

THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
GREENFIELD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
August 15, 2011

The Board of Education of Greenfield Community Unit School District No. 10 met in regular session, in the Administrative Office, on August 15, 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, Josh Roberts and President Phillips. Also present were Superintendent Kevin Bowman, Elementary Principal Christopher Raynor, High School Principal Beth Bettis, Transportation Director Sam Walden and guest Kevin Wills from First Midstate, Inc. of Bloomington, IL.
2. Additions to the Agenda were Item 6O – Information - Lewis & Clark Community College Update, English 131 and 132. Turpin motioned and Bishop seconded to approve the Agenda, as amended. Upon roll call Bishop, Pembroke, Naville, Turpin, Roberts, Griswold and Phillips voted “Aye”. Motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Naville, seconded by Roberts, to approve the regular and executive session minutes of the June 20, 2011 regular meeting as presented. It was noted that the minutes of the Special Board meeting held June 27, 2011 were not yet available. Upon roll call Pembroke, Turpin, Bishop, Naville, Griswold, Roberts 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, Roberts, Pembroke, Bishop, Naville and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See Exhibit No. 1 attached to the Official Minutes)
5. Superintendent Bowman introduced Kevin Wills of First Midstate, Inc., an investment banking firm of Bloomington, IL. Mr. Wills addressed the Board on the process of borrowing money through the sale of Working Cash Fund Bonds. He explained that they approach local banks first to borrow. He also stressed the importance of establishing debt to avoid a PTELL cap on the District’s tax rate. Greenfield School District is limited to \$885,000 in working cash fund bonds. The bond issue is a three-step process – adopt a Resolution of Intent, publication of notice of hearing in local newspaper, and issue of final Bond Resolution. (See Exhibit No. 2 attached to the Official Minutes)
6. President Phillips reported on his attendance at the Illinois Association of School Board’s Resolutions Committee meeting held recently in Chicago. He proceeded to explain each of the 20 resolutions that were reviewed and decisions made. One concern was proposed mandatory School Board member training and professional development.

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7. Elliott Turpin reported on the Greenfield Foundation for Educational Excellence meeting held recently. Twelve scholarships of \$500 each were awarded. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 17, at which time officers will be elected. There will be no July meeting.

8. Superintendent Bowman reported on the following:

- IHSA notification that the Northwestern Cooperative had been approved for Boys Baseball, Boys Basketball and Girls Volleyball
- request from the City of Greenfield to use a District school bus to transport people from the city square to the city lake on October 5th for a Circus performance, due to limited parking at the lake
- 2011 Adequate Yearly Progress, noting the Elementary School made AYP in reading and mathematics and the High School did not make AYP and is in Academic Early Warning Year 2
- ISBE owed the District \$196,325 at the end of Fiscal Year 2011 and will also suffer a loss in General State Aid for FY2012 in the amount of \$184,091

9. Sam Walden reported on facilities issues. He had worked with City personnel on the street drain in front of the high school; painting in the Elementary, High School and on the football field; addressed drainage problem with kitchen sinks in the home economics classroom; new fence installed on the football field; new shelving in the kitchen storage room; carpets cleaned; landscaping around concession stand on the football field; oil and chip parking lots; and an old truck and van will be taken to a local auction.

10. Superintendent Bowman explained, for informational purpose only at this time, Board Policies 5:125 - General Personnel - Personal Technology and Social Media, Usage and Conduct and Board Policy 5:130 – General Personnel – Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information.

11. Mr. Bowman recommended renewing membership in the Association of Illinois Rural and Small Schools at a fee of \$150. The group lobbies on behalf of small schools for state and federal funding.

12. President Phillips informed the Board that letters had been sent to recipients of the George P. Hunt Scholarship Loan Fund. He noted seven of them are currently making monthly payments and four who are not. He will ask the Board to get more aggressive in collecting the repayment of the loans.

13. Superintendent Bowman reported that the Health, Life, Safety concrete work is currently on hold. However, there is a need to patch an area in front of the Elementary School. He suggested getting bids for the work at the High School and Elementary.

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14. Superintendent Bowman presented a tentative FY2012 Budget Summary. He said it includes the expected revenue from General State Aid, rather than the pro-rated amount. The Educational Fund, Operations and Maintenance Fund will be in deficit spending. He noted estimated ending balances as of June 30, 2012. He said we do know that staff was reduced; O&M Fund rate was increased from 37.5 cents to .50 cents; substantial costs for early retirements; \$184,000 loss in General State Aid; loss of \$152,000 in Federal ARRA funding; loss in Title 1 and Title II grant funds. (See Exhibit No. 3 attached to the Official Minutes).

