

**BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING**  
**April 26, 2005**

The Board of Education of Sycamore Community Unit School District 427 met in regular session on April 26, 2005, in the Administration Center, 245 West Exchange Street, Sycamore, Illinois.

ATTENDANCE

Jim Dombek, President  
Dannie Stanbery, Vice Pres., absent  
Sandra Riffle, Secretary  
John McBride  
Jay Montgomery  
Stephen Nelson  
Dave Shipley

OTHERS

Robert L. Hammon, Supt.  
Kathy Countryman, Asst. Supt.  
Luke Glowiak, Asst. Supt.  
Kathy Sloniker, Secretary

ADMINISTRATORS: T. Cullison, J. Dargatz, S. Nelson, K. Spiewak, and M. Thurwanger.

OTHERS PRESENT: B. Adams, (WDKB-FM); B. Miller (DeKalb County News) D. Clayberg, N. Clayberg, M. Dargatz, B. Griffith, J. Holtz, M. Hooper, L. Jacobson, J. Jencks, J. Jordan, B. King, G. Rasmussen, D. Tyrrell, and J. Wennmaker.

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

Executive Session for the Consideration of Student Disciplinary Matters and Matters Related to the Appointment, Employment, or Dismissal of Personnel: Shipley moved, seconded by Montgomery, to go into executive session for the consideration of student disciplinary matters and matters related to the appointment, employment, or dismissal of personnel. When the roll was called, the following members voted aye: McBride, Montgomery, Nelson, Riffle, Shipley, and Dombek. AYES - 6; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.

In at 6:31 p.m. and out at 7:38 p.m.

Riffle moved, seconded by Montgomery, to uphold the validity of the charges of gross misconduct of Student B-0405. The following members voted aye when the roll was called: McBride, Montgomery, Nelson, Riffle, and Shipley. Dombek abstained. AYES – 5; NAYS – 0; ABSTENTIONS - 1. Motion carried.

Nelson moved, seconded by Shipley, that the appropriate disciplinary measures would include the seven (7) conditions included in Student’s Exhibit 1 and that appropriate monitoring and reporting would be worked out specifically between the family and administration. Nelson further moved, and Shipley seconded, that the Board issue an expulsion warning, effective immediately, which will run for the length of Student B-0405’s High School career. When the roll was called, the following members voted aye: McBride, Montgomery, Nelson, Riffle, and Shipley. Dombek abstained. AYES – 5; NAYS – 0; ABSTENTIONS - 1. Motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

When the roll was called, the following members were present: McBride, Montgomery, Nelson, Riffle, Shipley, and Dombek. Stanbery was absent.

**AGENDA:** Dombek removed committee reports from the Consent Agenda and placed it under Audience to Visitors. Nelson moved, seconded by McBride, to approve the agenda as amended. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** A motion was made by Montgomery, and seconded by Shipley, to approve the consent agenda as amended, as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting April 12, 2005
2. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session April 12, 2005
3. REMOVED
4. Requests to Inspect Records
5. Suspension Report
6. Treasurer's Reports
7. NIA Bills Payable
8. NIA Treasurer's Reports

President Dombek called for a roll call vote on the motion. The following members voted aye when the roll was called: McBride, Montgomery, Nelson, Riffle, Shipley, and Dombek. AYES-6; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. CAC Report: Nelson reported that FGM Architects made a presentation to the CAC at their April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. He recommended that the new Board schedule a Board Workshop to hear this same presentation from FGM Architects. Nelson noted that a copy of the handout form that meeting was included in the Board's packet.

**CANVASS OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION**

1. Resolution Authorizing the Canvass of the Votes Cast and Proclamation of Results: A copy of the aforementioned resolution is hereby attached to and considered a part of these minutes. Motion by Nelson, seconded by McBride, that the resolution authorizing the canvass of votes cast and proclamation of results be adopted as presented. The following members voted aye when the roll was called: McBride, Montgomery, Nelson, Riffle, Shipley, and Dombek. AYES - 6; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.

The old Board adjourned sine die.

Recognition of Retiring Board Members: Stephen Nelson, John McBride and Sandy Riffle were recognized and thanked for their service to the school district.

## **REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**

Dombek appointed Sandy Riffle to run the meeting until another President was elected.

1. Call to Order: Riffle called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call: The following members were present when the roll was called: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Shipley, Tyrrell, and Dombek. Stanbery was absent.
3. Election of Officers: Riffle asked for nominations for President of the Board of Education. Clayberg nominated Jim Dombek for President. Hearing no other nominations, Riffle closed the nominations. Clayberg moved, seconded by Montgomery, to elect Jim Dombek as President. When the roll was called the following members voted aye: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Shipley, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES - 6; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.

