

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
Piasa, Illinois 62079

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 21, 2004

The Board of Education of Southwestern Community Unit School District #9 met in regular session on December 21, 2004 in the Administrative Office in Piasa, Illinois. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Julie Loy, President asked Dave Bowker, Secretary to call roll showing those members present were: Julie Loy-President, Frank Rothe-Vice President, Dave Bowker-Secretary, Chris Wooldridge, Dan Moore, Kent Scheffel and Dick Shelton. Larry Elsea, Superintendent, and Pat Milner-Recording Secretary were also present.

A motion was made by Kent Scheffel and seconded by Dan Moore to approve the regular school board meeting minutes of November 16, 2004, the tax levy hearing minutes of November 16, 2004 and the executive session minutes of November 16, 2004.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Loy, Rothe, Bowker, Wooldridge, Moore, Scheffel, and Shelton

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Kent Scheffel and seconded by Dan Moore to approve the minutes of the special board meetings held on November 15, 2004 and December 7, 2004.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Rothe, Bowker, Wooldridge, Moore, Scheffel, Shelton, and Loy

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Kent Scheffel and seconded by Frank Rothe to approve November bills and the consent agenda bills.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bowker, Wooldridge, Moore, Scheffel, Shelton, Loy and Rothe

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Kent Scheffel and seconded by Kent Chris Wooldridge to approve the imprest bills and the extra pay and substitute pay.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Wooldridge, Moore, Scheffel, Shelton, Loy, Rothe and Bowker

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

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Larry Elsea, Superintendent, presented the December financial report.

A motion was made by Dan Moore and seconded by Kent Scheffel to approve the financial report as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Moore, Scheffel, Shelton, Loy, Rothe, Bowker and Wooldridge

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Chris Wooldridge reported to the Board that the Facilities Committee met on December 14, 2004 at the Superintendent's Office. The purpose of this meeting was to prioritize facility needs and presented a handout of these results. Mr. Wooldridge suggested to the Board that it might be a good idea to look into employing a performance contracting person to oversee these projects. Mr. Elsea suggested the Board set a meeting to tour the facilities on December 28, 2004 at 2:00 p.m., starting at the high school and set a meeting for the facilities committee to meet on January 4, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. at the administration office in Piasa.

A motion was made by Kent Scheffel and seconded by Chris Wooldridge to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2004 facilities committee meeting.

Ayes: Scheffel, Shelton, Loy, Rothe, Bowker, Wooldridge, and Moore

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence – None

Mr. Elsea reported to the Board the current enrollment and building discipline report.

Mr. Elsea informed the Board that congratulations go to Marsha Morgan as the recipient of the Limited Brands Scholarship Award receiving \$500.00.

Mr. Elsea reported that Kerry Prather, Gary Ewin, Bill Wrenn, and Jim Siemer had a meeting regarding the safety of the students in the high school parking lot. They have agreed on a new plan of directing student traffic.

A motion was made by Kent Scheffel and seconded by Chris Wooldridge to accept a retirement request as presented from Connie Mank, effective December 31, 2006 and also to accept a resignation from Eric Pruitt as high school assistant baseball coach, effective immediately.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Shelton, Loy, Rothe, Bowker, Wooldridge, Moore, and Scheffel

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

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A motion was made by Kent Scheffel and seconded by Dan Moore to employ Christy Cerminn as social worker beginning January 3, 2005, Dori Rhodes as an ECE teacher beginning January 3, 2005, Jill Pembroke as middle school assistant volleyball coach, and the following additions to the substitute list; Christie Partridge as a substitute teacher and Diane Moore as a substitute teacher aide.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Loy, Rothe, Bowker, Wooldridge, Moore, Scheffel, and Shelton

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Kent Scheffel and seconded by Chris Wooldridge to approve the substitute list as presented:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Rothe, Bowker, Wooldridge, Moore, Scheffel, Shelton, and Loy

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

District Highlights for the December Meeting was on the Shipman Elementary School. The Shipman Showcase presentation was narrated by Caleb Mansfield and Samantha Wallace with Sheila Shaw assisting with the Power Point Presentation.

Public Comment: None

Old Business: None

A motion was made by Dan Moore and seconded by Chris Wooldridge to accept the proposed high school course offerings as presented and attached to be offered for the 2005-2006 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bowker, Wooldridge, Moore, Scheffel, Shelton, Loy, and Rothe

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Kent Scheffel and seconded by Chris Wooldridge to approve the publication/posting of the District's 2004 School Report Card.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Wooldridge, Moore, Scheffel, Shelton, Loy, Rothe, and Bowker

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion was held regarding giving Frontier Telephone Company an easement allowing the phone company to relocate lines under the road near Shipman Elementary School. Dick Shelton stated he would like to strike the statement allowing the phone company to go outside their

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easement and also stated that the district needs to have a liability waiver for anything happening to the phone line.

A motion was made by Dick Shelton and seconded by Dan Moore to accept the easement presented by Frontier Communications striking the 1st line in the 2nd paragraph and insisting on a liability waiver.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Moore, Scheffel, Shelton, Loy, Rothe, Bowker, and Wooldridge

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

At 7:40 p.m., a motion was made by Dan Moore and seconded by Kent Scheffel to go into executive session to discuss litigation and personnel.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Scheffel, Shelton, Loy, Rothe, Bowker, Wooldridge, and Moore

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

At 8:45 a motion was made by Dan Moore and seconded by Chris Wooldridge to open the meeting to regular session.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Shelton, Loy, Rothe, Bowker, Wooldridge, Moore, and Scheffel

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Kent Scheffel and seconded by Chris Wooldridge to authorize an out-of-district student from Marquette High School to enroll in our agricultural program and participate in Southwestern FFA activities with the agreement that enrollment into the program must take place on or before January 3, 2005, the student will provide their own transportation at no cost to the Southwestern School District, and that the student is responsible for the out-of-district tuition for second semester in the amount of \$800 and any other fees associated with the class or FFA membership.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Loy, Rothe, Bowker, Wooldridge, Moore, Scheffel, and Shelton

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Kent Scheffel and seconded by Chris Wooldridge to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Rothe, Bowker, Wooldridge, Moore, Scheffel, Shelton, and Loy

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Pat Milner
Recording Secretary

Board President

Board Secretary