

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2009

The Southwestern Board of Education met in regular session on April 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office in Piasa, Illinois. Julie Loy-President asked Steve Ritzhaupt-Secretary to call roll showing those members present were: Julie Loy-President, Frank Rothe-Vice President, Marty Johnson, Steve Ritzhaupt, Jim Wickenhauser, Steve Reed and Rodney Bailey. Larry Elsea-Superintendent and Pat Milner-Recording Secretary were also present. Visitors sign-in sheet is attached.

A motion was made by Rodney Bailey and seconded by Jim Wickenhauser to approve the regular school board meeting minutes of March 17, 2009 and the executive session meeting minutes of March 17, 2009 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Loy, Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey and Wickenhauser

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Steve Ritzhaupt and seconded by Rodney Bailey to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 24, 2009 and the executive session minutes of March 24, 2009 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser, Loy and Rothe

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Steve Reed and seconded by Marty Johnson to approve the Special Board Meeting minutes of March 26, 2009 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser, Loy, Rothe and Reed

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Frank Rothe and seconded by Rodney Bailey to approve the March bills and consent agenda bills as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser, Loy, Rothe, Reed and Ritzhaupt

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Steve Ritzhaupt and seconded by Steve Reed to approve the imprest bills, the extra pay and substitute pay as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bailey, Wickenhauser, Loy, Rothe, Reed Ritzhaupt and Johnson

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Marty Johnson and seconded by Steve Reed to approve the financial report through the end March 2009 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bailey, Wickenhauser, Loy, Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt and Johnson

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

A motion was made by Rodney Bailey and seconded by Jim Wickenhauser to approve the Facilities Committee Meeting minutes of April 14, 2009 as presented and attached.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Wickenhauser, Loy, Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson and Bailey

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Steve Reed and seconded by Rodney Bailey to adopt a resolution designating a hearing date pursuant to the Bond Issue Notification Act for the issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,700,000.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Loy, Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey and Wickenhauser

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A Facilities committee meeting was set for Friday-April 24, 2009 beginning at 6:00 a.m. to be held at Medora Elementary. A Special Meeting of the Board of Education was set for Thursday-April 30, 2009 at 6:15 p.m. at the Administration Office in Piasa for the purpose of holding a public hearing regarding issuance of health life safety bonds to cover the costs of Southwestern High School Accessibility Work and repairs to the floor at Shipman Elementary.

A motion was made by Jim Wickenhauser and seconded by Steve Reed to accept the resignation from Matt Hasquin as assistant football coach and National Honor Society Advisor effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser and Loy

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED,

A motion was made by Jim Wickenhauser and seconded by Steve Reed to employ Peggy Graham as 3 hour lunchroom worker retroactive to April 1, 2009 and Don Hill as part time lawn mower for the 2009 mowing season.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser, Loy and Rothe

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Steve Reed and seconded by Jim Wickenhauser to approve the family medical leave of absence for Employee A beginning May 11, 2009 through the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year as requested.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser, Loy, Rothe and Reed

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Marty Johnson and seconded by Steve Ritzhaupt to approve the enrollment and discipline report for the month of March as presented by Superintendent Larry Elsea.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser, Loy, Rothe, Reed and Ritzhaupt

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Deb Gaffney and Jason Crowell presented a proposal to hold a Science Summer Day Camp to be offered to all district 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students limiting the class to 20 students. The camp would be voluntarily taught by Deb Gaffney and Jason Crowell with any speakers to also be on a volunteer basis. The minimal fee to students would be \$15.00 per day or \$75.00 per week with all proceeds to be used in the high school science department. The projected funds will be used to purchase equipment, particularly technology, for the science department.

District Highlights this month featured Medora Elementary. Diane Milner, Principal, began by introducing the staff at Medora Elementary. Also in attendance and recognized were 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Olympiad winners receiving 4<sup>th</sup> place: Malea Bailey, Reid Nixon, Hunter Kahl and Ashley Egelhoff; and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Macoupin County Spelling Bee winner Malea Bailey and Runner-up Evan Lowis. Mrs. Milner then presented a video made by students and staff of Medora Elementary highlighting the accomplishments of Medora Elementary over the past year with the theme “Movin On Up” including the construction progress of the new Medora Elementary School.

Public Comment: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made by Steve Ritzhaupt and seconded by Steve Reed to adopt the final School Calendar for the 2008-2009 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Loy, Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey and Wickenhauser

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Steve Reed and seconded by Jim Wickenhauser to approve the low bid from Roloff for district office flooring in the amount of \$5,681.19.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser and Loy

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

At 7:42 p.m. a motion was made by Jim Wickenhauser and seconded by Steve Reed to go in to executive session for the purpose of conducting an Expulsion Hearing.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser, Loy and Rothe

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

At 8:50 a motion was made by Jim Wickenhauser and seconded by Steve Reed 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 Steve Ritzhaupt and seconded by Rodney Bailey to expel Student A for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year and the entire 2009-2010 school year and hold the expulsion in abeyance pending the successful completion of Safe School.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser and Loy

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Rodney Bailey and seconded by Jim Wickenhauser to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Loy, Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey and Wickenhauser

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Pat Milner  
Recording Secretary

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Board President

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