15. High School Principal Beth Bettis informed the Board that Lewis and Clark Community College has approached the District about providing English 131 and 132, tuition free. The courses would have six transferable credits. Elayne Willis will be the mentor teacher to help the eighteen students who would be taking the class.

16. It was motioned by Turpin, seconded by Bishop, to go to Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. to discuss personnel. Upon roll call Pembroke, Turpin, Bishop, Naville, Griswold, Roberts and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Bishop motioned and Griswold seconded to return to Open Session at 9:45 p.m. Upon roll call Turpin, Griswold, Roberts, Pembroke, Bishop, Naville and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

17. A motion was made by Naville, seconded by Roberts, to approve the withdrawal of \$200,000 from the Certificate of Deposit at United Community Bank and to reinvest the remaining balance for an additional 30 days. Upon roll call Bishop, Pembroke, Naville, Turpin, Roberts, Griswold and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

18. It was motioned by Griswold and seconded by Bishop, to accept the resignation of Elementary Teacher Robin Weller, who is retiring, effective immediately. Upon roll call Pembroke, Turpin, Bishop, Naville, Griswold, Roberts and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

19. A motion was made by Roberts, seconded by Naville, to accept the resignation of John Stewart, Crossing Guard, effective immediately. Upon roll call Turpin, Griswold, Roberts, Pembroke, Bishop, Naville and Phillips voted "Aye". Motioned carried.

20. It was motioned by Naville, seconded by Bishop, to employ Karen Krotz as the Pre-Kindergarten teacher for the 2011-2012 school term. Upon roll call Roberts, Naville, Pembroke, Griswold, Turpin, Bishop and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

21. Pembroke motioned and Griswold seconded to employ Jennifer Haschemeyer as a teacher aide for the 2011-2012 school term. Upon roll call Naville, Turpin, Griswold, Bishop, Pembroke, Roberts and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

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22. A motion was made by Pembroke, seconded by Roberts, to employ Rachel Kinser as High School Girls Volleyball Assistant Coach #2 for the 2011-2012 school year. Upon roll call Bishop, Pembroke, Naville, Turpin, Roberts, Griswold and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

23. Bishop motioned and Pembroke seconded to employ Joshua Lemond as High School Boys Track Coach for the 2011-2012 school term. Upon roll call Pembroke, Turpin, Bishop, Naville, Griswold, Roberts and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

24. It was motioned by Bishop, seconded by Griswold, to employ Casey Spears as High School Boys Baseball Head Coach for the 2011-2012 school term. Upon roll call Turpin, Griswold, Roberts, Pembroke, Bishop, Naville and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

25. Roberts motioned and Bishop seconded to employ Casey Spears as High School Girls Basketball Assistant Coach #2 for the 2011-2012 school term. Upon roll call Roberts, Naville, Pembroke, Griswold, Turpin, Bishop and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

26. It was motioned by Pembroke, seconded by Griswold, to employ Jeffrey Walden as Junior High Boys Basketball Head Coach for the 2011-2012 school term. Upon roll call Naville, Turpin, Griswold, Bishop, Pembroke, Roberts and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

27. Naville motioned and Bishop seconded to employ Shelley Walters as Junior High Girls Basketball Assistant Coach for the 2011-2012 school term. Upon roll call Bishop, Pembroke, Naville, Turpin, Roberts, Griswold and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

28. A motion was made by Griswold, seconded by Roberts, to employ Janice Woelfel as a Crossing Guard for the 2011-2012 school term. Upon roll call Pembroke, Turpin, Bishop, Naville, Griswold, Roberts and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

29. It was motioned by Naville and seconded by Griswold to approve the maternity leave request of Guidance Counselor Amber Ford. Upon roll call Turpin, Griswold, Roberts, Pembroke, Bishop, Naville and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

30. Griswold motioned and Roberts seconded to approve the application of Kyle Bishop for a George P. Hunt Scholarship Loan in the amount of \$2,000. Upon roll call Roberts, Naville, Pembroke, Griswold, Turpin, Bishop and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

