

Mrs. Osmond made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Schell:

Motion: The Board of Education change the starting time of the January 23, 2012 meeting to 6:00 p.m. The regular business of the meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by an Executive Session at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Voice Vote. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Passed.

1/12/12 Policy Committee Meeting – 1:30 pm – Blackthorn Grille
1/23/12 Finance Committee Meeting – 8:30 a.m. – District Office
 Regular Board Meeting – 6:00 pm – Board Room

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The meeting was opened to Public Comments at 8:44 p.m.

- Colleen Saam, Hooper School Staff, suggested that regarding summer enrichment, perhaps the students should be surveyed to see what they might like to take in a class in the summer. Dr. Barbour noted that they will be surveyed after the parents' survey is done.

Mrs. Saam commented that the Board should update their bios on the new District website.

Public Comments closed at 8:45 p.m.

ADJOURN

Mrs. Osmond made the motion, seconded by Mr. Dunne:

Motion: Adjourn at 8:46 p.m.

Voice Vote. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Passed.

s/s/ Darla Vanderwall _____ s/s/ Peggy Kuzmanovich _____