

**ALLEN-OTTER CREEK C.C.S.D. NO. 65
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2009
6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President, Tom Emm.

B. ROLL CALL

Board members present were: Diane Rzasa, Diana Nichols, Shari Widman, Laura Dawson and Tom Emm. Also present were: Iner Anderson, Superintendent, Mary P. Baima, Principal and Linda Plymire, Recording Secretary. Amy Byers and Sheri Bergeson were absent.

C. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Visitors present were: Patrice Simons, Nancy McMullen, Renee' Rieuf and Tim Sennott.

D. CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you note was read from Karen Daly for her Christmas gift card.

E. ITEMS NEEDING TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA

Executive Session

Personnel

New Business

Use of gym

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Shari Widman and seconded by Diane Rzasa to approve the minutes of the January, 21, 2009 board meeting. All in favor—ayes. Opposed—none. Dawson—abstain. Motion carried 4-0-1.

G. FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. Treasurer's Report: December 31, 2008

A motion was made by Laura Dawson and seconded by Diana Nichols to approve the December 31, 2008 Treasurer's Report as presented. All in favor—ayes. Opposed—none. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Treasurer's Report: January 31, 2009

A motion was made by Diana Nichols and seconded by Tom Emm to approve the January 31, 2009 Treasurer's Report as presented. All in favor—ayes. Opposed—none. Motion carried 5-0-0.

b. Accounts payable: A motion was made by Diane Rzasa and seconded by Laura Dawson to pay the bills as presented. Roll call: Rzasa—yea; Nichols—yea; Widman—yea; Dawson—yea; and Emm—yea. Motion carried 5-0-0.

H. OLD BUSINESS

a. Sports Cooperative

Nancy McMullen stated that St. Anthony's School would like to come out and join us for track. They have approximately 4 students interested in track. They also have to people to help Miss Hansen. Mrs. McMullen would like to propose that the Board accept them. A motion was made by Diane Rzasas and seconded by Tom Emm to enter a cooperative agreement with St. Anthony's School for two years for track. Roll call: Rzasas—yea; Nichols—yea; Widman—yea; Dawson—yea; and Emm—yea. Motion carried 5-0-0.

b. Windmill Update

The LaSalle County Board voted to approve the windmill project. The Superintendent in Dwight called Mr. Anderson and wanted us to meet and discuss an enterprise zone. We talked to our attorney and Al Humpage and agreed that if we did meet with Dwight that both Mr. Zukowski and Mr. Humpage will attend the meeting. It would just be a meeting to gather information. We have not heard back from Dwight.

I. NEW BUSINESS

a. Action Items

1. Policy Approval

A motion was made by Diane Rzasas and seconded by Tom Emm to approve the updated policies with additions and corrections. Roll call: Rzasas—yea; Nichols—yea; Widman—yea; Dawson—yea; and Emm—yea. Motion carried 5-0-0.

2. Teacher Ease

Teacher Ease was installed at the last inservice meeting as a trial. We are going to drop STI and start Teacher Ease on 7/1/09. A motion was made by Laura Dawson and seconded by Diana Nichols to purchase Teacher Ease for 10 teachers for next year for a total cost of \$2273.90 per year. Roll call: Rzasas—yea; Nichols—yea; Widman—yea; Dawson—yea; and Emm—yea. Motion carried 5-0-0.

3. Seniority List

A motion was made by Tom Emm and seconded by Diane Rzasas to approve the Seniority List as presented. All in favor—ayes. Opposed—none. Motion carried 5-0-0.

4. Summer School 2009

A motion was made by Laura Dawson and seconded by Shari Widman to approve Carole Scheuer as the 2009 summer school teacher. Roll call: Rzasas—yea; Nichols—yea; Widman—yea; Dawson—yea; and Emm—yea. Motion carried 5-0-0. We anticipate 20-27 students. Summer school will run from Monday, June 15, 2009 through Friday, July 3, 2009.

5. Letter of resignation

A letter of resignation was read from Kara Mehrkens effective at the end of the current school year. A motion was made by Tom Emm and seconded by Diane Rzasas to accept the resignation from Kara Mehrkens.

Roll call: Rzasa—yea; Nichols—yea; Widman—yea; Dawson—yea; and Emm—yea. Motion carried 5-0-0.

