

THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
GREENFIELD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
April 18, 2011

The Board of Education of Greenfield Community Unit School District No. 10 met in regular session, in the Administrative Office, on April 18, 2011.

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 Beth Bettis, Sam Walden, Julie Williams, Josh Roberts, Matt Flanagan and Mike Goldasich.

2. Additions to the Agenda were Items 6O – Board Policy 6:310 – Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs and Course Substitutions; 6Q & 9O – Possible IASB Resolutions; and Correspondence – Carlinville Area Hospital. A motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Griswold, to approve the Agenda, as amended. Upon roll call Bishop, Pembroke, Naville, Turpin, Sexton, Griswold and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

3. It was motioned by Naville, seconded by Sexton, to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2011 regular meeting and executive session as presented. Upon roll call Pembroke, Turpin, Bishop, Naville, Griswold, Sexton and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

4. A motion was made by Griswold and 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. Agriculture teacher Beth Burrow and FFA officers presented a slide show of recent FFA Sectional activities and competitions. Section 15 includes Greene, Calhoun, Pike, Scott and Morgan counties.

6. Architect Mike Goldasich of Goldasich & Audo Architects, Inc. of Springfield, IL spoke to the Board about the Health, Life, Safety Survey, last done in 2004, and a pending amendment for projects that are being planned, i.e. energy efficient lighting retrofit, alarm systems and sidewalk/retaining wall concrete work. He also added the fire alarm systems are obsolete and should be replaced and the roofs will be looked at also.

7. Superintendent Bowman commented on the Elementary School report and added that results were impressive for students performing at the IESA Solo and Ensemble contest which resulted in numerous 1st and 2nd place awards. He also reported the Mini Relay-for-Life event held at the school raised over \$1,000.

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8. High School Principal Beth Bettis reported senior student Kyle Bishop has been named a Jacksonville Rotary Scholar Athlete. In addition, Kyle, Emily Krotz and Justin Goode were selected as Lewis and Clark Community College Silver Medallion Award recipients. She also informed the Board that Courtney Bowman won an all-expense paid trip and Monica Murphy won a half-paid trip to Washington, D.C., sponsored by Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative.

9. Sam Walden informed the Board the new pickup truck and snow blade has been ordered and a 61-inch lawn mower purchased and a 72-inch lawn mower ordered. Two used mowers were traded for the new purchases.

10. Superintendent Kevin Bowman reported on the recent meeting with Northwestern School District on the athletic cooperative. It resulted with Northwestern still asking for a 50/50 agreement and a new mascot name, versus the current 75/25 arrangement. Board member Larry Pembroke responded there is “no point” to meet again at this time but added that they might want to discuss a Junior High/Varsity girls basketball program.

11. Board member Elliott Turpin reported the next Greenfield Foundation for Educational Excellence meeting is April 20th at 7:30 p.m. in the District Office; profit from the fundraiser pork chop dinner was approximately \$4,000; scholarship application deadline was April 1st, with 12 applications received; and the “Jess Lansaw” memorial scholarship for study in “Computer-Aided Drafting” will be administered and funds distributed by the Foundation.

12. Sam Walden reported on facility issues:

- evidence of a roof leak in the Elementary gymnasium
- action needed on \$940 maintenance agreement on the fitness center equipment
- possible hiring of two temporary student workers during the summer
- Dale Gresham and Travis Hamm are available for summer work paid by State/Federal programs
- parking lots in need of resurfacing with rock and chips at the bus garage, roadways on south and north end of the Elementary School, and teacher parking lot in front of the high school
- concerns with safety of the fire escape at the high school and the recommendation to remove it
- Jim Arnold will be doing some ditching and tiling on the city streets around the high school gymnasium
- Board member Larry Pembroke noted the need for a new fence at the entrance to the football field, with Sam Walden adding that the gate also needs to be addressed

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13. Principal Beth Bettis remarked on the Reading Audit conducted by Kathy Rhodus with Superintendent Bowman adding that a math meeting is scheduled for May 12th and there is a lot of work to do on the common core standards. Grades K-3 will have more expectations in the future.

14. Superintendent Bowman reported on the following:

- informed the Board that the Illinois State Board of Education owes the District \$205,632 at this time, adding that in the future grants will be on a reimbursement basis, as funds are expended
- reminded Board members that the annual Illinois Association of School Boards conference is held in November 17-19 in Chicago
- results of the recent Regional Office of Education annual inspection report which cited building violations, which is in the process of being corrected
- Prom will be held in the High School Gymnasium on May 7th
- volunteers needed for Board members to hand out diplomas at graduation, with Russ Bishop, Larry Pembrook and Elliott Turpin volunteering for the High School and Russ Bishop, Jeff Naville and Elliott Turpin volunteering for the Elementary School
- Board Policy 4:15 – Identity Protection, with Superintendent Bowman referring to how information is stored and protected
- Beth Bettis asking for clarification on Board Policy 6:310 referencing “outside credits” allowed to be transferred in, with discussion following, and decision yet to be determined
- receipt of a letter of resignation from Ron Plogger as Junior High Boys Basketball Assistant Coach

15. Discussion was held on a proposal by President Howard Phillips to send a letter to legislators to oppose statewide “mandatory consolidation” of school districts, with Superintendent Bowman suggesting a letter be sent to our local representatives Jim Watson and Sam McCann on the Board’s position.

16. President Phillips informed the Board that he had met on March 10th with Ben Schwarm of the Illinois Association of School Boards; Representative Jim Watson; Sara Hartwick, a House Republican staff writer; and a representative of the Illinois Farm Bureau. The purpose was to draft a copy of new legislation to allow “at-large” School Board member elections, rather than being restricted to no more than three from any congressional township. He will have more information as it becomes available.

17. A motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Griswold, to go to Closed Session at 9:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel. Upon roll call Turpin, Griswold, Sexton, Pembrook, Bishop, Naville and Phillips voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

Turpin motioned and Bishop seconded to return to Open Session at 9:45 p.m. Upon roll call Bishop, Pembrook, Naville, Turpin, Sexton, Griswold and Phillips voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

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18. It was motioned by Bishop, seconded by Naville, to approve the reinvestment of a Certificate of Deposit at United Community Bank of Greenfield for 30 days at a rate of 1.1%. Upon roll call Pembroke, Turpin, Bishop, Naville, Griswold, Sexton and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

19. Griswold motioned and Naville seconded to accept the resignation of Ron Plogger, Junior High Boys Basketball Assistant Coach, effective immediately. Upon roll call Turpin, Griswold, Sexton, Pembroke, Bishop, Naville and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

20. A motion was made by Griswold, seconded by Naville, to accept the lone bid from Lewis Brothers Bakeries of St. Louis, MO to furnish bread products for the 2011-2012 school year. Upon roll call Sexton, Naville, Pembroke, Griswold, Turpin, Bishop and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See Exhibit No. 2 attached to the Official Minutes)

21. Bishop motioned and Turpin seconded to accept the lone bid from Prairie Farms Dairy of Carlinville, IL to furnish milk products for the 2011-2012 school year. Upon roll call Naville, Turpin, Griswold, Bishop, Pembroke, Sexton and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See Exhibit No. 2 attached to the Official Minutes)

22. It was motioned by Turpin, seconded by Sexton, to accept the lowest bid from Area Disposal Service, Inc. of Pittsfield, IL for trash pickup for the 2011-2012 school year. Upon roll call Bishop, Pembroke, Naville, Turpin, Sexton, Griswold and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See Exhibit No. 2 attached to the Official Minutes)

23. Sam Walden reported the bus bids were opened on April 15th and his recommendation was to accept the lowest bid from MidWest Transit, Inc. of Kankakee, IL, for the purchase of a 66-passenger International school bus at a cost of \$29,869. He also recommended the purchase of a bumper-to-bumper warranty at an additional cost of \$1,375. A motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Turpin, to approve the purchase of the bus and warranty. Upon roll call Pembroke, Turpin, Bishop, Naville, Griswold, Phillips voted "Aye". Sexton voted "Nay". Motion carried. (See Exhibit No. 3 attached to the Official Minutes)

24. Griswold motioned and Turpin seconded to renew memberships in the Illinois Elementary School Association and Illinois High School Association for the 2011-2012 school year. Upon roll call Turpin, Griswold, Sexton, Pembroke, Bishop, Naville and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

25. A motion was made by Griswold, seconded by Sexton, to approve the 2011-2012 Official School Calendar. Upon roll call Sexton, Naville, Pembroke, Griswold, Turpin, Bishop and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See Exhibit No. 4 attached to the Official Minutes)

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26. It was motioned by Bishop, seconded by Griswold, to approve the 2010-2011 Amended School Calendar. Upon roll call Naville, Turpin, Griswold, Bishop, Pembrook, Sexton and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See Exhibit No. 5 attached to the Official Minutes)

27. Naville motioned and Bishop seconded to adopt Board Policy 4:15 – Identity Protection and Board Policy 6:310 – Instruction – Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs, and Course Substitutions. Upon roll call Bishop, Pembrook, Naville, Turpin, Sexton, Griswold and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

28. It was motioned by Bishop, seconded by Naville, to approve the hiring of two temporary part-time workers for the summer. Upon roll call Pembrook, Turpin, Bishop, Naville, Griswold, Sexton and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

29. A motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Naville, to authorize Administrators, Board members and District Office personnel to attend the annual IASB, IASA, IASBO Conference in Chicago in November. Upon roll call Turpin, Griswold, Sexton, Pembrook, Bishop, Naville and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

30. Board members scheduled a special meeting on April 29, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. to canvass the April 5th election results, swear in the new Board member, elect officers, establish meeting dates and conduct an interview for the Elementary Principal position.

31. It was motioned by Sexton, seconded by Bishop, to authorize the \$940 annual payment to Direct Fitness Solutions LLC of Springfield, IL for the semi-annual agreement for preventive maintenance of equipment in the Fitness Center. Upon roll call Naville, Turpin, Griswold, Bishop, Pembrook, Sexton and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

32. Bishop motioned and Turpin seconded to approve the \$5,226 to Rockbridge Township to apply rock and chips on District roadways and parking lots as recommended by Sam Walden. Upon roll call Bishop, Pembrook, Naville, Turpin, Sexton, Griswold and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

33. A motion was made by Turpin, seconded by Bishop, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m. Upon roll call Pembrook, Turpin, Bishop, Naville, Griswold, Sexton and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Dr. Howard R. Phillips

President

Larry L. Pembrook

Secretary