

THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
GREENFIELD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
December 20, 2010

The Board of Education of Greenfield Community Unit School District No. 10 met in regular session, in the Administrative Office, on December 20, 2010.

1. President Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Upon roll call the following members were present: Larry Pembroke, Jeff Naville, Elliott Turpin, Russ Bishop, Greg Griswold, Jeff Sexton and President Phillips. Also present were Superintendent Kevin Bowman, High School Principal Beth Bettis, Elementary Principal Doreen Fornero, and Transportation Director Sam Walden.

2. Additions to the Agenda were Item 6Ib – Resignation, Crossing Guard; 9F – Consideration and Action Upon Facilities Report; and 6L – Larry Pembroke, Board Member Elections. A motion was made by Naville, seconded by Sexton, to approve the Agenda, as amended. Upon roll call Bishop, Pembroke, Naville, Turpin, Sexton, Griswold and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

3. A motion was made by Naville, seconded by Sexton, to approve the regular and executive session minutes of the November 15, 2010 regular meeting as presented. Upon roll call Pembroke, Turpin, Bishop, Naville, Griswold, Sexton and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

4. It was motioned by Turpin, seconded by Naville, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Upon roll call Turpin, Griswold, Sexton, Pembroke, Bishop, Naville and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See Exhibit No. 1 attached to the Official Minutes)

5. President Phillips acknowledged Julie George, who explained the process of her having achieved her National Board Certification with an Early Childhood Generalist Certificate, ages 3-8. She will not have to renew her Master Teacher Certificate for ten years and will receive a \$3,000 stipend each year during that period. Mrs. George informed the Board that the certification is worth 9 hours of graduate credit and requested the Board grant her credit on the District salary schedule. The Board extended congratulations for her accomplishment.

6. Board members reviewed the Elementary School Report, with Principal Doreen Fornero reporting that "Fred Bird" of the St. Louis Cardinal organization was unable to make a scheduled appearance at the Elementary School, due to a snow day and hopes to reschedule the event for February or March.

7. The High School Report was reviewed with Principal Beth Bettis informing the Board there were no semester exams the week of December 13th, due to snow days, and they will be rescheduled for the first week in January and report cards issued later.

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8. Sam Walden reported on the following:
- the indication that some bus drivers are not recording the gasoline being used in the buses
 - on the November 11th holiday, all buses were washed by the drivers
 - no results yet on locating a used truck with snow blade
 - roof leaks in the Elementary gym, Junior High wing, and High School boys locker room apparently have been repaired, for now
 - approximate cost for a new scorer's table in the high school gymnasium would be \$3,000, with the Tiger Backers paying half the cost
 - furnace replaced in the Special Education wing at the Elementary School
 - Band Boosters will begin work on December 27th installing the retractable wall in the High School Gymnasium band room
9. Elliott Turpin reported on the Greenfield Foundation for Educational Excellence, noting the next meeting will be January 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office. Discussion will be held on the Spring Fundraiser. He also reported the approval of a classroom mini-grant for Elementary Guidance Counselor, Melissa Todd. President Howard Phillips inquired about the solvency of the Foundation, with Mr. Turpin responding the account balance is approximately \$7,500 at this time.
10. Superintendent Bowman reported on the following:
- teachers in the process of working on the Math curriculum reviewing classes above and below their teaching area
 - committee in charge of the January 3rd in-service to implement new writing curriculum district-wide
 - technology committee meeting on December 14th, with discussion on the STI software program; plans to be ready in July in order for staff development to be set up at the beginning of the school year; possibly adding the cafeteria program on the software; upgrade operating systems/software; move away from the Area 5 Technology Hub for District e-mail; poly-com system in the high school not being used; school website updates; next Technology meeting scheduled for January 19th at 3:30 p.m.
 - informed Board of cafeteria issue concerning Elementary Handbook language regarding students having negative balances in their lunch account being served a peanut butter sandwich and milk only, with Mr. Bowman informing the Board that he has suspended this policy
 - recommendation to employ Kyle Johnson as Pee Wee Boys Basketball Assistant Coach
 - resignation of crossing guard, Janice Woelfel, with plans to post the position for \$9.00 per hour, 1 hour before and after school
 - possible change of January and February 2011 Board meeting dates which fall on school holidays

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- update on funds in the amount of \$203,990.36 currently owed to the District by the Illinois State Board of Education; added that Fiscal Year 2012 does not look promising; informed the Board he had met with GEA President, Joe Pembrook to ask if Greenfield Education Association had ideas on how to reduce costs

11. Board member Larry Pembrook reported he could not get a list of eligible voters from Greene County Clerk, Deborah Banghart. He referenced a referendum held by the Virginia School District to elect School Board members at-large, rather than being restricted by residency in congressional townships, being defeated because one township voted against the change. He noted that **all** townships would have to approve the referendum, in order for a school district to elect Board members at-large.

