

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
CRAWFORD COUNTY ROBINSON, ILLINOIS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 16, 2009

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. Dennis Inboden
2. Leslie Swaner
3. Debbi Lowrance
4. Von Meeks
5. Larry Keeler
6. Bill Ecton

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

1. Josh Quick, Interim Superintendent
2. Jason Stark, Interim WGS Principal
3. Kevin McConnell, LGS Principal
4. Sue Catt, NMS Principal
5. Troy Hickey, RHS Principal
6. Craig Beals, NMS Assistant Principal
7. Alice Taylor, Special Services Director
8. Terry Roche, Athletic Director
9. Janis Loughery, Curriculum Director

OTHERS ATTENDING:

1. Debbie J. Pethel, School Board Secretary
2. Randy Harrison, News Media
3. Janna Surrells, CUTEA Rep.
4. David Pistorious, 1st Midstate

President Inboden called the March regular board meeting to order at 7:00pm. He welcomed all in attendance. Inboden announced a change on the agenda. Under new business, #2 Marathon Proposal was removed to be replaced after "Personnel action" on the agenda.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Lowrance and seconded by Ecton to approve the consent agenda topics which included February 17, 2009 regular board minutes, February 25, 2009 special board meeting minutes as well as closed session minutes for both February 17th and February 25th; along with the payroll and bills for the month of February 2009. Roll call vote: Yeas – Swaner, Lowrance, Meeks, Ecton, Keeler and Inboden. Nays – none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Interim Superintendent Quick made note of the upcoming County -Wide Board meeting to be hosted by Robinson. The dinner meeting will be held Wednesday April 15th at the RHS Cafetorium at 6:30pm. Ralph Martire from ISBE will present several school funding issues at this meeting.

President Inboden revised some Board committees effective immediately as follows:

- Personnel – Bill Ecton and Leslie Swaner
- RHS Athletic – Von Meeks and Larry Keeler
- Student Discipline – Leslie Swaner and Bill Ecton

NEW BUSINESS:

After a presentation by David Pistorious of 1st Midstate Bank, a motion was made by Meeks and seconded by Swaner to adopt a resolution to provide the issuance of general obligation refunding school bonds for CUSD #2. Roll call vote: Yeas – Meeks, Keeler, Inboden, Ecton, Lowrance, and Swaner. Nays – none. Motion carried.

After review of the 2009/2010 school board calendar, a motion was made by Swaner and seconded by Lowrance to adopt the calendar as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas – Lowrance, Swaner, Meeks, Keeler, Ecton, Inboden. Nays – None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Swaner and seconded by Meeks to approve \$100.00 annual dues for SEPCO food products. Roll call vote: Yeas – Swaner, Meeks, Keeler, Ecton, Inboden and Lowrance. Nays – none. Motion carried.

After a review of a cost proposal for NMS Math books, a motion was made by Ecton and seconded by Lowrance to authorize a NMS book order. Roll call vote: Yeas – Meeks, Ecton, Swaner, Lowrance, Keeler, and Inboden. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Upon recommendation of Principal Hickey, a motion was made by Lowrance and seconded by Meeks to appoint Kathy Hatten to the RHS Athletic Handbook Committee. Roll call vote: Yeas – Swaner, Keeler, Ecton, Lowrance, Meeks, and Inboden. Nays – none. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Projects are near completion at Washington Elementary and noted the checklist is ready to sign by the Architect.

Quick reported Skyward software is loaded and historical data has been transferred.

- RHS Guidance has training scheduled for Tuesday March 17th on the Schedule Builder
- Cafeteria staff has training on the Food Service Module March 18th
- Josh Quick and Julie Breault will work with secretarial staff on the transfer of data from the current school year

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORTS:

WES: Interim Principal Stark informed everyone of the Kindergarten Pre-registration set for March 17, 18, and 19th. He told of the recent success of the Dr. Seuss Celebration at Washington School!

LGS: Principal McConnell spoke of their Lincoln Birthday Celebration and a recent guest speaker success made available to the students by PTO. McConnell noted pictures are available of both events on the robinsonschools.com website. He announced RTI Aspire Training Level 2 on Thursday March 19, 2009.

NMS: Principal Catt invited everyone to the NMS Sport Recognition at 5:30pm on Tuesday, March 17th. She gave special kudos to two NMS Students - Tanner Keeler and Brittany Quick for their recent IPA recognition. She publicly thanked Ms. Julie Dickerson on the successful job of organizing and completing materials for ISAT. Assistant Principal Beals noted NMS students from Diana Thompson’s class will have the opportunity to interact with Janelle Oxford’s class students in preparation for high school writing instructions.

RHS: Public congratulations were given to RHS Basketball team and Coach Coffman for being named Apollo Conference Coach of the Year.

SPECIAL SERVICES: Director Alice Taylor announced pre-school registration is scheduled for March 26th and 27th. At date, those scheduled days are full and Taylor said for information on another date for pre-school registration, please call Dana Rich at 544-3153.

Board members Debbi Lowrance and Leslie Swaner were recognized by the Illinois Association of School Board for their part in serving as governing delegates at the recent Chicago IASB/IASA/ISBE/IASBO conference.

At the recommendation of the Building & Grounds Committee, a motion was made by Meeks and seconded by Keeler to authorize installing a fence at the Northwest Corner of Washington Elementary for safety purposes for Washington students. The amount will be approximately \$3,368 which includes the labor. Roll call vote: Yeas – Keeler, Lowrance, Inboden, Ecton, Swaner, and Meeks. Nays – none. Motion carried.