31. President Phillips had gathered information on the George P. Hunt Scholarship Loan Fund recipients. Several were in arrears in repayment of the loan. Following

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discussion on the outstanding loans, it was motioned by Elliott Turpin, seconded by Bishop, to table action on seeking repayment until the next Board meeting in September. Board member Larry Pembrook suggested the school attorney be contacted to draft language for the collection letters. Upon roll call Naville, Turpin, Griswold, Bishop, Pembrook, Roberts and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

32. Griswold motioned and Bishop seconded to renew membership in the Association of Illinois Rural Small Schools at a fee of \$100. Upon roll call Bishop, Pembrook, Naville, Turpin, Roberts, Griswold and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

33. A motion was made by Griswold, seconded by Roberts, to approve a 3% salary increase for non-union employees Beth Bettis, Sam Walden, Vic Trout, Rhonda Bauer, Becky McClelland and Brenda Cole; and a 2% salary increase and one-year contract extension for Superintendent Kevin Bowman for school year 2011-2012. Upon roll call Pembrook, Turpin, Bishop, Naville, Griswold, Roberts and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

34. It was motioned by Bishop, seconded by Turpin, to authorize the disposal of an old pickup truck and van, no longer being used by the District. Upon roll call Roberts, Naville, Pembrook, Griswold, Turpin, Bishop and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

35. Roberts motioned and Bishop seconded to authorize the Superintendent to seek bids for the Health/Life /Safety concrete repair work. Upon roll call Naville, Turpin, Griswold, Bishop, Pembrook, Roberts and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

36. A motion was made by Naville, seconded by Griswold, to authorize the Superintendent to publish notice of the FY2012 Budget Hearing to be held at 6:45 p.m. on September 19, 2011, prior to the regular Board meeting. Upon roll call Bishop, Pembrook, Naville, Turpin, Roberts, Griswold and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

37. Superintendent Bowman read a letter from State Senator Sam McCann, who responded to a letter Mr. Bowman had sent him regarding forced consolidation of school districts. Mr. McCann agreed that consolidation should be evaluated at the local level.

38. Mr. Bowman had received a letter from the Illinois State Board of Education and a Certificate of Recognition for the District having achieved Financial Recognition, the highest category obtainable for the School District Financial Profile.

39. Turpin motioned and Griswold seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m. Upon roll call Turpin, Griswold, Roberts, Pembrook, Bishop, Naville and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

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Dr. Howard R. Phillips

President

Larry L. Pembroke

Secretary

1. Meeting called to order
2. Additions to Agenda
3. Minutes approved
4. Consent Agenda items approved
5. First Midstate, Inc. presentation – Working Cash Fund Bonds
6. IASB Resolutions Committee report – Dr. Phillips
7. GFEE report
8. Superintendent report
9. Facilities report
10. Board Policies 5:125 and 5:130 explained
11. AIRSS membership renewal
12. Hunt Scholarship Loan recipients' status
13. Health, Life, Safety concrete work update
14. Tentative FY2012 Budget Summary
15. LCCC English 131 and 132 courses offered
16. Executive/Open Session
17. CD withdrawal approved
18. Resignation/retirement accepted – Robin Weller, Fifth Grade Teacher
19. Resignation – John Stewart, Crossing Guard
20. Karen Krotz employed – Pre-Kindergarten Teacher
21. Jennifer Haschemeyer employed – Teacher Aide
22. Rachel Kinser employed – HS Girls Volleyball Asst Coach
23. Joshua Lemond employed – HS Boys Track Coach
24. Casey Spears employed – HS Boys Baseball Head Coach
25. Casey Spears employed – HS Girls Basketball Asst Coach #2
26. Jeffrey Walden employed – JH Boys Basketball Head Coach
27. Shelley Walters employed – JH Girls Basketball Asst Coach
28. Janice Woelfel employed – Crossing Guard
29. Maternity Leave request approved – Amber Ford
30. George P. Hunt Scholarship Loan approved – Kyle Bishop
31. George P. Hunt Scholarship Loan recipients in arrears
32. AIRSS membership renewed

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33. Salary increase approved – Non-Union employees and Superintendent
34. Authorized disposal of old pickup and van
35. Authorized seeking of bids for H/L/S concrete repairs
36. Authorized publication of FY2012 Budget Hearing
37. Response letter from Senator Sam McCann – school district consolidation
38. ISBE Certificate of Financial Recognition
39. Meeting adjourned