

BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
March 13, 2007

The Board of Education of Sycamore Community Unit School District 427 met in regular session on March 13, 2007, in the gymnasium of North Elementary School, 1680 Brickville Road, Sycamore, Illinois.

ATTENDANCE

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

OTHERS

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

ADMINISTRATORS: J. Cleven, J. Dargatz,
K. Spiewak, M. Leffler, P. Mobile, and K.
Wesley.

OTHERS PRESENT: D. Hines, (Midweek); B. Adams, (WDKB-FM); A. Hernandez, (Daily Chronicle); J. Altergoth, K. Beamsley, R. Berna, H. Blair, A. Brancat, K. Brancat, D. Carl, T. Carl, M. Carlson, J. Cleven, K. Davis, P. Diemer, J. Dusek, R. Dusek, B. Dzurlinga, J. Dzurlinga, A. Gehant, D. Hill, C. Hoeve, K. Horan, A. Jacox, B. Jacox, J. Jacox, M. Kilpatrick, T. Kousoulas, M. Kriese, A. Larson, S. Lorence, D. Lynd, A. Madden, J. Madden, T. Madden, S. Marsh, Katrina Mathey, Keith Mathey, C. Meitl, K. Mertens, S. Metcalf, M. Miley, M. Moulton, S. Nelson, J. Nesler, A. O'Brien, L. Orkfritz, J. Parsons, K. Reed, C. Reifsteck, Y. Richardson, C. Riddel, M. Rourke, J. Ryan, G. Schmidt, H. Schmidt, M. Schwartz, N. Siddiqui, Z. Siddiqui, R. Tran, Y. Tran, D. Wheeler, J. Winterland, K. Young, and P. Young.

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

2.0 PRESENTATION BY NORTH ELEMENTARY STAFF – Mrs. Spiewak: The staff and students gave the Board a presentation on activities and programs at North Elementary School.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM - Jessica Aldis sang the National Anthem. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Dombek moved item 5.3 Approval of Furniture Bids from the Consent Agenda to item 11.3 under New Business. Tyrrell moved, seconded by Montgomery, to approve the agenda as amended. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

- 5.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting February 27, 2007
- 5.2 Approval of Minutes of Executive Session February 27, 2007
- 5.3 REMOVED
- 5.4 NIA Personnel Report

- 5.5 NIA Resolution Authorizing Honorable Dismissal of Teachers on Contractual Continued Service
- 5.6 NIA Resolution Authorizing Non-Reemployment of First, Second, and Third Year Probationary Teachers
- 5.7 NIA Resolution Authorizing Non-Reemployment of Part-Time Teachers
- 5.8 NIA Resolution Authorizing Honorable Dismissal and Reduction of Teacher on Contractual Continued Service
- 5.9 NIA Resolution Authorizing Honorable Dismissal of Educational Support Personnel Employees
- 5.10 NIA Resolution Authorizing Non-Reemployment of Part-Time Educational Support Personnel Employees

President Dombek called for a roll call vote on the motion. The following members voted aye when the roll was called: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES - 6; NAYS – 0. Motion carried.