At 7:40pm, a motion was made by Meeks and seconded by Keeler to convene to closed session to discuss personnel, litigation and negotiations. Roll call vote: Yeas – Keeler, Lowrance, Swaner, Inboden, Ecton, and Meeks. Nays – none. Motion carried.

A motion was made at 9:20pm by Meeks and seconded by Keeler to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously.

The following personnel action was taken in open session:

- A motion was made by Lowrance and seconded by Meeks to accept the resignation of LGS Lunchroom Supervisor Kim Bailey effective immediately. Roll call vote: Yeas – Unanimous. Motion carried
- A motion was made by Meeks and seconded by Lowrance to accept the resignation of Terry Roche as RHS Assistant Football Coach effective immediately. Roll call vote: Yeas – Unanimous. Motion carried
- A motion was made by Swaner and seconded by Ecton to accept the resignation of NMS Health Teacher Jason Wagner effective at the conclusion of the 2008/2009 school year. Roll call vote: Yeas – Unanimous. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Meeks and seconded by Lowrance to have a “Reduction-in-Force” RIF for the non-certified personnel as presented effective at the conclusion of the 2008/2009 school year. Roll call vote: Yeas – Ecton, Inboden, Swaner, Lowrance, Keeler, and Meeks. Nays – none. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Lowrance and seconded by Ecton to also RIF certified teacher Alissa Wayman, RHS Assistant Band Director; on motion by Meeks and seconded by Keeler to RIF certified teacher Tarita Siler, LGS 5th Grade Teacher; and on motion by Swaner and seconded by Lowrance to RIF certified teacher Tanya Pfeifer, RHS Business Teacher effective at the conclusion of the 2008/2009 school year. Roll call vote: Yeas – Inboden, Swaner, Keeler, Ecton, Lowrance, and Meeks. Nays – none. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Lowrance and seconded by Ecton to approve reduction in teaching responsibilities for JILG teacher Bob Duzan due to the state not providing the grant money; however at the time the state can provide the grant, the job responsibilities and work days for Bob Duzan will return to the regular contract wording- Roll call vote: Yeas – Swaner, Keeler, Ecton, Lowrance, Meeks, and Inboden. Nays – none. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Lowrance and seconded by Meeks to approve reduction in teacher responsibilities on the contract for JILG Teacher Amy Hannahs. The reduction in hours is due to the State not providing grant money at this point; however once the District finds out grant money is available, the contract for Amy Hannahs will return to the regular contract language. Roll call vote: Yeas – Ecton, Inboden, Swaner, Lowrance, Keeler, and Meeks. Nays – none. Motion carried.

- A motion was made by Lowrance and seconded by Keeler to approve extended contracts for both media and guidance during the 2009 summer months as follows:

<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>EXTENSION OF DAYS</u>	<u>SALARY COST</u>
Julie Dickerson (NMS Guidance)	Not to exceed 10 days	\$ 2,068.80
Mandy Cooley (RHS Guidance)	Not to exceed 10 days	2,041.00
Debra Whipkey (RHS Guidance)	Not to exceed 10 days	3,334.50
Holly Gallagher (Elementary Media)	Not to exceed 5 days	1,225.15
Sarah Hemrich (NMS Media)	Not to exceed 5 days	1,093.75
Janet Jenkins (RHS Media)	Not to exceed 5 days	<u>1,307.10</u>
		\$11,070.30

These employees are allowed to elect to be paid on a per diem basis or receive compensatory leave (as approved by the building principal). Roll call vote: Yeas – Keeler, Swaner, Inboden, Ecton, Meeks, Lowrance. Nays – none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ecton and seconded by Meeks to re-assign NMS 7th grade social studies teacher to the position of NMS 6th grade Science Teacher at the beginning of the 2009/2010 school year. (Due to the retirement of Cookie Newell at the end of the 2008/09 school year). The board also authorized a job posting for the 7th grade Social Studies teaching position. By same motion, the board approved hiring Jamie Raines as the Special Services Director effective for the 2009/2010 school year (Due to the retirement of Alice Taylor at the conclusion of the 2009 school year). Roll call vote: Yeas – Meeks, Keeler, Ecton, Lowrance, Swaner, and Inboden. Nays – none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Keeler and seconded by Swaner to approve a leave of absence for Jessie Engledow, Speech Language Pathologist from approximately May 15th through the end of the current school year. She plans to return the 1st day of 2009/2010 school year. Roll call vote: Yeas – Inboden, Swaner, Keeler, Lowrance, Meeks, and Ecton. Nays – none. Motion carried.

OTHER:

A motion was made by Lowrance and seconded by Swaner to tentatively adopt a pending agreement regarding the assessed valuation of Marathon Petroleum Company’s Robinson, Illinois refinery. The agreement still has to be reduced to writing and presented for consideration and approval to Marathon’s senior management, the governing board of each of the taxing bodies, the Crawford County Board of Review, Supervisor of Assessments and other appropriate officials. Roll call vote: Yeas – Swaner, Ecton, Lowrance, Inboden, Meeks, and Keeler. Nays – none. Motion carried.

At 9:35pm a motion was made by Lowrance and seconded by Ecton to adjourn the March 16th regular school board meeting. Roll call vote: Yeas – Meeker, Swaner, Keeler, Inboden, Lowrance, and Ecton. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The next Regular School Board meeting will be held on Monday, April 20, 2009 at the Central Office at 7:00pm.

School Board President

School Board Secretary