

**Minutes of the Community Unit District #2 Board of Education Meeting
Conducted on March 20, 2008 at Serena High School**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 20, 2008, at the Serena High School Library Media Center. The following members were present: Jack Cantlin in at 6:25 p.m., Connie Chapman in at 6:17 p.m., Bob DeBolt, Don McNelis, Pat Seby and Roger Smith. Superintendent Dan Joyce, Principals Rich Faivre, Randy Goodbred, and Pat Leonard were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Pat Seby at 6:15 P.M., and after roll call, the motion was made by McNelis and seconded by DeBolt to go into executive session for the purpose of the discussion of personnel, contractual negotiations, pending litigation, and erasing of executive session tapes from September 28, 2006. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by DeBolt, seconded by Chapman, to come out of executive session and enter into regular session at 7:30 p.m. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

President Seby recognized visitor Bill Harris of North American Hydro who presented a River Resource Research Project Plan for the 2008-09 school year. A DVD presentation of the 6,7,8th grade canoe trips from last year was shown. Bill suggested that a 2 day trip be planned for the fall of 2008 for the 8th grades (now 7th graders) plus the current 8th grades who will be freshmen this fall. He proposed September for the 8th grades prior to homecoming and 9th graders after homecoming. The canoe trip for the 7th graders would be kept the same as last year and the 8th grade canoe trips would be more involved with research and scientific methods.

There was no response to President Seby's request for public comment.

Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Chapman, to approve Consent Agenda Items V, A through E. The February 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 September 28, 2006 will be erased after March 21, 2008. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Reports –

The Enrollment Report was given by Superintendent Joyce. There are a total of 864 students district as of 2/28/08.

Principal Goodbred reported that the Sheridan scholastic team, coached by Laurie Clausel, won the Fox Valley competition.

Principal Leonard indicated that the Serena FFA spent an afternoon near the Dayton Dam cleaning up the banks of the Fox River.

Principal Faivre informed the Board that the Harding PTO would like to paint the gym at their expense of approximately \$5,500.00. This would not affect any current murals on the walls. The color blue would be used from the bottom up 8 ft. and then white. He will come back to the May meeting with further details.

The Serena Grade School participated in cosmic bowling and will also be participating in the Young Author's Contest.

The Growth and Development Committee met and reviewed a 3 month old map prepared by the LaSalle County Supervisor of Assessments indicating all parcels with residents in our district. A developer's fee agreement between the district and Tree and Land is being drawn up with regards to Phase 2 of Hidden Acres.

Superintendent Joyce would like to have a third party administer the 403b plan due to the new rules and regulations issued by the IRS which become effective January 1, 2009.

Discussion Informational Items -

There was further discussion regarding graded centers. A recommendation and/or additional thoughts will be brought back at the April meeting.

The Illinois Clean Energy Foundation is offering a K-12 solar panel grant up to \$10,000 with a match of 10%. Rob Engstrom from Ameresco will be assisting Dan with writing a grant. This would be a teaching tool in terms of the students.

Action Items –

Motion was made by Cantlin, seconded by McNelis to approve the offering of tenured teacher contracts for the 2008-09 school year to teaching staff as listed and made part of the minutes:

4th Year to Tenure

Name	Building Assignment	Subject/Grades
Matt Copher	Harding Grade School	Sci, Soc. St., PE
Lindsey McMahan	Serena Grade School	Grade 4
Pat Leonard	Serena High School	Principal
Megan Thomas	Harding Grade School	Math, Soc. St.

On roll call, Smith abstained and all others present voted "aye". The motion carried

Motion was made by Chapman, seconded by Smith to approve the offering of non-tenured teaching contracts for the 2008-09 school year to teaching staff as listed and made part of the minutes:

3rd year to 4th Year

Name	Building Assignment	Subject/Grades
Kathy Hughes	Serena High School	Chem. Physics
Paul Schrik	Serena Grade School	Principal
Lisa Tillman	Serena High School	Sp. Ed. Self Cont.
Brock Harp	Sheridan Grade School	Grade 5
Lisa Olson	Sheridan Grade School	Grade 1
Jennifer Hoyland	District	Social Worker
Lib Whitaker	Sheridan Grade School	6-8 Math/Sci.

2nd Year to 3rd Year

Name	Building Assignment	Subject/Grades
Andy Allen	District	Library/Media Spec.
Paula Daley	High School	Spec. Ed. Self-Cont.
Jenna Duffy	Serena Grade School	5th Grade
Carla Enger	Serena Grade School	6-8 Math Science
Annie Frasco	Serena High School	English
Bonnie McCaslin	Serena Grade School	6-8 lang. Arts

1st Year to 2nd Year

Name	Building Assignment	Subject/Grades
Nicole Dierzen	Sheridan Grade School	Soc St, Sci, PE
Kelsey Mason	Serena Grade School	Grade 3
Betsey Dolder	Serena Grade School	Grade 4
Colleen Connell	Serena Grade School	Grade2
Jennifer Hoppis	Serena High School	Tech., Bus.,Cons. Ed.
Jeremy Jenkins	Serena High School	Social Studies

On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to re-hire Principals Randy Goodbred, Pat Leonard, Paul Schrik and Rich Faivre for the 2008-09 school year was made by DeBolt, seconded by McNelis. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to hire Curt Alsvig as a volunteer track assistant for the 2007-08 school year was made by Cantlin, seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve 8th grade graduation for Thursday, May 29th was made by Chapman, seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the 8th grade class trip for May 16-17 was made by Chapman, seconded by Smith. On roll call, all those present

voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the 2008-09 grade reporting and dismissal schedule calendar was made by Smith, seconded by Chapman. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion was made by Chapman, seconded by DeBolt to approve the 7th and 8th grade canoe trip this spring as presented.

Board member DeBolt and Smith were appointed to the non-certified staff salary committee and Cantlin and Seby to the health insurance committee.

Motion to adjourn was made by Chapman, seconded by Smith to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.