

THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
GREENFIELD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
November 18, 2013

The Board of Education of Greenfield Community Unit School District No. 10 met in regular session, in the Administrative Office, on November 18, 2013.

1. President Howard Phillips called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Upon roll call the following Board members were present: Elliott Turpin, Russ Bishop, Greg Griswold, Josh Roberts, Jim Trump, Chris Goode and Howard Phillips. Also present were Superintendent Kevin Bowman, Beth Bettis, Chris Raynor, Julie George, Jan Prough, Ross Prough, Tyann Hallock, Carl Masters, Sam Walden, Rhonda Bauer, Chad Hoesman and Becky McClelland.
2. Turpin made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented and Griswold seconded. Upon roll call Bishop, Trump, Goode, Turpin, Roberts, Griswold and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.
3. Bishop motioned and Trump seconded to approve the Open and Executive minutes of the October 21, 2013 meeting as presented. Upon roll call Trump, Turpin, Bishop, Goode, Griswold, Roberts and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.
4. Goode motioned and Roberts seconded to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Turpin, Griswold, Roberts, Trump, Bishop, Goode and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See Exhibit 1 attached to the Official Minutes)
5. Tyann Hallock and Julie George gave a presentation on the new teacher evaluation system and documents used in the process. Legislation was passed to change the system in which teachers were evaluated and a committee was formed in 2011 to implement these changes. Many hours of hard work and dedication have been spent in the formation and training in this new system.
6. Jan Prough, District Librarian, presented her annual report. In the past year, the District received a \$5,000 Back to Books grant for a reading strategy program for 3rd and 4th graders. Mrs. Prough also reported that we are part of the largest library consortium in the United States, the Illinois Heartland Library System. Our students have access to millions of books through this library system. Mrs. Prough also submitted her resignation, effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year. (See Exhibit No. 2 attached to the Official Minutes)
7. Principal Beth Bettis reported to the Board that she had applied for an Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative grant and received notice that our District will receive a \$5,000 grant. She thanked everyone who is a member of this cooperative for their support of this program.
8. Sam Walden gave a Transportation Report. He noted that we have added a new route to Garrison School in Jacksonville for one student. At this time, we are using in-house drivers for the route. He recommends that we accept the lowest bid to purchase a 2015, 71-passenger International bus from Midwest Transit. Two buses will be traded in on the new bus for a total bid price of \$21,663.00. An optional camera system is available for \$1,510.00.

9. Sam Walden also reported on the following:

- Frontier internet upgrade is being re-evaluated by engineers at this time
- New dryer at the Elementary has been repaired under warranty
- Products have been ordered to repair the high school steps
- Concrete repairs and electrical upgrades are being considered for the possible Maintenance Grant Application
- No leaks in any of the buildings during the recent rains
- Industrial Technology shop electrical upgrade is still in the planning stages
- Doors have been added to the kitchen dishwasher as noted in inspection
- Nov. 20th is the yearly health, life and safety visit from the Regional Office of Education and the State Fire Marshall

10. Turpin reported on the Greenfield Foundation for Educational Excellence. They are still accepting applications for mini-grants. The next meeting will be on November 20, 2013.

11. Superintendent Bowman gave a presentation on Tax Levy information. He explained the levy is based on Equalized Assessed Valuation estimates from the four county clerks. He recommends the District hold a Public Truth-in-Taxation Hearing at 6:30 p.m. on December 16, 2013. Adoption of the Tax Levy will be scheduled for the December 16, 2013 board meeting. (See Exhibit No. 3 attached to the Official Minutes)

12. Board President Phillips asked that board members have their email addresses available for use by the District. He also presented a document for Board Self-Evaluation after each board meeting. He would like to start using this document at the December meeting.

13. Superintendent Bowman distributed a long-range financial projection information packet to the Board. Brent Apell, Illinois State Board of Education consultant, assisted Superintendent Bowman with the projections and various financial scenarios. (See Exhibit No. 4 attached to the Official Minutes)

14. Superintendent Bowman reported that he has researched a Maintenance Grant application. He recommends that we apply for this grant in the amount of \$50,000 to repair concrete walkways and do electrical upgrades at the Elementary School.

15. Roberts attended the Elementary Literary Contest recently held at Turner Junior High School in Jacksonville. Our students received several firsts and he was impressed with the hard work and dedication of students and staff.

16. Bishop moved and Griswold seconded to go to Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. Upon roll call Trump, Turpin, Bishop, Goode, Griswold, Roberts and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Griswold moved and Trump seconded to return to Open Session at 9:00 p.m. Upon roll call Griswold, Turpin, Trump, Bishop, Goode, Roberts and Phillips voted "Aye". Motion carried.

17. Roberts motioned and Bishop seconded to authorize Superintendent Bowman to apply for a \$50,000 Maintenance Grant to be used for concrete repair and electrical upgrades at the

Elementary School. Upon roll call, Turpin, Griswold, Roberts, Trump, Bishop, Goode and Phillips vote "Aye". Motion carried.

18. Roberts motioned and Trump seconded to accept the Alternate Bid from Midwest Transit for a 2015 International bus for \$21,663.00 and to purchase a security camera for \$1,510.00 (includes trade-in of 2007 and 2008 buses). Upon roll call Roberts, Goode, Trump, Griswold, Turpin, Bishop, and Phillips vote "Aye". Motion carried. (See Exhibit No. 5 attached to the Official Minutes)

19. Correspondence was read from the family of Gorden Frank thanking the District for the memorial to Greenfield Foundation for Educational Excellence.

20. Announcements included a Two Rivers Meeting at Lonzerotti's in Jacksonville on December 10 and the District Christmas party will also be held on December 10th at the First Baptist Church.

21. Griswold motioned and Trump seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Dr. Howard R. Phillips

President

Joshua L. Roberts

Secretary

1. Meeting called to order
2. Agenda approved
3. Minutes approved
4. Consent Agenda items approved
5. Teacher Evaluation presentation-Hallock/George
6. Annual Library Report-Prough
7. IL Rural Electric Coop \$5,000 grant
8. Transportation Report
9. Facilities Report
10. GFEE Report
11. Tax Levy Information
12. Board Emails/Self-Evaluation Documents
13. Financial Projection
14. Maintenance Grant-\$50,000
15. Literary Contest
16. Executive Session/Open Session
17. Authorized \$50,000 Maintenance Grant application
18. Accepted bid from Midwest Transit-new bus
19. Thank you-Gorden Frank family
20. Announcements-Dec 10, 2013-Two Rivers Mtg/District Christmas Party
21. Meeting adjourned