6.0 AUDIENCE TO VISITORS:

- 6.1 Elementary School Report – Mrs. Spiewak, North Elementary Principal, reported that Kindergarten registration and screening was held on February 28th and March 1st. She stated that over 200 Kindergarten students have already registered and that number continues to grow. She commented that the Young Author Books have been turned into the District office. Mrs. Spiewak noted that Fun Fairs were held at South Prairie and West. She stated that North and Southeast Fun Fairs will be held in the spring. She commented that book fairs are currently taking place in all elementary schools and the Literacy Facilitators submitted a grant proposal to the Sycamore Education Foundation.
- 6.2 Middle School Report - Mrs. Dargatz, Middle School Principal, reported that the Science Olympiad was held in February. She stated that band and orchestra concerts were held. She pointed out that May 5th and 6th is the Middle School Musical. She noted that the Wrestling Team won the conference title and some went to state. Mrs. Dargatz reported that an all-school positive point activity was held in February. She stated that ISAT and NAEP testing is in progress. She noted that the Middle School is continuing their Team Building activities and are doing some constructive thinking about next year. She stated that the Middle School participated in the DeKalb Leadership Academy’s survey and she is anxious for the results.
- 6.3 High School Report – Mr. Leffler, High School Principal, reviewed the following student accomplishments: Ryan Ferguson sang the National Anthem at the single A boys state basketball tournament; Pep Band will perform this weekend at the double A boys state basketball tournament; Jessica Aldis has been selected to sing the National Anthem at next year’s state volleyball tournament; Jason Schepler finished sixth in the state wrestling tournament; Kaitlyn Young finished fifth in the state bowling tournament and rolled a perfect 300 game in sectionals; the Pom Squad qualified for the state IDT tournament; the Scholastic Bowl Team finished second in the Western Sun Conference Tournament; and eight Sycamore High School students received the State FFA Degree, the highest honor an FFA member can earn.
- 6.4 Spotlight Segment – The Board of Education recognized the Little Red School House winners for December from North (Marcia Carlson, Carol Meeks, Jennifer Parsons, and Cheryl Riddel); and for January from South Prairie (Jackie Cleven, Jennifer Nessler, Melissa Rourke, and Deb Wheeler). The Board of Education presented spotlight awards to Ryan Ferguson and Jessica Aldis for being chosen to sing the National Anthem at a Class A State Sports Tournament; Jason Schepler for his sixth

place finish in the State Wrestling Tournament; Kaitlyn Young for placing 1st in the Sectional Bowling Tournament, which included a perfect 300 game, and fifth in the State Bowling Tournament; Joel Balentyne for receiving first place in the state in the Invest Write Contest, the “All-State” Music Students; the Sycamore High School Pom Squad for advancing to the State Pom Competition; and the Sycamore High School Pep Band for being chosen to perform at the Class AA State Basketball Tournament.

Dr. Riesen also congratulated Mr. Luke Glowiak and Mrs. Becky Steczo on receiving the DeKalb County Excellence in Education Award.

- 6.5 Open Discussion/Audience Participation – Karen Reed stated that she has two children at Southeast Elementary School and she is very happy there. She voiced concern, however, that people’s voices are not truly heard.

Lorri Zimmer spoke regarding a bus situation. Mr. Dombek interrupted her stating that personnel issues must be discussed in closed session. He further invited her to stay until the Board went into Executive Session to discuss her concerns.

Crystal Didio voiced concern regarding Southeast Elementary School. Mr. Dombek interrupted her stating that personnel issues must be discussed in closed session. He further invited her to stay until the Board went into Executive Session to discuss her concerns.

Mr. Dombek stated that anyone wishing to discuss personnel issues should stay until the Board goes into Executive Session and they will be able to voice their concerns at that time.

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

- 8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

- 9.0 LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** Dr. Riesen reported that he attended a legislative meeting this morning in Springfield at which they reviewed unfunded mandates that have been proposed in the House and Senate.

10.0 OLD BUSINESS:

- 10.1 Approval of 2006-2007 Amended Calendar: Dr. Riesen explained that the District is required to file an amended calendar with the State Board of Education at the end of each school year. He stated that the amended calendar reflects any emergency days that were taken during the year. He pointed out that three (3) days were needed this year and recommended that the Board approve the 2006-2007 amended calendar as presented.

Clayberg moved, seconded by King, to approve the 2006-2007 amended calendar as presented. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

- 10.2 Policy Update: Dr. Riesen reviewed the IASB process to convert the District’s current Board Policy Manual to the IASB Policy Manual with the Board of Education. He explained that the process would begin with a meeting including the IASB consultant, the Superintendent, Dannie Stanbery, Don Clayberg, and the administrators. He stated that the consultant would then spend several months (approximately 9 months) to prepare a draft of the entire document. Dr. Riesen reported that after review by the Policy Committee, the Board would approve the entire policy manual in one motion. Dr. Riesen commented that Press Plus, which

costs a few hundred dollars more per year, would then keep the District's policy manual up-to-date and implement changes.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS:

11.1 IHSA Membership Approval for 2007-2008: Tyrrell moved, seconded by Montgomery, to approve the IHSA membership for 2007-2008 as presented. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

11.2 Curriculum Presentation – Physical Education: Ms. Maura Moulton and Mr. Joe Ryan gave the Board a presentation regarding the proposed realigning of the Physical Education Curriculum for next year. They noted that additional classes are being added in an effort to address the interests of students at Sycamore High School.

