

WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2009-4082

Minutes December 15, 2009

The special meeting of the Board of School Directors convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Board Room with Mrs. Davis, Board President, presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the pledge of allegiance, Mrs. Davis asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. No one indicated the intent to record.

The recording secretary called the roll of Board members.

Board Members Present: Mrs. Bamberger, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Painter, Mrs. Sakmann and Mrs. Seltzer.

Board Members Absent: Mr. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Helm, Mr. Portner and Mr. Larkin.

Administrative Staff Present: Mr. Robbins and Dr. Pulkowski.

Attendees: Mr. B. Boland, Kozloff Stoudt; David Kostival, Reading Eagle; Shelley Filer, recording secretary; Mr. Mike Miller; Mr. Mike Mitchell Sr.; and Mr. Bill Murray.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Davis welcomed the visitors and announced that executive sessions were held on December 7 and December 10, for personnel purposes. No action was taken. She announced the January meetings:

- Committee of the Whole – Monday, January, 11, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
- School Board Meeting – Monday, January 25, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

The meetings will be held in the Community Board Room of the Jr./Sr. High School.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Mitchell asked for background on the special meeting and the status of the search for a new superintendent. Mrs. Davis answered that the application deadline was November 30. The Board is reviewing resumes and scheduling a first round of interviews. She deferred the explanation for the special meeting to Mr. Boland. He explained that a school district can hire an acting superintendent for up to one year. Mr. Robbins' contract expires February 1, 2010. The State can be asked for a waiver to the rule for specific reasons. In this case, the District is asking to extend Mr. Robbins' contract until we find a new superintendent or June 30, 2010.

Mr. Murray asked if we have suitable applicants. Mrs. Davis responded that the Board is moving forward and will search until we find the right person for the District.

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Mr. Miller asked if the State can deny the waiver. Mr. Boland said it is possible.

APPROVED
RESOLUTION TO
SUBMIT MANDATE
WAIVER

Mrs. Davis read the resolution to submit a mandate waiver to permit Mr. David Robbins to serve as Acting Superintendent until such time as a permanent Superintendent is hired or until June 30, 2010. Upon a motion by Mrs. Seltzer, second by Mrs. Sakmann, the Board voted to approve the resolution. A copy of the resolution is included as part of these official minutes.

Yeas: Mrs. Bamberger, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Painter, Mrs. Seltzer and Mrs. Sakmann

Nays: None. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Davis reported that two additional architects were interviewed on December 7, 2009. The Board will discuss the proposals at the January 11, Committee of the Whole meeting and vote at the Board meeting on January 25, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mitchell asked about the status of contract negotiations. Mr. Robbins reported that they have not met with WAEA for about two months and that WAEA had cancelled the December 2 meeting. Mr. Mitchell shared that Hamburg teachers recently settled a three-year contract with a 3.5% increase. He encouraged the Board to try to settle as soon as possible because the community is getting antsy. Mrs. Davis assured him that the Board wants to move forward.

Mr. Murray questioned how much money has been expended for the services of John Stott in negotiations. He expressed concern that the teachers could walk out with short notice. Mr. Robbins assured him that he has a positive working relationship with the WAEA representatives. He also indicated that the mediator is the same for WAEA and AFSCME and he will be responsible for nine districts. Mr. Boland also indicated that through an exchange of e-mails efforts are being made to schedule a meeting with AFSCME representatives in late January or early February 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Sakmann, seconded by Mrs. Seltzer and approved to adjourn at 7:16 p.m.

Corinne D. Mason
Board Secretary

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