

THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
GREENFIELD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
October 15, 2012

The Board of Education of Greenfield Community Unit School District No. 10 met in regular session, in the Administrative Office, on October 15, 2012.

1. President Howard Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Upon roll call the following members were present: Larry Pembroke, Jeff Naville, Russ Bishop, Greg Griswold, Josh Roberts and President Phillips. Board member Elliott Turpin was absent. Also present were Nick Gant, Robyn Mullink and Jenna Bock.

2. There being no additions or deletions to the Agenda, a motion was made by Pembroke, seconded by Bishop, to approve the Agenda as presented. Upon roll call Bishop, Pembroke, Naville, Roberts, Griswold and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

3. It was motioned by Bishop, seconded by Pembroke, to approve the minutes and closed session minutes of the September 17, 2012 meeting as presented. Upon roll call Pembroke, Bishop, Naville, Griswold, Roberts and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

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

5. High School Principal Beth Bettis reported on MAP (measures of academic progress) testing, noting that data-driven decision making is being stressed to demonstrate student academic achievement. The NWEA instrument was used to measure that achievement. Mrs. Bettis felt confident that the students' efforts were their best. Freshmen scored 57% on grade level; Sophomores scored 61%; and Juniors scored 70%. The tests on English, Math and Reading are done on a computer and are adaptive, meaning they adapt to the student's skill level. Testing will be done three times a year. Superintendent Bowman thanked Mrs. Bettis and High School Math Teacher Nick Gant for their work in the testing process.

6. President Phillips introduced auditors Robyn Mullink and Jenna Bock of Scheffel & Company, P.C. who presented the FY2012 Annual Financial Report. Her first comment was that the District's cash position will shrink "really fast" next year. She distributed copies of the summary which shows fund balances for the last five years, noting that the Tort Fund has been depleted. She added the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund tax levy needs to be "seriously" increased; reserves are no longer there; and the Board needs to control expenditures. (See Exhibit No. 2 attached to the Official Minutes)

7. Superintendent Bowman had prepared historical September Board meeting finance information. He explained the issue of Working Cash Fund Bonds and stressed that serious reductions in spending need to be made. (See Exhibit No. 3 attached to the Official Minutes)
8. Board members reviewed the ACT Profile Report five-year trends and Composite ACT Scores for the past six years. Mr. Bowman commented the scores in reading indicate students are struggling in this subject area. (See Exhibit No. 4 attached to the Official Minutes)
9. Superintendent Bowman reviewed the District's Report Cards. He noted the Elementary School has no sanctions, but the High School is in Academic Watch Status Year 1. Improvements need to be made.
10. Superintendent Bowman reported the District Continuous Improvement Plan has been submitted to the State. He said it is a good process; plans to include community members in the process; and asked for the Board's support.
11. Sam Walden commented on bus repairs, noting that Bus #5 has a new transmission and another new bus is losing water due to a leaking valve. He also reported on facility issues saying the sewer system leak at the Elementary School has been repaired by South Side Hardware; boilers at both schools are up and running; the High School Marquee on the City Square will be maintained by the City if the school will repair it first. Five used Promethean Boards obtained from Northwestern School District will be installed in the Junior High classrooms. He added that a \$50,000 Maintenance Grant will be used to upgrade the High School Gymnasium restrooms for ADA handicapped accessibility.
12. Superintendent Bowman informed the Board that REAP (Rural Education Achievement Program) Grant funds will be used to update security cameras in the high school building. Estimated cost would be between \$8,000-\$9,000.
13. Board member Josh Roberts informed the Board that the Tiger Backers will fund the cost of installing side panels on the new High School Gymnasium scoreboard.
14. Board members reviewed the Greenfield Foundation for Education Excellence report, with no further comment.
15. In observance of School Board Members Day, Superintendent Bowman will provide a meal to be served in the High School on November 19th at 6:00 p.m., prior to the regular Board meeting.
16. It was announced that the Second Grade will host a Thanksgiving Day Program on November 15th.

17. A motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Roberts, to go to Closed Session at 8:30 p.m. for discussion on personnel. Upon roll call Bishop, Pembrook, Naville, Roberts, Griswold and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

It was motioned by Griswold, seconded by Roberts to return to Open Session at 8:45 p.m. Upon roll call Naville, Griswold, Bishop, Pembrook, Roberts and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

18. A motion was made by Griswold, seconded by Roberts, to accept the resignation of cafeteria worker, Monze Chapman, effective December 31, 2012. Upon roll call Bishop, Pembrook, Naville, Roberts, Griswold and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

19. It was motioned by Roberts, seconded by Pembrook, to authorize posting the vacancy for a cook position, according to Board specifications. Upon roll call Pembrook, Bishop, Naville, Griswold, Roberts and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

20. Naville motioned and Griswold seconded to approve the 2012-2013 Application for Recognition of Schools. Upon roll call Griswold, Roberts, Pembrook, Bishop, Naville and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

21. A motion was made by Naville, seconded by Griswold, to authorize use of REAP grant funds for the purchase of security cameras in the High School building. Upon roll call Roberts, Naville, Pembrook, Griswold, Bishop and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

22. Roberts motioned and Bishop seconded to approve the District Continuous Improvement Plan, per administrative recommendation. Upon roll call Naville, Griswold, Bishop, Pembrook, Roberts and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

23. It was motioned by Griswold, seconded by Bishop, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Upon roll call Pembrook, Bishop, Naville, Griswold, Roberts 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. High School Report
6. FY2012 Audit Report
7. Finance information
8. ACT Profile Report
9. District Report Cards
10. District Continuous Plan
11. Transportation/Facility Report
12. REAP Grant Funds – Security Cameras
13. Tiger Backers funding of scoreboard side panels
14. Greenfield Foundation Report
15. School Board Members Day observance
16. Thanksgiving Day Program – Second Grade
17. Closed/Open Session
18. Resignation accepted – Monze Chapman, Cafeteria
19. Authorize posting of vacancy – cook position
20. 2012-2013 Application for Recognition approved
21. REAP Grant Funds authorization – security cameras
22. District Continuous Plan approved
23. Meeting adjourned