

THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF  
GREENFIELD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10  
November 19, 2012

The Board of Education of Greenfield Community Unit School District No. 10 met in regular session, in the Administrative Office, on November 19, 2012.

1. In the absence of President Howard Phillips, Vice-President Greg Griswold assumed the chair and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Upon roll call the following members were present: Larry Pembroke, Jeff Naville, Elliott Turpin, Josh Roberts and Vice-President Griswold. Board member Russ Bishop was also absent. Also present was Beth Bettis, Christopher Raynor, Julie George, Sam Walden, and Julie Williams.

2. There were no additions or deletions from the Agenda. It was motioned by Naville, seconded by Turpin, to approve the Agenda, as presented. Upon roll call Pembroke, Naville, Turpin, Roberts and Griswold voted "Aye". Motion carried.

3. A motion was made by Roberts, seconded by Pembroke, to approve the minutes and closed session minutes of the October 15, 2012 regular meeting as presented. Upon roll call Pembroke, Turpin, Naville, Griswold and Roberts voted "Aye". Motion carried.

4. It was motioned by Roberts, seconded by Pembroke, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Board member Larry Pembroke inquired about the existence of the Letterman's Club. High School Principal Beth Bettis responded saying that currently receipts from the vending machines are deposited into that account, but there is no Letterman's Club. (See Exhibit No. 1 attached to the Official Minutes)

5. Superintendent Bowman introduced Goldie Roberts, Treasurer of the Parent-Teacher Organization, who explained their involvement in allocating their money for the benefit of the school. They contribute towards the purchase of homework folders, fuel for class field trips, school supplies for teachers, the recent purchase of seven Promethean Boards, sponsor the Book Fair, sponsor a Santa Shop for students to purchase gifts for family members, Last Blast Day, observe Teacher Appreciation Day, Nurse's Day and Secretary's Day. Superintendent Bowman also expressed appreciation for the PTO's Elementary Library project. The organization has had a good parent involvement which contributes towards their success.

6. Board members heard a presentation from Northwestern Band Director Carolyn Palmer who has arranged for Northwestern band students to participate in the Chick Fil-A-Bowl Parade and Half-Time Show at Atlanta, Georgia December 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Northwestern will have 20 students participating and there would be 20 seats available for Greenfield students, should any be interested. She added that the performance would be televised on December 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

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7. District Librarian Jan Prough reported on the FY2013 School District Library Grant Program application, in which she evaluates the status of the libraries every year. She stated that the school needs very much to be a part of the Illinois Heartland Library System. She also noted that the Kindles are not used very much by the students.
8. High School Principal Beth Bettis reported on the following:
- a recent meeting of the WIVC Conference where discussion was held on two schools starting to charge admission for spring sport events
  - this will be the last year for the North and South baseball and softball divisions, as they will be combined
  - Brussels School District has asked to join the conference, which prompted concerns about travel time, participation numbers, and a small fan base
  - four students had approached her about taking classes at Lewis and Clark Community College or other colleges and the credit being transferred in, rather than taking Greenfield High School courses, with her noting that 28 senior students would qualify under her criteria and the classes would not replace Greenfield's courses and requirements
9. Sam Walden reported on the following:
- incurring \$2,511 in repair costs on Bus #5, an on-going issue with this unit
  - heater in Ag/Welding Shop is in disrepair and should be replaced
  - trees have been taken down at the Elementary School, noting the Junior High Student Council will pay for two new trees to be planted in their place
  - new side panels have been installed on the High School Gymnasium scoreboard
  - both boilers are up and running smoothly at this time
  - no information is available on the marquee at the City Square
  - receipt of a \$50,000 Maintenance Grant from the Illinois State Board of Education
  - Promethean Boards have been installed at the Elementary, but work is ongoing to install the sound system
  - radios for the school buses have to be replaced before January 1<sup>st</sup>, to go to a narrow band frequency, at an estimated total cost of \$6,600
10. Board member Elliott Turpin reported the Greenfield Foundation for Educational Excellence had acted on all classroom mini-grants. Also, due to recent memorial donations, the Foundation currently has a \$14,000+ balance. He reported that Calhoun School District wants to start a Foundation and has asked the Greenfield Foundation officers for information.
11. Board members reviewed updates on the following Board Policies: 2:125 – School Board – Board Member Expenses; 2:220 – School Board – School Board Meeting Procedures; 5:30 – General Personnel – Hiring Process and Criteria; 5:125 – General

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Personnel - Personal Technology and Social Media Usage and Conduct. Superintendent Bowman gave a brief summary of the policies and noted they will be adopted at the December Board meeting.

