



MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

****Regular meeting taking place at the District Office on August 24, 2015**

MEMBERS

Position	Present	Absent
Presiding Officer	Jack Caldwell	
	Matt Seman	
	Teresa Benner	
	Pam Kovacevich	
	Corey Conklin	
	Tom Ray	
Superintendent	David Root	
Building Principals	Doug Furlow, Adam Eucker, Clay Shoufler, Adam Ibbotson, Janis Lindsey and Becky Miller	
Board of Education Secretary	Charlie Waugh	

Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance / Approval of Agenda

The meeting was called to order by President, Jack Caldwell. Roll call was taken by the Recording Secretary. Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Matt Seman and seconded by Tom Ray that the agenda be approved as amended.

Discussion: None

Motion carried

Recognition of Employees and Public

Byron Painter – South County Publications, Carol Stewart and Kevin Erickson – members of the public

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Tom Ray and seconded by Corey Conklin to approve the consent agenda containing items a, b, c and d: namely Approval of the following minutes as written and distributed: Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2015, Approval of the Bills in the amount of \$915,703.09, including reimbursement of the revolving fund in the amount of \$2,658.71, Approval of the Treasurer's Report, and Receipt of Resignations:

- Niki Moss – JH Volleyball Coach



Discussion: Mr. Root noted this month's bills includes repaying the Village of Sherman \$250,000 in TIF funds

- On roll call the following members answered aye:
Charlie Waugh Jack Caldwell
Corey Conklin Pam Kovacevich
Tom Ray Matt Seman
Teresa Benner
- On roll call the following members were absent:

Motion carried

Information Items

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Financial Update / 2015-16 Tentative Budget Overview

Mr. Root presented a 2005-2015 cash flow analysis and reiterated where we are at the end of July with a balance in all funds of \$5,570,775 and a balance in the Operating Funds of \$4,591,184. By comparison, at the end of July 2014, our balance in all funds was \$6,475,574 and in the Operating Funds was \$5,005,118.

Mr. Root stated that the bond money is in the numbers for last year, and we paid it back this year. Our high water mark was in 2012.

He also noted that the slow bleed from the State continues, stating that the issue continues to be revenue driven. Mr. Root stated that this year will be difficult due to receiving 92% of funding levels from 2010 as well as pending legislation looking at freezing property taxes for 2 years.

He stated that 98% of the district's funding comes from General State Aid (GSA) and property tax revenue. Despite one of these already being cut and the other proposed to be cut, the State has not introduced any alternate revenue streams for schools.

Mr. Root stated that the index is published so the community is informed every month of where the district stands financially.

The budget will be on display for the next 30 days and a budget meeting will be held in September prior to the board meeting.

2. HRA Cumulative Savings

Coupling our insurance with the Health Reimbursement Account, (HRA), and taking a high deductible plan has allowed us to keep our premiums low. Over the past 5 years, our net premium savings has been just over a \$1M. This has been one of our big areas of savings over the last several years.

3. Property Tax Freeze

This was discussed earlier during the financial update and tentative budget review.



4. TIF Payment

Mr. Root explained the TIF funds and arrangement with the Village of Sherman in detail during the July 20, 2015 meeting. Tonight he let the Board know that we are paying back these funds as the Village of Sherman will be borrowing against them as part of another commercial expansion opportunity in the village.

He noted that these funds have been used in the past to balance our books from extending the TIF and in 2020, will come on the tax rolls and inject a million dollars into the district's books.

Principals:

Janis Lindsey

- 1st full day in the books, going well, kids are adapting well, enrollment numbers will be available after the 6th day of the year and will be in the next packet

Clay Shoufler:

- Conducting safety drills, working with the 5th graders to get them used to their new areas and procedures. Police Chief stated he was impressed with the lockdown and said it went amazingly well.

Doug Furlow:

- Teachers met with all the classes on Friday to cover expectations
- Congratulations to Jennifer Smith. She was featured in an article in the Illinois Soybean Association's July 2015 edition of Illinois Field & Bean. In the article Jennifer shares her experience in using the Pod to Plate curriculum that is developed by the Illinois Soybean Association.
- Administration worked well to put together a good start. With moving the district meeting to the morning of the first day it allowed teachers more time in their rooms

Adam Eucker:

- Expanding purple/gold night to include all HS fall sports: golf, XC, soccer, volleyball and football.
- Contests start this week.
- Coach Kunz going for 100th win this season
- The band, cheerleading squad and Bullets TV are all stories that are being done on Channel 1450 leading up to the 1st football game of the season
- Annual pass for Bullets TV is \$60. \$25 comes back to us to put back into the program.
- The video board will be fully debuted at the volleyball game next week. The video board was purchased by the booster club.

Mr. Root reminded the Board members about the new staff dinner tomorrow evening and that a Board picture would be taken after tonight's meeting.



Action Items

A motion was made by Pam Kovacevich and seconded by Tom Ray to employee staff:

- David Hollis – Bus Driver
- Jean Olysav – Cafeteria
- James Crawford – Custodian
- James Doerfler – Volunteer HS Assist Boys Soccer Coach for 2015-16
- Joe Fandel – Volunteer HS Assist Boys Soccer Coach for 2015-16
- Kody Kirkpatrick – Assist Football Coach for 2015-16
- Jane Grebner – Volunteer Softball Field Assistant for 2015-16

Discussion: Certified staff can volunteer as coaches

- On roll call the following members answered aye:
Charlie Waugh Jack Caldwell
Corey Conklin Pam Kovacevich
Tom Ray Matt Seman
Teresa Benner
- On roll call the following members were absent:

Motion carried

A motion was made by Matt Seman and seconded by Teresa Benner to designate the development of the budget to the Superintendent.

Discussion: Formality – done yearly

Motion carried

A motion was made by Pam Kovacevich and seconded by Charlie Waugh to adopt the 2015-16 tentative budget

Discussion: In order to post the tentative budget, it must be officially adopted.

Motion carried

Adjournment

A motion was made by Corey Conklin and seconded by Teresa Benner to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion: None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm



Board Approval

Dated this 24th day of August 2015

Board President

Board Secretary

**Submitted by Jenny Brennan, Recording Secretary