Dombek asked for nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education. Montgomery nominated Dannie Stanbery for Vice-President. Hearing no other nominations, Dombek closed the nominations. Montgomery moved, seconded by Shipley, to elect Dannie Stanbery as Vice President. The following members voted aye when the roll was called: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Shipley, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES - 6; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.

Dombek asked for nominations for Secretary of the Board of Education. Tyrrell nominated Don Clayberg for Secretary. Hearing no other nominations, Dombek closed the nominations. Tyrrell moved, seconded by King, to elect Don Clayberg as Secretary. When the roll was called the following members voted aye: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Shipley, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES - 6; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.

4. Establishment of Regular Meeting Date and Place: Motion by Tyrrell, seconded by King, that the regular meeting date of the Board of Education be established as the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Board room at the Administrative Center, 245 W. Exchange Street, with the exceptions of one meeting July 26th, August 23rd, and December 13th. All present voted aye and the motion carried. A copy of the proposed meeting schedule is hereby appended to and considered a part of these minutes.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion of Senate Bill 575: Clayberg asked how this bill would effect the graduation requirements at Sycamore High School.

Mr. Thurwanger explained that currently 20 credits are required to graduate from Sycamore High School. He stated that 13 of those 20 credits are required courses. He pointed out that this bill would increase the required number of credits to 17, leaving only 3 slots for electives. He voiced concern that the District may see a reduction in participation in the areas of agriculture, music, foreign language, art, business, and vocational/KEC classes. Mr. Thurwanger also voiced concern that the bill requires all students to take algebra and geometry. He took a look at the current High School seniors and found that only 55.4% of them have taken all of the required classes as proposed in this bill. Mr. Thurwanger pointed out that the District would see an increase in supply costs for additional textbooks and staff.

Montgomery asked if there was a required minimum amount of minutes per class. Dr. Hammon responded that the NCA has a minimum amount of time for class periods (45-50 minutes).

Dr. Hammon stated that he has voiced the District's concerns to Representative Pritchard. He noted that Sycamore has very good vocational programs and he would hate to see those programs jeopardized. He pointed out that this legislation would also have a negative impact on the KEC program, which provides wonderful programs from fire science to aviation to nursing, etc.

Clayberg stated that students receive college credit as well as high school credit for some of the KEC courses.

Dombek, on behalf of the Board, directed the Superintendent to send official letters to Senator Burzynski and Representative Pritchard explaining the concerns of the Board.

### **FINANCIAL:**

1. Budget Update: Mr. Glowiak reported that not much has been happening in Springfield, since the House has been off and the Senate will be off next week.

Montgomery inquired about the dollar amount paid to the City for Crossing Guards. Glowiak indicated that he had not received a request from the City to-date.

2. Bills Payable: Tyrrell moved, seconded by Clayberg, to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$257,584.20 as presented. When the roll was called, the following members voted aye: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Shipley, Tyrrell and Dombek. AYES – 6; NAYS – 0. Motion carried.

### **PERSONNEL:**

1. Executive Session for the Consideration of Matters Related to the Appointment, Employment, or Dismissal of Personnel, Collective Bargaining and Imminent Litigation: Montgomery moved, seconded by Tyrrell, to go into executive session for the consideration of matters related to the appointment, employment, or dismissal of personnel, collective bargaining, and imminent litigation. When the roll was called, the following members voted aye: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Shipley, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES – 6; NAYS – 0. Motion carried.

In at 8:33 p.m. and out at 9:00 p.m.

2. Personnel Reports:
  - a. Resolution Authorizing Honorable Dismissal of Full-Time Educational Support Personnel: Tyrrell moved, seconded by Montgomery, to approve the resolution authorizing honorable dismissal of full-time educational support personnel as presented. The following members voted aye, when the roll was called: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Shipley, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES – 6; NAYS – 0. Motion carried.
  - b. Certified Personnel Report: Motion by King, seconded by Tyrrell, that the certified personnel report be approved as written. When the roll was called the following members voted aye: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Shipley, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES – 6; NAYS – 0. Motion carried.

- c. Non-Certified Personnel Report: Motion by King, seconded by Tyrrell, that the non-certified personnel report be approved as written. The following members voted aye, when the roll was called: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Shipley, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES – 6; NAYS – 0. Motion carried.

Open Discussion - Issues, Observations, Questions: The Board reviewed correspondence from Bill Nicklas and agreed to respond his letter.

A discussion ensued regarding the use of District facilities for tutoring.

The Board held a discussion regarding insurance.

Dr. Hammon stated that the City Council would like to meet with the School Board on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Education Fee Ordinance and capital cost figures.

The Board discussed committee assignments.

Future Agenda Items: FGM Architects Presentation, Debt Management Information, Sports Boosters' Report by Bill Brady, Tutoring Update and Proposal, and Committee Assignments.

Tyrrell moved, seconded by Montgomery, that the meeting be adjourned. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

This meeting was declared adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Minutes approved (\_\_\_\_\_)

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education