

BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING

September 27, 2005

The Board of Education of Sycamore Community Unit School District 427 met in regular session on September 27, 2005, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 245 W. Exchange Street, 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. Dargatz, P. Mobile, M. Thurwanger, and K. Wesley.

OTHERS PRESENT: D. Hines, (Midweek); B. Adams, (WDKB-FM); J. Holly, L. Jones, W. Murphy, CAC; A. Rieke, and J. Wig, SRO.

President Dombek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

When the roll was called, the following members were present: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Shipley, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek.

3.0 AGENDA: Shipley asked to remove the approval of minutes of regular meeting September 13, 2005, from the Consent Agenda. President Dombek placed the approval of minutes immediately following the approval of the consent agenda. Dombek also indicated that item 7.1 Sycamore Education Foundation should be removed from the regular agenda. Tyrrell moved, seconded by Shipley, to approve the agenda as amended. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

- 4.1 REMOVED
- 4.2 Approval of Minutes of Executive Session August 23, 2005
- 4.3 Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting August 30, 2005
- 4.4 Approval of Minutes of Executive Session August 30, 2005
- 4.5 Approval of Disposal of Equipment
- 4.6 2005-2006 Application for Recognition of Schools

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.

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting August 23, 2005: Shipley corrected the vote on page 5, item 11.7 Policy – Free/Reduced Price Lunches – First Reading. He stated that he and Tyrrell voted no, making the vote 5 AYES, and 2 NAYS. Shipley moved, seconded by Tyrrell, to approve the minutes as amended. When the roll was called, the following members voted aye: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Shipley, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek AYES - 7; NAYS – 0. Motion carried.

5.0 AUDIENCE TO VISITORS: None

6.0 COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE: Dr. Riesen stated that several communication/correspondence items were included in the Board’s packet for their review.

7.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

7.2 CAC/Task Force Committee Meeting #1 – Dr. Riesen reviewed the proceedings of the CAC/Task Force meeting with the Board. He noted that prior to that meeting, on Tuesday, the Principals’ Kick-off meeting took place. He stated that both meetings experienced a good spirit of discussion. He pointed out that the growth at the middle school would be the most challenging.

Mr. Glowiak commented that the process is off to a very good start. He stated that everyone has been very interested and involved.

7.3 Sycamore City Council Meeting –Shipley distributed copies of a statement that he read during the Audience to Visitors section of the City Council meeting on Monday evening to the Board. He noted that in his statement he commended the efforts of the Mayor and the members of the Ad Hoc Committee and the City Council for the efforts to help solve the financial challenges of growth, which impacts the school district.

8.0 LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Dr. Riesen indicated that this item was included in the Board’s packet for information only.

8.1 State School News Service

9.0 OLD BUSINESS

9.1 Auditorium Update - Mr. Glowiak stated that an overview from FGM Architects of the events and progress regarding the high school auditorium project were included in the packet for the Board’s information.

10.0 NEW BUSINESS:

10.1 School Resource Officer Report to the Board – Jeff Wig – Mr. Thurwanger introduced Detective Jeff Wig, School Resource Officer, to the Board of Education. Detective Wig distributed a report to the Board showing the number and type of incidents that he responded to last year. He noted that a majority of these cases took place outside of school. He reported that the “Quick 50” program generated 12 cases. Detective Wig noted that the Sycamore Police Department offers free drug testing kits to parents through the LEAD Program (Law Enforcement Against Drugs). He indicated that he would like to have these available for parents.

Stanbery asked Detective Wig about his plans for the future of the program. Detective responded that he tries to add a new and different program each year.

Dombek indicated that one of the goals of this program was to develop relationships with the students so that they would feel more comfortable around a police officer. He asked Detective Wig if he felt that was happening. Detective Wig felt that this was definitely true.

President Dombek thanked Detective Wig for his presentation to the Board.

