May 26, 2016
Serena, IL

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held Thursday, May 26, 2016, in the library at Serena High School. The following members were present: Randy Murley, David Myer, Renee Thompson and Neal Rosengren. Bob DeBolt, Don McNelis and Susan McNelis were not in attendance. Superintendent Marty Felesena and Principals Joe Landers, Aaron Rios and HS Dean Jonathan Immel were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by President Rosengren at 6:25 p.m. After roll call, the motion was made by Myer and seconded by Murley to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel, evidence, safety, discipline, litigation, and negotiations.

It was moved by Thompson and seconded by Murley to come out of executive session and enter into regular session at 7:22 p.m. On roll call, those present voted “aye” Motion carried.

President Rosengren requested approval of the agenda. Visitors were Kelly Baker.

Supt. Felesena presented an update of the District’s Strategic Plan. The plan included the District’s goals for programs, services, curriculum, community relations, finances, student achievement and facilities.

President Rosengren gave opportunity for public comment. There was none.

Correspondence included a thank you card from Lisa Eiten for a plant in memory of her husband, a thank you card from the Hughes family for a plant sent in memory of Dave’s father, and a thank you from Emily Wise for recognition and scholarship honoring her perfect attendance her entire grade school and high school career.

Motion was made by Murley and seconded by Thompson to approve Consent Agenda Items VIII A thru H. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Reports –

Enrollment – a loss of 4 in the grade schools and a loss of 1 in the high school for a total of 673 students.

Academic Goals Committee – Supt. Felesena said they are looking at the benefits and struggles of 1-to-1 technology. Typing programs for 2nd to 12th grades will be reviewed. They are looking at more vocational and foreign language opportunities. They are also talking about a 5th to 8th grade middle school concept for the future.

IVVC – Supt. Felesena reported IVVC will offer dual credit courses through IVCC including CNA, welding and CAD computer programs. IVVC also passed a tentative budget.

Principal Reports:
HS Dean Immel said $15,000 in scholarships was awarded at graduation. Baseball and softball regionals are going on now at Serena. He also congratulated Maureen Scariot who is retiring after 30+ years of teaching.

Principal Landers thanked PTO for organizing the end of year Field Day. He thanked Ms. Keigley for organizing the Jr. High Science Fair. He also thanked Mrs. Muffler and Mrs. Fairve for hosting the Mother’s Day Tea. He congratulated the students attending the Isle Royale Education Program. He thanked the parents and students who came to the first annual Awards Breakfast. He thanked PTO for providing donuts and refreshments. He also thanked Renee Thompson for helping hand out diplomas at 8th grade graduation.

Principal Rios thanked PTO and Donna Maurer for Fun Day. He thanked PTO for the Character Counts donations. He recognized Ryan Nolasco, Elodie Baumgartner and Jimmy Woeltje for attending the Isle Royale Education Week. He congratulated Hannah Hardyman and Bradley Armour for winning the Lions Club Essay Contest. The students each won a new bike.

Student Handbooks – Principal Landers said they made some changes to the GS student handbook. They took away the quarterly eligibility requirement and changed it to weekly. They also took away the 5-day rule for attendance. Dean Immel said they made some changes in the HS also. Saturday detentions will be dealt with by administration on an individual basis. Also search and seizure of student cars is allowed if a student parks on school grounds. Supt. Felesen said that student grade status (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior) will be determined by credit hours, not by age. Students will be freshmen until they have more than 8 credit hours no matter their age, etc. Programs offered next year for juniors through IVVC will include welding, culinary arts, fire science and cosmetology (Aurora or Oswego).

Superintendent Felesen – the Title 1 Intervention Handbook is ready for a first reading. The technology lease will be $69,000 for infrastructure and hardware enhancements, Chromebooks for libraries (to replace desktops), and 150 new Chromebooks to replace 150 old ones. The intercom system will be upgraded also. Clocks will be replaced with wireless ones. Depository list – NBT is now First Midwest Bank.

Discussion/Informational Items –

A) Enrollment and Development will have a meeting in June to look at the Middle School Concept for the District.
B) Great Lake Basin Railroad Project – resolution of opposition for approval
C) Sheridan Roof Project – bids came in lower than expected. $48,000 to $92,000 range. Metalmaster/Roofmaster out of McHenry is lowest responsible bid ($48,483 with an alternate of $43,498). Work will be completed by end of August.
D) Area School Consolidations – many area schools are having discussions about consolidation. The District is good for now but may have more conversations in June.