12. Two options were presented to the Board members on the proposed Tax Levy, with Superintendent Bowman noting they are based on Equalized Assessed Valuation estimates from the four county clerks. They include a significant increase in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund and the proposed options of a tentative increase of 6.24% or 8.35%. Adoption is scheduled for the December Board meeting.

13. The issue of Working Cash Fund Bonds was explained by Superintendent Bowman with him stating there are four options on the payoff of \$500,000, those being 3-year, 4-year, 5-year, or 7-year at an interest rate of 5%-5.5%. A representative from First Midstate, Inc. of Bloomington will attend the December Board meeting concerning this matter.

14. It was reported that Parent-Teacher Conferences resulted in 100% participation at the Elementary School and the High School had 147 parents participate. High School Principal Beth Bettis said it was a little down from last year.

15. Regarding ACT test scores, it was reported they were the highest the District has ever had. ISAT and PSAE scores ranked 6<sup>th</sup> out of 16 schools. ISAT (K-8) testing ranked 4<sup>th</sup> out of 16 schools and PSAE 11<sup>th</sup> grade testing ranked 9<sup>th</sup> out of 16.

16. A motion was made by Roberts, seconded by Naville, to go to Closed Session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

It was motioned by Turpin and seconded by Roberts, to return to Open Session at 9:10 p.m. Upon roll call Roberts, Naville, Pembroke, Turpin and Griswold voted "Aye". Motion carried.

17. Turpin motioned and Roberts seconded to accept the denial of recall for a Teacher Aide. Upon roll call Naville, Turpin, Griswold, Pembroke and Roberts voted "Aye:.". Motion carried.

18. It was motioned by Naville, seconded by Roberts, to post the position for a Teacher Aide. Upon roll call Pembroke, Naville, Turpin, Roberts and Griswold voted "Aye". Motion carried.

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19. Regarding the Facilities Report, Turpin motioned and Naville seconded to authorize the purchase of new radios for the school buses, per new legislation requiring narrow band frequency. Estimated cost will be \$6,600. Upon roll call Pembroke, Turpin, Naville, Griswold and Roberts voted "Aye". Motion carried.

20. Turpin motioned and Roberts seconded to approve Greenfield students the opportunity and participation with Northwestern School District band students in a trip to Atlanta, Georgia to perform in the Chick-Fil-A Bowl parade and half-time show December 26-30, 2013. Upon roll call Turpin, Griswold, Roberts, Pembroke and Naville voted "Aye". Motion carried.

21. No action was taken on the discussion to charge admission at Spring sporting events, i.e. softball, baseball and track.

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

*Dr. Howard R. Phillips*

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President

*Larry L. Pembroke*

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Secretary

1. Meeting called to order
2. Agenda approved
3. Minutes approved
4. Consent Agenda items approved
5. PTO presentation
6. Northwestern Band Trip/Atlanta, GA
7. School District Library Grant
8. High School report
9. Facility/Transportation report
10. Greenfield Foundation report
11. Board Policies update
12. Tax Levy proposals
13. Working Cash Fund Bonds
14. Parent-Teacher Conferences

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15. ACT, ISAT, PSAE test scores
16. Closed/Open Session
17. Accepted denial of recall for Teacher Aide
18. Post Teacher Aide position
19. New radio requirement/school buses
20. Greenfield Band students approved for participation in Northwestern Band trip
21. No action/admission at Spring sporting events
22. Meeting adjourned