

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

October 22, 2007

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Board of Education of Erie Community Unit School District No. 1 met in regular session on October 22, 2007, at 6:30 P.M. in the Administrative Center. The following members answered roll call: Charles Brown, Mike Heun, Rhonda Pannier, Patrick Ryan, Tammy Tegeler, and Gail Young.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

None

MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, PAYMENT OF BILLS

President Ryan asked for approval of the finance committee for the payment of bills. The finance committee gave their approval of the payment of bills as presented.

Member Brown, seconded by Member Pannier made the motion to approve the September 24, 2007, budget hearing, regular and closed minutes; to accept the treasurer's report; to accept the bills for payment; to deposit Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax; and, to accept the activity fund accounts.

FUND	
EDUCATION	\$4,109,543.69
BUILDING	2,484,077.52
BOND & INTEREST	307,885.00
TRANSPORTATION	422,631.02
IMRF	65,727.31
WORKING CASH	1,647,185.00
TOTAL	<u>\$9,215,270.54</u>

Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax in the amount of \$601,648.93 deposited in the Education Fund.

Roll Call: Brown, yea; Heun, yea; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea, Young, yea.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

B. After Prom Committee Members Request: Mrs. Cathie DeBaillie, representing the After Prom Committee, was in attendance to seek approval to host the After Prom at Erie High School in the spring of 2008. Mrs. DeBaillie thanked the board for their help last year. She requested the Board's approval for this year. Mrs. DeBaillie indicated that there were approximately 87 students in attendance and everyone enjoyed themselves. They have some new ideas for this year and are excited about having it again. It is planned for April 19. Mr. McConnell stated that it was very well received. Superintendent Ryan reported that the administration would recommend approval of the request of the After Prom Committee.

Member Brown, seconded by Member Pannier made the motion to approve to host After Prom at Erie High School in the spring of 2008. All members voted in agreement. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Closed Session to Discuss Personnel & Negotiations. Member Brown, seconded by Member Heun made the motion to go into Closed Session for the stated reasons.

Time: 6:36 P.M.

Roll Call: Heun, yea; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea, Young, yea; Brown, yea.

Member Young, seconded by Member Tegeler made the motion to come out of Closed Session. All members voted in agreement. Time: 8:15 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A. Audit Report from Gorenz and Associates, Ltd.: Mr. Russ Rumbold, representing the district auditing firm of Gorenz and Associates, Ltd., Peoria, Illinois, provided the formal audit report to the Board of Education. Mr. Rumbold distributed a handout summarizing the audit. He indicated that a realistic budget was adopted. He said the district once again received Financial Recognition with a score of 3.90. Mr. Rumbold stated that the district is unique in that its local revenue makes up 45% of its operating revenue. He reported that there was no deficit spending and the district has a low tax rate. Mr. Rumbold concluded that the district was financially in good condition, so they could focus on education instead of finances. Superintendent Ryan thanked Mr. Rumbold for the nice report he prepares with the breakdown of the audit. He also stated that the debt service would be up in 2013, so the Board could be looking down the road for projects that they might want to do.

Member Pannier, seconded by Member Young made the motion to approve the audit as presented.

Roll Call: Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea, Young, yea; Brown, yea; Heun, yea.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Update on LunchBox Program. Mrs. Ella Bright updated the Board of Education on the progress of the LunchBox program that was initiated during this academic year. Mrs. Bright reported that the program started on September 28 for the high school and middle school; then on October 1, at the elementary. She stated that it has been a huge success and better than expected. Paperwork is less as free and reduced done automatically. Mrs. Bright stated that there are cards for the high school and middle school students and the elementary uses a touch screen, which has their pictures on it.

Mrs. Bright thanked the Board and Mr. Ryan for allowing them to start this program. She stated that Mrs. Morine, the principals, Ms. Waldbusser have been great with it and been very positive. She continued that all the staff has been very helpful. Mrs. Bright concluded that she was very thankful that they had not started this program on the first day school, as it has been easier to work the bugs out without all the stress of the first day of school.

Superintendent Ryan displayed a plastic holder with a ring on the end of it for students to keep their cards in, in their lockers. Mr. McConnell and Mr. Morgan each purchased these for their students hoping to help with losing cards.

Mrs. Bright stated that the middle school kids say they really like the program. Member Ryan asked if the lines were moving faster or what. Mrs. Bright stated that the high school and middle school were moving faster as they don't have to deal with cash anymore. Each student has to have money on their card to purchase items. She stated that if a student runs out of money that they still could get a lunch or milk (not ala carte) and charge it. Charges have a limit. Member Tegeler asked if the elementary students understood the process and she didn't feel her son did; still thought he needed money (cash) to get milk. Mrs. Bright stated that the aide usually asks all the cold lunch people if they have their own drink or if they need to buy one.