Action Items –

Motion to approve the resignation of Jonathan Immel as Dean of Students/Social Studies teacher at Serena High School effective June 30, 2016 was made by Thompson, seconded by Meyer. On roll call, all present voted “aye”. Motion carried.
Motion to approve the resignation of Annie Frasco as an English teacher at Serena High School, effective May 25, 2016 was made by Murley and seconded by Myer. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of Alice Cruz as a Food Service Substitute, effective May 20, 2016 was made by Thompson, seconded by Myer. On roll call, all present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to employ Holly Banister as a full-time food service worker/custodian for the District, effective May 27, 2016 was made by Myer, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Julie Timm as a summer technology assistant for 125 hours between May 26th and August 12th, 2016 was made by Murley, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to employ Jeff Stoudt as boys’ basketball co-coach at Sheridan Grade School for the 2016-17 school year, pending all paperwork requirements was made by Murley, seconded by Myer. On roll call, those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to employ Jacob Stark as boys’ basketball co-coach at Sheridan Grade School for the 2016-17 school year, pending all paperwork requirements was made by Thompson, seconded by Myer. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Spring 2017 coaches as presented (Harding GS track-Linda Gregor, Serena GS track-Dave Hughes, Sheridan GS track-Art Bohlman, Unit 2 track-Art Bohlman, SHS softball head coach-Megan Adams, SHS softball assistant coach-Jenna Keigley, SHS baseball head coach-Chad Baker, SHS baseball assistant coach-Jeremy Foreman, SHS track-Brent Thomas) was made by Myer, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, all present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the 2016-17 Co-Curricular positions as presented ((Harding GS – 678 Club-Megan Adams & Jenna Keigley, Scholastic Bowl-Linda Gregor; Serena GS – 678 Club-Colleen Perez, Scholastic Bowl-Bonnie McCaslin & Colleen Perez; Sheridan GS – 678 Club-Randy Goodbred, Scholastic Bowl-Nikki Dierzen; Serena HS – Senior Class Sponsors-Dean DeRango, Dave Hughes, Jeremy Foreman; Junior Class Sponsors-Jenny Hoppis, Kathy Hughes, Lauren Hohenberger; Scholastic Bowl-Brent Thomas; Newsline-Jennifer Hoppis; Vocational Director-Jennifer Hoppis; NHS-Aubrey Mikos; Newspaper-Lauren Hohenberger; Musical Performance-Geoff Pierce & Christine Thorsen; Marching Band-Geoff Pierce; Pep Band-Geoff Pierce; Audio Director-Geoff Pierce; Art Club-Miranda Zahn; Art Show Director-Miranda Zahn; SADD-Julie Brown; Student Council-Jeremy Jenkins; Mentor Teachers – HGS Level 2 (BF)-Nancy Duchon, SHS Level 1 (DF)-Aubrey Mikos, SHS Level 2 (KR)-Julie Brown, SHS Year 2 (ME)-Jeremy Jenkins, District Year 2 (AH)-Valerie Manning)) was made by Myer, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, all present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year probationary teachers was made by Myer, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, all present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve tenure for Julie Brown was made by Myer, seconded by Murley. On roll call, all present voted “aye”. Motion carried.
Motion to approve the Sheridan Roof Project base bid of $48,483 and alternate bid of $43,498 to Metalmaster/Roofmaster, with all work to be completed by August 31, 2016 was made by Myer, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, all present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the junior-year enrollment at Indian Valley Vocational Center for Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Fire Science and Welding was made by Myer, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, all present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-A opposing the Great Lakes Basin LLC Railroad Project was made by Myer, seconded by Murley. On roll call, all present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Title Intervention Handbook for a first reading was made by Murley, seconded by Myer. On roll call, all present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the 2016-17 student handbooks for a first reading was made by Thompson, seconded by Murley. On roll call, all present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the 2016-17 list of depositories, as presented was made by Murley, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, all present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to allow District administration to enter into a 1-year technology lease for infrastructure and hardware enhancements for the 2016-17 school year was made by Myer, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, all present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

President Rosengren requested further public comment. There was none.

The CUSD2 board entered back into executive session at 9:40 p.m.

Motion to end executive session was made by Myer, seconded by Murley. On roll call, all present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 10:55 p.m. was made by Myer, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, all present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

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Neal Rosengren, President       Renee Thompson, Secretary