

BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING

February 28, 2006

The Board of Education of Sycamore Community Unit School District 427 met in regular session on February 28, 2006, in the Commons area at Sycamore Middle School, 150 Maplewood Drive, Sycamore, Illinois.

ATTENDANCE

Jim Dombek, President
Dannie Stanbery, Vice Pres.
Donald Clayberg, Secretary
Barb King
Jay Montgomery
Dave Shipley
Diane Tyrrell

OTHERS

Wayne Riesen, Superintendent
Kathy Countryman, Assistant Supt.
Luke Glowiak, Assistant Supt.
Kathy Sloniker, Secretary

ADMINISTRATORS: J. Cleven, J. Dargatz, J. Graves, P. Mobile, C. Steinmeyer, M. Thurwanger, and K. Wesley.

OTHERS PRESENT: B. Adams, (WDKB); D. Hines, (Midweek); J. Kelleher, (Daily Chronicle); J. Grace, (Sycamore Journal); A. Armbrust, FGM Architects; D. Binkley, Turner Construction Company; N. Bonkowski, T. Franks, M. Hammack, M. Kovac, K. Mundy, Mayor; W. Murphy, S. Nelson, P. Poorten, L. Stang, M. Stang, L. Wilkenson, and J. Woods, FGM Architects.

President Dombek called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

- 2.0 Executive Session for the Consideration of Matters Related to Student Discipline:**
Tyrrell moved, seconded by Clayberg, to go into executive session for the consideration of matters related to student discipline. When the roll was called, the following members voted aye: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Shipley, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES - 7; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.

The Board moved into the LRC at the Middle School for Executive Session.

In at 6:32 p.m. and out at 7:56 p.m.

The Board returned to the Commons area at the Middle School for Open Session.

3.0 Action Items from Executive Session

- 3.1 Student Discipline - Motion by Stanbery, seconded by Tyrrell, to uphold the validity of charges of gross misconduct against student C-0506. The following members voted aye when the roll was called: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Shipley, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES - 7; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.

3.2 Student Discipline – Motion by Tyrrell, seconded by King, to accept the recommendation of the administration to expel student C-0506 for a period of two calendar years. When the roll was called, the following members voted aye: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Shipley, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES - 7; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.

4.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

5.0 ROLL CALL/ADOPTION OF AGENDA: When the roll was called, the following members were present: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Shipley, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek.

Clayberg moved, seconded by King, to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made by Stanbery, and seconded by Tyrrell, to approve the consent agenda as presented, as follows:

- 6.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting February 14, 2006
- 6.2 Approval of Minutes of Executive Session February 14, 2006
- 6.3 Treasurer's Report
- 6.4 NIA Bills Payable
- 6.5 NIA Treasurer's Report
- 6.6 NIA Revised Articles of Agreement
- 6.7 Approval of Bills Payable

President Dombek called for a roll call vote on the motion. The following members voted aye when the roll was called: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Shipley, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek AYES - 7; NAYS – 0. Motion carried.

7.0 AUDIENCE TO VISITORS: None

8.0 COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE: President Dombek stated that several communication/correspondence items were included in the Board's packet for their review.

9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

10.0 LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: President Dombek indicated that this item was included in the Board's packet for information only. Clayberg called the Board's attention to HB 5340 and SB2784, which deal with sick leave for teachers.

- 10.1 Alliance Legislative Report
- 10.2 State School News Service

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

11.1 Auditorium Bids – FGM Architects – Mr. Glowiak stated that it is the recommendation of the administration that the Board award the auditorium renovated bid project to Weaver Construction in Sycamore. He further indicated that the administration is also recommending that all three alternates be included.

Montgomery moved, seconded by Clayberg, to award the auditorium renovated bid project to Weaver Construction in Sycamore as presented. When the roll was called, the following members voted aye: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Stanbery, and Dombek. Tyrrell abstained and Shipley voted no. AYES – 5; ABSTENTIONS – 1; NAYS – 1. Motion carried.