Stanbery asked why the physical education curriculum was being realigned prior to the Subject Area Committee (SAC) review, which is scheduled to take place next year. Ms. Moulton and Mr. Ryan replied that this realignment is an effort to add programs that would be of interest to students and to align more closely to what other schools are offering.

King commended the Physical Education Department on their Adaptive PE class.

11.3 Approval of Furniture Bids: Mr. Glowiak apologized for handing out the bids just prior to the meeting tonight and explained that there was some confusion with some of the bids making it impossible to place them in the packet.

Tyrrell moved, seconded by King, to award the bids for classroom furniture as presented. When the roll was called, the following members voted aye: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES - 6; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.

12.0 PERSONNEL

12.1 Executive Session for the Consideration of Matters Related to the Appointment, Employment, Dismissal or Personnel, the Purchase or Lease of Real Property; the Setting of a Price for the Sale or Lease of Property, and Imminent Litigation.* Tyrrell moved, seconded by Montgomery, to go into executive session for the consideration of matters related to the appointment, employment, or dismissal of personnel, the purchase or lease of real property; the setting of a price for the sale or lease of property, and imminent litigation. When the roll was called, the following members voted aye: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES - 6; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.

In at 8:25 p.m. and out at 9:53 p.m.

13.0 ACTION ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

13.1 Personnel Report –

13.1.1 Resolution Authorizing Dismissal of Full-time 1st, 2nd, and/or 3rd year Non-Tenured Certificated Personnel: Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Tyrrell, to approve the resolution authorizing dismissal of full-time 1st, 2nd, and/or 3rd year non-tenured certificated personnel as presented. The following members voted aye when the roll was called: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES - 6; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.

- 13.1.2 Re-employment of Part-Time Non-Tenured Certificated Personnel as attached: Motion by Tyrrell, seconded by Montgomery, to approve the re-employment of part-time non-tenured certificated personnel as attached. When the roll was called, the following members voted aye: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES - 6; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.
- 13.1.3 Re-employment of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Year Non-Tenured Certificated Personnel as attached: Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Tyrrell, to approve the re-employment of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year non-tenured certificated personnel as attached. The following members voted aye when the roll was called: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES - 6; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.
- 13.1.4 Approval of Placement of Certificated Personnel on Tenure as attached: Motion by Tyrrell, seconded by Montgomery, to approve the placement of certificated personnel on tenure as attached. When the roll was called, the following members voted aye: King, Montgomery, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek. Clayberg abstained. AYES - 5; ABSTENTIONS - 1; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.
- 13.1.5 Action on New Hires and/or Resignation(s) of Certified Personnel: Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Stanbery, to approve the certified personnel report as presented. When the roll was called, the following members voted aye: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES - 6; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.
- 13.1.6 Action on New Hires and/or Resignation(s) of Non-Certified Personnel: Motion by Tyrrell, seconded by Montgomery, to approve the non-certified personnel report as presented. The following members voted aye when the roll was called: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES - 6; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.

14.0 OPEN DISCUSSION ISSUES/OBSERVATIONS/QUESTIONS – Tyrrell commented that she appreciated the presentation on Autism by the North School Staff.

Montgomery inquired about the National Honor Society. He also inquired about a program taking place in the fieldhouse on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

King inquired about roller skating at the Middle School.

15.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None

16.0 ADJOURNMENT – Tyrrell moved, seconded by King, that the meeting be adjourned. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 10:53 p.m.

Minutes approved (_____)

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education