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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 17, 2009

The Southwestern Board of Education met in regular session on February 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office in Piasa, Illinois. Julie Loy-President asked Steve Ritzhaupt to call roll showing those members present were: Julie Loy-President, Frank Rothe-Vice President, Steve Ritzhaupt-Secretary, Marty Johnson, Jim Wickenhauser, Steve Reed and Rodney Bailey. Larry Elsea-Superintendent and Pat Milner-Recording Secretary were also present.

A motion was made by Frank Rothe and seconded by Jim Wickenhauser to approve the regular school board meeting minutes of January 20, 2009 and the special board meeting minutes of January 29, 2009 as presented.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser and Loy
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Steve Reed and seconded by Rodney Bailey to approve the January bills and consent agenda bills as presented.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser, Loy and Rothe
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Frank Rothe and seconded by Steve Reed to approve the imprest bills, the extra pay and substitute pay as presented.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser, Loy, Rothe and Reed
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Rodney Bailey and seconded by Steve Ritzhaupt to approve the financial report through January 31, 2009 as presented.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser, Loy, Rothe, Reed and Ritzhaupt
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

A motion was made by Marty Johnson and seconded by Jim Wickenhauser to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2009 Facilities Committee Meeting and the minutes of the February 5, 2009 Curriculum Meeting as presented.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser, Loy, Rothe, Reed and Ritzhaupt
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A Facilities Committee Meeting was set for March 5, 2009 at 6:00 a.m. and an Employment Committee Meeting was set for March 5, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. both to be held at the Superintendent's Office in Piasa.

A motion was made by Jim Wickenhauser and seconded by Steve Reed to approve the family medical leave request from Teacher A, effective April 24, 2009.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Bailey, Wickenhauser, Loy, Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt and Johnson
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Steve Ritzhaupt and seconded by Rodney Bailey to approve the enrollment and discipline report as presented by Superintendent Larry Elsea.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Loy, Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey and Wickenhauser
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

District Highlights this month featured Shipman Elementary. Jason Ehlers, Principal spotlighted the Shipman Student Council, and gave a special thanks to Pat Johnson and Adam Rothe for assisting the Student Council with all of their activities. Student Council members present and giving the presentation were: Kody Golike, Ayla Pace, Shelby Donahue, Reagan Rinacke and Connor Sawyer. Some of the activities that the Student Council sponsored included: Raising over $400.00 for the Adopt a Pet Shelter in Benld, hosting a "Welcome to Shipman Elementary" party for new students, serving tea and coffee to Grandparents during Grandparents week, student council members instructed the kindergarten class on how to use the playground equipment stressing playground manners and playground safety, student council sponsored a can good drive at Christmas and the 6th grade class helped to "Beautify" Shipman Elementary by picking up the trash all around the school property.

Public Comment:

Chris Wooldridge was recognized stating that he would like to develop a program called "Parents Promising Parents" to provide a safe and adult-supervised environment for our kids. The idea is being developed by Targhetta and Woodridge Funeral Home. Chris would like for the school district to provide space online and a link to the Funeral Home web-site giving parents a place where they can "sign up" showing other parents that any time children are at

their home that they would be well supervised and that no alcohol would be available to their children. The Board gave Mr. Wooldridge the OK to proceed and asked that he bring his final document back to the district for approval by the district attorney to safeguard the district of any liability.

Steve Lee was recognized. Mr. Lee addressed the ADA /accessibility work proposed to be done at the high school.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made by Steve Ritzhaupt and seconded by Marty Johnson to approve the bid by Environmental Resources, Inc. for $42,600.00 to remove asbestos from the old Medora building prior to demolition.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser and Loy
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Steve Ritzhaupt and seconded by Steve Reed to adopt the proposed 2009-2010 school calendar as presented and attached.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser and Rothe
Nays: Loy
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Steve Reed and seconded by Marty Johnson to approve to proceed with the bid on Task#6 relative to the wood floors at Shipman Elementary School as presented.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser, Loy, Rothe and Reed
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Steve Reed and seconded by Steve Ritzhaupt to approve the Ittner contract to complete the ADA / accessibility study and also the proposed alternate design plan.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser, Loy, Rothe, Reed and Ritzhaupt
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Steve Reed and seconded by Rodney Bailey to adopt the Macmillan/McGraw-Hill Pre-K – 6th Grade reading series “Treasurers” and “Triumph” as presented and recommended by the Curriculum Committee.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Loy, Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, and Wickenhauser
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

At 8:05 a motion was made by Jim Wickenhauser and seconded by Frank Rothe to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel, district office evaluations, and administrative issues.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Loy, Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey and Wickenhauser
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

At 10:10 p.m. a motion was made by Steve Reed and seconded by Jim Wickenhauser to open the meeting to regular session.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Loy, Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey and Wickenhauser
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Marty Johnson and seconded by Steve Ritzhaupt to give all non-union employees and administrators a 2% increase in their salary on their 2009-2010 contract.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser and Loy
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Julie Loy and seconded by Steve Ritzhaupt to adjourn the meeting
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser, Loy and Rothe
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

_____
Pat Milner
Recording Secretary

_____
Board President

_____
Board Secretary