6. New Hire

A motion was made by Laura Dawson and seconded by Diana Nichols to hire Melinda Stevens as first grade teacher at Allen-Otter Creek School District #65 for the 09-10 school year and place her on the appropriate step of the salary schedule. Roll call: Rzasa—yea; Nichols—yea; Widman—yea; Dawson—yea; and Emm—yea. Motion carried 5-0-0.

7. Use of Gym

Jeff Hardgrove requested to use the gym for practice for a traveling baseball team. They would only use it in the evenings when not in use by the school and when weather does not permit them to be outside. A motion was made by Laura Dawson and seconded by Diana Nichols to allow other groups to use the gym and that we ask them to sign an agreement regarding use. Roll call: Rzasa—yea; Nichols—yea; Widman—yea; Dawson—yea; and Emm—yea. Motion carried 5-0-0.

b. Superintendent/Principal Reports

- 1. Compliance visit:** Rich Myers and Jim Carlson from the ROE conducted a compliance visit on February 9th. We have only a few minor items to correct.
- 2. Spelling Bee:** We held a Spelling Bee at school and the winner was Ashton Sennott and runner up was Shea Gabehart. Ashton will compete in the County Bee at Ottawa High School on Saturday, February 21, 2009. Laurie Gage has been coming to the school to help Ashton prepare.
- 3. School Improvement Day:** Teachers worked with Teacher Ease and also Dale Coughlin was here to discuss 403B plans for teachers. We are now compliant with 403B regulations.
- 4. Eighth Grade Night:** Eighth Grade Night for the girls' volleyball players was held at the February 3rd home game.
- 5. Parent/Teacher Conferences:** Conferences went well and were well attended.
- 6. ILCHIP:** This program will be offered again this year by the Illinois Mason's Association.
- 7. ISAT:** ISAT testing will run from March 3 through March 13th. Materials are in and schedules are being developed.
- 8. Eighth Grade Immunization:** LaSalle County Health Services will be here on March 12 at 1 p.m. to immunize the 8th grade students for high school.
- 9. Miss Illinois:** Mrs. Holtzman, our social worker, has arranged for Miss Illinois to be here on March 20 to talk with 6th, 7th and 8th grade students regarding no smoking.
- 10. HRI School Pictures:** Spring pictures and sports pictures will be taken on March 26th.
- 11. LaSalle County Excellence in Education Program:** We need to decide at the March meeting who we will honor this year. The dinner will be on May 7th.
- 12. Graduation date:** This will be decided at the March meeting.

13. IASB Starved Rock Division Meeting: This will be held on March 10th at 6 p.m. at the Seneca Oak Ridge Golf Club. If any board members want to attend, they need to let the office know by the end of February.

14. Preschool: Laura Dawson wants Mrs. Baima to look into funds that might be available for preschool. After discussion, it was determined that a needs survey would be the first step.

15. Recognition Breakfast: Brian Bergeson and Regina Dawson will be honored at a Breakfast at Streator High School on Thursday, February 19th.

16. Eighth Grade Dance and Lock-In:

A motion was made by Diane Rzasa and seconded by Diana Nichols to have Dance on March 20 for 6 through 8th grade students and to invite two other schools to the dance. It was further moved that students from other schools will have to leave at 9 p.m. and 6th through 8th grade RGS students will be able to stay until midnight for a lock-in. Mrs. Baima will be a chaperone and also Diana Nichols. We would need (1) more lady chaperone and (3) male chaperones. The theme will be pajama party. All in favor—ayes. Opposed—none. Motion carried 5-0-0.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Shari Widman and seconded by Laura Dawson to enter Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. to discuss personnel. Roll call: Rzasa—yea; Nichols—yea; Widman—yea; Dawson—yea; and Emm—yea. Motion carried 5-0-0.

L. OPEN SESSION FOR ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Diane Rzasa and seconded by Laura Dawson to enter open session at 8:35 p.m. Roll call: Rzasa—yea; Nichols—yea; Widman—yea; Dawson—yea; and Emm—yea. Motion carried 5-0-0.

In Executive Session we discussed personnel. No action taken.

O. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Diane Rzasa and seconded by Diana Nichols to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. All in favor—ayes. Opposed—none. Motion carried 5-0-0.

P. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING—Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary