

BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
May 8, 2007

The Board of Education of Sycamore Community Unit School District 427 met in regular session on May 8, 2007, in the Administration Center, 245 West Exchange Street, 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. Dargatz, M. Leffler, P. Mobile, E. Schlichter, and K. Wesley.

OTHERS PRESENT: D. Hines, (Midweek); B. Adams, (WDKB-FM); A. Hernandez, (Daily Chronicle); S. Larson, N. Leifheit, Mayor Mundy, and S. Nelson.

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, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek. Shipley was absent.

3.0 AGENDA: Stanbery moved, seconded by Tyrrell, to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

- 4.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting April 24, 2007
- 4.2 Approval of Minutes of Executive Session April 24, 2007
- 4.3 NIA Personnel Report

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.

5.0 AUDIENCE TO VISITORS: Mayor Mundy addressed the Board and congratulated the newly elected Board members and the school district on their successful referendum. He distributed copies of his mayoral letter and the Sycamore Transfer Tax Summary for FY07 to the Board. Mayor Mundy indicated that he valued the spirit of cooperation and the high levels of communication between the city and the district and the necessity of solid relationships in the community for the future.

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

- 6.1 Approval of 07-08 Student Fees: Clayberg moved, seconded by Tyrrell, to approve the student fee schedule for the 2007-2008 school year 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.

7.0 CANVASS OF ELECTION RESULTS

- 7.3 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 Tyrrell, seconded by Montgomery, 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: Clayberg, King, Montgomery, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES - 6; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.

Oath of Office: President Dombek led the newly elected Board Members in reciting the Oath of Office.

Tyrrell moved, seconded by Clayberg, that the old Board adjourn sine die. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

President Dombek appointed Dr. Wayne Riesen as President Pro Tem and Kathy Sloniker as Secretary Pro Tem.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

8.0 CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Riesen called the meeting to order.

9.0 ROLL CALL: The following members were present when the roll was called: Clayberg, King, Nelson, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek. Shipley was absent.

10.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Dr. Riesen asked for nominations for President of the Board of Education. Stanbery nominated Jim Dombek for President. Hearing no other nominations, Dr. Riesen closed the nominations. Stanbery moved, seconded by Clayberg, to elect Jim Dombek as President. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Dombek asked for nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education. Tyrrell nominated herself for Vice-President. Clayberg nominated Dannie Stanbery for Vice-President. Hearing no other nominations, Dombek closed the nominations. The Board voted by secret ballot and Dannie Stanbery was elected as Vice President.

Dombek asked for nominations for Secretary of the Board of Education. Stanbery nominated Don Clayberg for Secretary. Hearing no other nominations, Dombek closed the nominations. Stanbery moved, seconded by Nelson, to elect Don Clayberg as Secretary. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

11.0 ESTABLISHMENT OF REGULAR MEETING DATE AND PLACE: Motion by Nelson, seconded by Clayberg, 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 (unless otherwise noted), with the exceptions of one meeting March 11, June 26, July 24, August 28, and December 11. All members 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.

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

13.0 NEW BUSINESS

13.1 District 427 Crisis Planning – Mrs. Dargatz: Mrs. Dargatz reviewed the district's crisis planning process with the Board. The Board stressed the importance of continual staff training. Mrs. Dargatz agreed.

13.2 Approval of High School Handbook Changes* - The Board reviewed the recommended changes for the high school handbook for the 2007-2008 school year.

After some discussion, President Dombek referred the High School Handbook Changes to the Board's Policy Committee for review. He stated that the Policy Committee's recommendations would be reviewed by the Board at its May 22, 2007 meeting.

13.3 Curriculum Update – Dr. Leifheit – Dr. Leifheit updated the Board on the district's curriculum review process. She indicated that she would be bringing a draft curriculum for approval at the May 22, 2007 Board meeting.

13.4 Approval of Fiber Optic Connection* Dr. Riesen indicated that this proposal would connect all buildings for technology communications with fiber optic cabling.

Stanbery moved, seconded by Tyrrell, to authorize the administration to enter into an agreement with DeKalb Fiber Optic, L.L.C., to provide fiber optic connections between all buildings. The following members voted aye when the roll was called: Clayberg, King, Nelson, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES - 6; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.

14.0 PERSONNEL:

14.1 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 Stanbery, 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, Nelson, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES - 6; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.

In at 8:23 p.m. and out at 10:05 p.m.

15.0 ACTION ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

15.1 Personnel Reports: Motion by Tyrrell, seconded by King, that the non-certified personnel report be approved as presented. The following members voted aye when the roll was called: Clayberg, King, Nelson, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES - 6; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Stanbery, seconded by Tyrrell, that pages 1 and 2 of the certified personnel report be approved as presented. When the roll was called, the following members voted aye: Clayberg, King, Nelson, Stanbery, Tyrrell, and Dombek. AYES - 6; NAYS - 0. Motion carried.

16.0 OPEN DISCUSSION ISSUES/OBSERVATIONS/QUESTIONS – President Dombek informed the Board that he had received David Shipley’s resignation letter. It was the consensus of the Board to send a news release to the news media advertising the vacancy on the Board, receive letters of intent by Friday, May 18, and hold a special meeting on Monday, May 21, 2007, to interview interested candidates.

Tyrrell commended Mr. Bob Abel and the Middle School students involved in the musical last weekend on a wonderful performance.

Stanbery indicated that the FFA is selling steak sandwiches for May 22, 2007, and he had tickets if anyone was interested.

Dombek stated that he would be making committee appointments at the next Board meeting on May 22, 2007. He indicated that a list of Board Committees was placed at their tables this evening. He asked that they review the list and let him know which committees they would like to represent. He added two committees that were inadvertently left off the list; Sports Council and the CCC.

Dr. Riesen informed the Board that the Staff Recognition Celebration has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 30, 2007. He also stated the Senior Awards Night has been scheduled for Thursday, May 31, 2007.

Dr. Riesen reviewed last year’s Board goals. He noted that it is time for the Board to begin thinking about their goals for the 2007-08 school year.

Dr. Riesen informed the Board that their Joint Conference proposal was denied. However, he stated that he would submit it again next year.

17.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None

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

The meeting was declared adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Minutes approved (_____)

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education