- 10.2 Discussion on Steroid Instruction – Dr. Riesen distributed information to the Board indicating that instruction in relation to the prevention of abuse of anabolic steroids for students who participate in interscholastic athletic programs at the middle school and high school level will be mandatory beginning January 2006. He stated that this is over and above the instruction that the students currently receive as a part of their health class.
- 10.3 Administrative Goal Setting Process – Dr. Riesen stated that the administrators are in the process of formulating their goals. He stated that the goals would be presented to the Board at its October 11, 2005, meeting.

11.0 FINANCIAL:

- 11.1 Financial Update – FY07 Budget & Development Calendar – Mr. Glowiak – Mr. Glowiak distributed the 2006-07 Budget Notebooks to the Board. He asked that the Board members review the contents of the notebooks and bring them back to the next Board meeting. Mr. Glowiak reviewed the budget calendar with the Board. He noted that the administrative work session on the budget would take place on January 13, 2006. He also pointed out that the Administrative/Board budget workshops were scheduled for February 20-22, 2006 beginning at 7:00 p.m. He stated that this year three nights have been set aside for the workshops with the Board. He explained that the first workshop would allow the Board to review staffing needs and the second and third workshops would be to review the budget breakdown by program areas. Mr. Glowiak also noted that enrollment and financial projections were included in the budget notebook.

Montgomery asked at what point in the budget process changes were welcome. Mr. Glowiak stated that changes are welcome at anytime. He pointed out that some questions for the Board to ponder were included in the packet. He explained that the Board is the policy maker of the District and they must give the administration guidelines on how to proceed. There was discussion regarding a possible special meeting for budget purposes sometime following the February 20-22nd sessions.

After a brief discussion the Board decided to address the questions included in the packet at its Special Meeting October 4, 2005.

- 11.2 Approval of Bills Payable – Stanbery moved, seconded by Montgomery, to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$601,363.70. The following members voted aye when the roll was called: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Shipley, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES – 7; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.

12.0 PERSONNEL

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

In at 8:34 p.m. and out at 8:42 p.m.

- 12.2 Personnel Report - Motion by Tyrrell, seconded by Clayberg, 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.

Motion by King, seconded by Montgomery, to approve the certified personnel report 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.

- 13.0 Discussion/Issues/Observations/Questions** – Stanbery stated that he received a call from Mr. Willie Murphy, CAC, and he felt that the entire Board should hear what he had to say. Stanbery moved, seconded by Clayberg, to suspend the rules to allow Mr. Murphy to address the Board. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Murphy addressed the Board regarding the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC), of which he is a member. He inquired about the size of the "Expanded CAC/Task Force". He asked how appointments were made to the CAC and referred to the CAC by-laws. He felt that officers needed to be elected as soon as possible. Mr. Glowiak suggested that officers be elected at 7:00 p.m., October 20, 2005, prior to the next Expanded CAC/Task Force meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Glowiak also asked Mr. Murphy for a copy of the CAC by-laws.

Montgomery suggested that the Board hold a discussion on how to best handle Committee Reports. It was the consensus of the Board to place Committee Reports on the agenda, and then anyone who has a report can speak at that time.

Montgomery inquired about the B & B Annexation agreement and if it had been approved by the City Council.

Montgomery suggested possible modifications to the High School baseball diamond. Mr. Glowiak indicated that he would have the architects take a look at the field and report back to the Board.

Montgomery inquired about the report from Castle Bank on their most recent fund-raiser.

Stanbery stated that he would like to see the school districts in DeKalb County coordinate their winter and spring breaks.

Dr. Riesen informed the Board that Mr. Jim Penton, the District's former Transportation Director, passed away this week.

14.0 Future Agenda Items – Communication Strategies, Follow-Up with B&B Development’s Annexation Agreement, District Calendar, Follow-Up on High School Baseball field.

15.0 Adjournment – King moved, seconded by Stanbery, that the meeting be adjourned. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Minutes approved (_____)

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education