

Board of Education September Minutes

by Karen Safranski

PRINCETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DISTRICT #115
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
September 26, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Princeton Elementary District #115 Board of Education was held Monday, September 26, 2011, at Logan Jr. High School. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Judson Lusher. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called with the following members in attendance: J.P. Aley, Mark Frank, Doris Hamilton, George Kauffman, Judd Lusher and Terry O'Neil. Stephen Bouslog was absent. Superintendent Tim Smith, Recording Secretary Sandie Hall, Administrators Eleanor Walker, J.D. Orwig, Janet Becker, new staff members and three media representatives were also present.

Agenda Amendments: None

Public Participation: None

Program/Recognition: Members of the administrative team introduced this year's new staff members. They are Kelly Hoffman, Early Childhood Special Education teacher; Emily Cook, Speech Therapist; Amanda White, Bright Beginnings teacher; Stacey Cherry, Bright Beginnings teacher at Zearing Child Enrichment Center; Margo Cartwright, Kindergarten teacher; Christa Gruber, Kindergarten teacher; Jaime Patterson, 4th grade teacher; Nicole Bradford, 7th grade Language Arts teacher.

Motion by Mr. Frank, second by Mr. O'Neil, to go into Executive Session at 7:09 p.m. for the discussion of personnel and the release of executive session minutes. Roll call vote. All ayes. Mr. Bouslog absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Hamilton, second by Mr. O'Neil, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. O'Neil, second by Mrs. Hamilton, to approve the Consent Agenda Items, including: Minutes of the Regular Meeting and the Executive Session of August 22, 2011; Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$734,344.56; Administrative Reports; Committee Reports; Transportation/Maintenance/Food Service Report. Roll call vote. All ayes. Mr. Bouslog absent. Motion carried.

Administrative/Staff Presentation: None

Finance Committee Report: Superintendent Smith asked that the committee to look at possible dates to meet in October.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Smith stated that there were still no percentage totals to give in the revenue and expense accounts due to the tentative budget status. The district is now due a total of \$55,994 for FY11, of which \$6,959 is Early Childhood. However, effective September 30, \$356,639 will be due to the district for FY12. Of that total, \$86,320 is Early Childhood, \$120,469 is due to the education fund, and \$149,850 is due to the transportation fund. Motion by Mr. Kauffman, second by Mr. O'Neil, to approve the report as presented. Motion carried.

Superintendent Smith also reported on some upcoming events in the district. Special education focus monitoring will be November 8th, 9th, and 10th. The PES Plays fundraising event at the Moose Lodge will be October 29th, beginning at 4:00 p.m. The Regional Office of Education will conduct an audit on November 4th. Congressman Adam Kinzinger will read to students at Jefferson School on Thursday, October 29th at 2:00 p.m. On October 24th, Representatives Darrin LaHood and Donald Moffitt will be available to meet with the board at 5:00 p.m., before the regular board meeting. The October board meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. and will be held at Logan Jr. High School, rather than the originally scheduled location of Reagan Middle School. The November 28th regular board meeting will instead be held at Reagan.

Informational Items:

Superintendent Smith reviewed the Fall Starved Rock I.A.S.B. meeting held on September 8th. The speaker was Roger Eddy, Illinois Representative and acting Superintendent in Southern Illinois.

Superintendent Smith presented the First Reading of the Confidentiality Statement, describing this as a communication device for our substitute staff and volunteers, in order that they fully understand the importance of confidentiality.

The I.A.S.B. Report to Membership was distributed to board members, relating to the upcoming Joint Annual Conference Delegate Assembly.

Action Items:

Motion by Mr. O'Neil, second by Mr. Frank, to adopt the FY12 Budget. Roll call vote. All ayes. Mr. Bouslog absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. O'Neil, second by Mr. Kauffman, to approve the hiring of Nicole Bradford as speech coach at Logan Jr. High School. Roll call vote. All ayes. Mr. Bouslog absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. O'Neil, second by Mr. Frank, to approve the recall of Lynn Ferrell as Early Beginnings Parent Educator. Roll call vote. All ayes. Mr. Bouslog absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. O'Neil, second by Mr. Aley, to approve the recall of Marcia Caldwell as Early Beginnings Parent Educator. Roll call vote. All ayes. Mr. Bouslog absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Hamilton, second by Mr. O'Neil, to approve the second reading of Board Policy Revisions: 6:120 AP4, 1:10, 2:10, 3:10, and 5:170 AP1. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. O'Neil, second by Mrs. Hamilton, to approve the I.S.B.E. Applications for Recognition. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Hamilton, second by Mr. Aley, to approve the 2011 District Adequate Yearly Progress Report. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Frank, second by Mrs. Hamilton, to approve the Strategic Planning Committee Membership, consisting of the Board members, six administrators, five teachers, and six parents, with Steve Malinsky, as facilitator. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Hamilton, second by Mr. Kauffman, to approve the release of Executive Session Minutes from September 27, 2010; October 25, 2010; November 22, 2010; December 13, 2010; January 24, 2011; and March 21, 2011. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Hamilton, second by Mr. O'Neil, to approve the enrollment of an out-of-district tuition student with a tuition rate of \$7,105. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Frank, second by Mr. Kauffman, to approve, with great appreciation, the donation of seven iPads for the Board. Motion carried.

Future District/Board Considerations: None

Motion by Mr. O'Neil, second by Mrs. Hamilton, to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried.

Judson Lusher, President
Board of Education

Sandra Hall, Recording Secretary
Board of Education