

Minutes of the Community Unit District #2 Board of Education Meeting Conducted on July 26, 2007 at Serena High School

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, July 26, 2007, at the Library Media Center at Serena High School. The following members were present: Connie Chapman, Bob DeBolt, Don McNelis, David Myer, and Roger Smith. Superintendent Dan Joyce, Principals Rich Faivre and Pat Leonard were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Don McNelis at 6:15 P.M., and after roll call, the motion was made by Smith and seconded by Chapman to go into executive session for the purpose of the discussion of personnel, pending litigation, and executive session tapes of 1/26/06. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Chapman, to come out of executive session and enter into regular session at 7:10 p.m. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

The hearing on the Proposed Application For Modification of a School Code Mandate Section 24-2 (Holidays) was held. Superintendent Joyce explained that every five years we are required to request a waiver which allows continuity by avoiding single day attendance preceded and followed by non-attendance days. The purpose of any holiday selected as an attendance day would be recognized by school activities on that day. This request is in regard to the third Monday of January (Martin Luther King's Birthday), February 12 (Lincoln's Birthday), the 1st Monday of March (Casmir Pulaski Day), the second Monday of October (Columbus Day) and November 11 (Veterans Day). A request was made for public comment regarding the waiver request. There being none, a motion to close said hearing was made by DeBolt, seconded by Smith. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion was made by Myer, seconded by Smith, to approve consent agenda items VI, A through D. The June 28th regular and executive session minutes were reviewed for release to the public. The bills were reviewed and discussed. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and discussed. Executive session tapes from January 26, 2006 will be erased after July 27, 2007. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Reports –

The Finance Committee reported revenue of approximately 4% over what was projected. Expenses came in 2% under the original budget. There was a \$400,000 surplus in revenue over expenditures for the fiscal year.

The Education Foundation met on July 25th. The foundation has over \$70,000 and has earned \$3,200 in interest.

Discussion/Informational Items –

The Earlville school board has voted to join a track co-op with Serena if offered. Leland has verbally expressed desire to join a track co-op.

Pat Leonard gave a presentation for a proposed final exam. There was discussion regarding implementing exemptions along with the number of days exams would be held. This topic will be brought back to the August meeting for further discussion.

Action Items –

Motion to accept the retirement declaration of Sue Ninness was made by Chapman, seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to hire Natalie Fuertges as a 504 individual aide at Harding Grade School pending background check was made by Smith, seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion was made by DeBolt, seconded by Myer to hire Zach Terry as the C.U. #2 soccer coach pending background check. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve student handbooks for a second and final reading was made by Chapman, seconded by Myer. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion was made by Myer, seconded by DeBolt to approve the amended Serena High School Athletic Code for a second and final reading. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to establish girls and boys track teams at Serena High School for the 2007-08 school year was made by Chapman, seconded by Smith. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the position of head track coach at Serena High School for the 2007-08 school year was made by DeBolt, seconded by Smith. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Myer to approve the position of 4th grade teacher at Serena Grade School for the 2007-08 school year. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the milk bid from North Central Illinois Milk Distributors was made by Myer, seconded by Chapman. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the bread bid from Interstate Brands was made by Chapman, seconded by Myer. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve submitting the application requesting waiver of state holidays for the years 2008-09 to 2012-13 was made by DeBolt, seconded by Chapman. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Myer, seconded by Smith, to go into executive session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss personnel. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Chapman, to come out of executive session and return to regular session at 8:32 p.m.. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion was made by Chapman, seconded by Myer to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

The CU#2 Board of Education approved these minutes at the August 23, 2007 meeting.