- 11.2 Master Facility Planning Update – FGM Architects – Mr. Jim Woods from FGM Architects reviewed some key recommendations for meeting the District’s short-term and long-term facility needs with the Board. His short-term recommendation included a reconfiguration or expansion of an existing elementary school (South Prairie) and space reconfiguration/operational reconfiguration at the existing Middle School. In order to meet the District’s long-term elementary school capacity needs, Mr. Woods indicated that two (2) new “neighborhood” elementary schools of 480 students would be required; the first school to open in 2008 and the second school to open in 2011 (or 2010 if existing elementary school expansion is not pursued). Mr. Woods recommended that a new Middle School be built on a new site (currently owned by the District) in order to meet the long-term middle school capacity needs. He noted, however, that the new Middle School would not be able to open until 2010 due to the developer’s schedule. Mr. Woods felt that the long-term High School capacity needs could be met through expansion and renovation of the current building. He also suggested the relocation of District facilities such as, transportation, 18-21 Program, District storage, etc.

Dombek asked if it was wise to make modifications to the elementary schools now when the District knows it will be building additional elementary schools in the near future.

Mr. Woods responded that their recommendation is to do one addition to South Prairie Elementary School. He explained that the quickest a new elementary school would be able to open would be the fall of 2008 and he felt that the District would feel pressure in the elementary schools prior to that.

Stanbery asked if options other than bricks and mortar had been explored. He suggested that the architects explore the possibility of mobile classrooms at South Prairie.

King asked how far this proposal would take the District into the future. Mr. Woods responded that this proposal should take the District into the 2015-16 school year with the developments that are currently known. He noted, however, as additional developments are approved the aforementioned dates could change.

Mr. Woods stated that his firm would do an additional study of the current Middle School, talk to the developer regarding the property for the new Middle School to see how soon a new building could come on-line, and review the possibility of mobile classrooms at South Prairie for discussion at a future Board meeting.

12.0 NEW BUSINESS: None

13.0 FINANCIAL:

- 13.1 Tuck-pointing Bids – Clayberg moved, seconded by Stanbery, to award the tuck-pointing bid project to Seyller, Incorporated as presented. The following members voted aye when the roll was called: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Shipley, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES – 7; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.
- 13.2 Middle School HVAC Bids – Mr. Glowiak stated that there are two HVAC units at the Middle School, one unit was replaced a couple of years ago and now the other one needs replacing.

Montgomery moved, seconded by Tyrrell, to award the HVAC replacement bid project to Johnson Controls, Inc. in Rockford as presented. When the roll was called, the following members voted aye: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Shipley, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES – 7; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.

- 13.3 Lighting Bids – Tyrrell moved, seconded by Clayberg, to award the retrofit lighting bid to Staunch Lighting in North Aurora for materials and to American Energy Analysis, Incorporated (AEA) for labor as presented. The following members voted aye when the roll was called: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Shipley, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES – 7; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.

14.0 PERSONNEL

- 14.1 Executive Session for the Consideration of Matters Related to the Appointment, Employment, or Dismissal of Personnel, Student Discipline Matters, and Collective Bargaining* Tyrrell moved, seconded by Stanbery, to go into executive session for the consideration of matters related to the appointment, employment, or dismissal of personnel, student discipline matters, and collective bargaining. When the roll was called, the following members voted aye: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Shipley, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES - 7; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.

The Board moved into the LRC at the Middle School for Executive Session.

In at 9:35 p.m. and out at 11:05 p.m.

15.0 Action Items from Executive Session

- 15.1 Personnel Reports - Motion by Tyrrell, seconded by Montgomery, to approve pages 1 and 2 of the non-certified personnel report as presented. The following members voted aye when the roll was called: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Shipley, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES - 7; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.

- 16.0 Open Discussion/Issues/Observations/Questions** – Montgomery inquired about the total amount of the over and above fee that B & B Development is paying the school district. He also inquired about the school’s usage of the Midwest Museum.

Shipley inquired about the guidelines for the Essie B. Smith Scholarship. Since a clear consensus could not be reached on this, Shipley moved, seconded by Stanbery, that the administration provide the Board members with the guidelines on how the Essie B. Smith Scholarship Award is distributed to students. When the roll was called, the following members voted aye: Montgomery, Shipley, and Stanbery. Clayberg, King, Tyrrell, and Dombek voted no. AYES – 3; NAYS – 4. Motion failed.

Dr. Riesen reiterated the facility timeline with the Board.

17.0 Future Agenda Items – None

- 18.0 Adjournment** – Shipley moved, seconded by Tyrrell, that the meeting be adjourned. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 11:33 p.m.

Minutes approved (_____)

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education