12. A motion was made by Griswold, seconded by Naville, to go to Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss personnel. Upon roll call Turpin, Griswold, Sexton, Pembrook, Bishop, Naville and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Bishop motioned and Sexton seconded to return to Open Session at 9:00 p.m. Upon roll call Bishop, Pembrook, Naville, Turpin, Sexton, Griswold and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

13. A motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Naville, to approve the reinvestment of the Certificate of Deposit at 1.1% for 30 days with United Community Bank of Greenfield. Upon roll call Bishop, Pembrook, Naville, Turpin, Sexton, Griswold and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

14. It was motioned by Turpin, seconded by Naville, to adopt the "Resolution to Levy Operations and Maintenance Tax in Excess of Prior Year's Levy", authorizing the rate of .50 percent, pursuant to Section 17-2 of the School Code, 105 ILCS5/17-2, for the 2010-2011 school year. Upon roll call Turpin, Griswold, Bishop, Naville and Phillips voted "Aye". Sexton and Pembrook voted "Nay". Motion carried. (See Exhibit No. 2 attached to the Official Minutes)

15. Turpin motioned and Naville seconded to adopt the 2011 Tax Levy in the amount of \$1,745,880, which does not exceed 5% of the prior year's Levy. Upon roll call Sexton, Naville, Pembrook, Griswold, Turpin, Bishop and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See Exhibit No. 3 attached to the Official Minutes)

16. No action was taken on changing the January and February Board meeting dates, due to school holidays on those dates.

17. It was motioned by Pembrook, seconded by Griswold, to employ Kyle Johnson as Pee Wee Boys Basketball Assistant Coach for the 2010-2011 school year. Upon roll call

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Bishop, Pembrook, Naville, Turpin, Sexton, Griswold and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

18. Griswold motioned and Pembrook seconded to accept the resignation of Janice Woelfel, Elementary School Crossing Guard, effective immediately. Upon roll call Pembrook, Turpin, Bishop, Naville, Griswold, Sexton and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

19. A motion was made by Pembrook, seconded by Bishop, to purchase a basketball scorer's table for the High School Gymnasium at an approximate cost of \$3,000 and to share the cost equally with the Tiger Backers. Upon roll call Turpin, Griswold, Sexton, Pembrook, Bishop, Naville and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

20. Bishop motioned and Naville seconded to approve volunteer Seth Roberts to open and supervise the High School Fitness Center on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Upon roll call Sexton, Naville, Pembrook, Griswold, Turpin, Bishop and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

21. Board members appointed Howard Phillips as Representative to the Four Rivers Special Education District Council and Greg Griswold as Alternate Representative.

22. It was motioned by Bishop, seconded by Griswold, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Upon roll call Naville, Turpin, Griswold, Bishop, Pembrook, Sexton and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Dr. Howard R. Phillips

President

Larry L. Pembrook

Secretary

1. Meeting called to order
2. Additions to Agenda
3. Minutes approved
4. Consent Agenda items approved
5. Julie George - Master Teacher Certificate
6. Elementary School Report
7. High School Report
8. Transportation/Facilities Report

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9. Foundation Report
10. Superintendent Report-Curriculum/Personnel/Finance
11. School Board member election information
12. Executive/Open Session
13. CD reinvestment approved
14. Resolution adopted - increase O&M rate to .50 percent
15. Tax Levy adopted
16. Board meeting dates - no action taken
17. Kyle Johnson employed - PWBBB Assistant Coach
18. Resignation accepted - Janice Woelfel, Crossing Guard
19. Basketball scorer's table purchase approved
20. Approved volunteer Seth Roberts/Supervise Fitness Center
21. Howard Phillips appointed Four Rivers Representative
22. Meeting adjourned