B. Approval of Pre-School Aide Job Description. Member Young, seconded by Member Pannier made the motion to approve the Pre-School Aide Job Description as presented. All members voted in agreement. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Action Items Coming Out of Closed Session.

1. Accept the Resignation of Freshman Boys Basketball Coach. Member Pannier, seconded by Member Tegeler made the motion to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Mr. Jeff Steimle as Freshman Boys Basketball Coach.

Roll Call: Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea, Young, yea; Brown, yea; Heun, yea; Pannier, yea.

2. Approval of Employment of Freshman Boys Basketball Coach. Member Pannier, seconded by Member Young made the motion to approve the employment of Mr. Josh Snodgrass as Freshman Boys Basketball Coach at Step 0, Salary of \$2,827 as recommended.

Roll Call: Tegeler, yea, Young, yea; Brown, yea; Heun, yea; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea.

3. Approval of Early Graduation Request. Member Pannier, seconded by Member Young made the motion to approve the early graduation request by Student A at the end of the first semester.

Roll Call: Young, yea; Brown, yea; Heun, yea; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea.

4. Ratification of ETA Contract. Member Pannier, seconded by Member Brown made the motion to ratify a three-year ETA contract as presented.

Roll Call: Brown, yea; Heun, yea; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea; Young, yea.

5. Acceptance of Intent to Retire. Member Pannier, seconded by Member Brown made the motion to accept, with regrets, the intent to retire of Mrs. Wendy Rowand and Mrs. Linda May effective the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

Roll Call: Heun, yea; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea; Young, yea; Brown, yea.

6. Approval of Administrative, Confidential Employees, District Technology Director, District Transportation Director, and District Treasurer.

Member Brown, seconded by Member Young made the motion to approve a 4% salary increase for Superintendent Mike Ryan; Principals - Tim McConnell, Keith Morgan, Margaret Carey; Bookkeeper Debra Carpenter; Superintendent Secretary Sue Williams; Technology Director Vinus Williams; Transportation Director Thomas Pons; and District Treasurer Jessica Johnson plus a \$450 per grant stipend.

Roll Call: Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea; Young, yea; Brown, yea; Heun, yea.

B. Seating of New Board Member. President Ryan seated Mrs. Shelley DeShane as the new board member and gave her the Oath of Office.

C. Approval of Meeting Date Changes. Member Heun, seconded by Member Tegeler made the motion to approve the following date changes to the Board of Education meeting schedule due to conflict with holidays: December 17, 2007 (for December 24, 2007); March 17, 2008 (for March 24, 2008); and, May 19, 2008 (for May 26, 2008) as presented. All members voted in agreement. Motion carried.

D. Approval of High School Roofing Bid. Member Pannier, seconded by Member Heun made the motion to approve the bid from R.A. Oldeen, Inc., Kewanee, IL, in the amount of \$117,821 to replace the roof at the new high school.

Roll Call: Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea; Young, yea; Brown, yea; Heun, yea; Pannier, yea.

VIII. Additional Items of Consideration.

None

IX. Public Comments:

None

X. Superintendent's Report.

- A. Construction Update: Superintendent Ryan reported that negotiations with Mr. Besse are ongoing; Johnson Controls have until Friday, October 26, to counter offer. He reported that a construction company came and laid out a grid of where the new pad would be if moved.

- B. Snow Removal Bid: Superintendent Ryan reported that he would seek bids for snow removal for the 2007-2008 academic year. Bids will be brought forward at the November meeting for approval.

XI. Principals' Reports

Mrs. Carey: Nothing to add.

Mr. Morgan: Distributed copies of the new Middle School Newsletter that the 8th graders are doing this year. He reported on those making IMEA. Lastly Mr. Morgan stated that the Traveling Science Lab was in the district and there are 65 classes that will go through it this week.

Mr. McConnell: Reported that Parent/Teacher Conferences will be this week on Tuesday and Thursday nights and will be using the same format as last year. Also the regional volleyball will be held in Erie on Thursday night. Mr. McConnell reported that the student council blood drive was well attended. The Middle School newspaper is also available on the website and it is Red Ribbon Week and lots of activities are being planned.

XII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Thanked Superintendent Ryan for keeping the district in the black and thanked the ETA for being open-minded during negotiations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Member Brown, seconded by Member Pannier made the motion to adjourn. All members voted in agreement. TIME: 9:23 P.M

DATE APPROVED: _____

PRESIDENT: _____

SECRETARY: _____