

MINUTES OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED JOHNSBURG COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012 – RINGWOOD SCHOOL  
LEARNING CENTER

Members Present: Mrs. K. Baird, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rooney (7:06 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.), Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley.

Members Present By Means of Audio/Visual Conference: None.

Members Absent: Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low, Mr. S. Rooney (until 7:06 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. forward).

Also Present: Superintendent, Dr. D. Johnson (until 9:20 p.m.); Business Manager, Mr. D. Lawson; Curriculum Director, Mr. D. Straight; High School Principal, Mr. K. Shelton; Junior High School Principal, Mrs. N. Hurckes; James C. Bush School Principal, Ms. M. Junge; Ringwood School Principal, Mrs. C. Neiss; Student Services Director, Mr. R. Schisler; Director of Technology, Mr. R. Gravel; Ringwood School Staff Members, Ms. L. Froeming, Ms. B. Huemann, Ms. C. Pitzen, Ms. T. Shea, Ms. S. Simon, Ms. J. Suidak and Ms. S. Walusiak (until 8:40 p.m.); Minute Recorder, Ms. B. Seger.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Scott Rowe at 7:01 p.m. and proceeded with roll call. The roll call found Mrs. K. Baird, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley present. Absent: Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low, Mr. S. Rooney.

TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION TO ADD TO AGENDA

Mr. S. Rowe asked if there were any discussion topics to be added to the evening's agenda. The Board agreed not to add any topics to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Mrs. K. Baird and seconded by Mrs. M. Tinsley to approve the agenda as presented. "Ayes": All. "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low, Mr. S. Rooney.

CONSENT APPROVAL FOR MINUTES OF:

- December 6, 2011 Finance Committee Meeting
- December 13, 2011 Board of Education Meeting
- December 13, 2011 Board of Education Closed Session Meeting

It was moved by Mrs. M. Martin and seconded by Mrs. K. Baird to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2011 Finance Committee meeting, the December 13, 2011 Board of Education meeting and the December 13, 2011 Board of Education Closed Session meeting as presented. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley. "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low, Mr. S. Rooney. Motion carried.

COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Illinois State Scholars – Mr. K. Shelton asked the Board to join with him in commending the twenty Johnsburg High School seniors who were named Illinois State Scholars by the Illinois Student Assistant Commission.

- Sue Childress and the Johnsburg Junior High Choir – Ringwood Assembly – Mrs. C. Neiss and Ms. M. Junge asked the Board to join with them in commending Sue Childress and the Johnsburg Junior High Choir for the fine assemblies they performed before winter break for the Ringwood and Bush School students.

- JHS Drama Students – Illinois Theatre Fest – The Board joined with Mr. K. Shelton in commending the High School drama students involved in the all-state production of *Arsenic and Old Lace*, which was performed recently at this year's Illinois Theatre Fest.

AGENDA TIME FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK

There were no citizens to speak at this time.

## APPROVE JANUARY 2012 BILLS

Mr. D. Lawson answered a few questions from the Board regarding various bills.

It was moved by Mrs. M. Tinsley and seconded by Mrs. K. Baird to approve the January 2012 bills as follows: Education Fund, \$577,165.16; O & M Fund, \$64,883.97; Bond and Interest, \$1,884,779.63; Transportation Fund, \$81,517.97 and Municipal Retirement/Social Security Fund, \$79,883.05 as presented. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rooney, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley. "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low. Motion carried.

## REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COUNCILS

Elementary Advisory – No report at this time.

Junior High School Advisory – No report at this time.

High School Advisory Council – Mr. K. Shelton and Mrs. K. Baird reported on the recent meeting where the parents were shown the PowerPoint presentation that was given at the December 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting which included information on the Professional Learning Communities, academic support time, methods being used to build relationships with students and the community and class modifications for 2012-13.

High School Technology Advisory Council – Mr. K. Shelton reported on the recent meeting where the discussions included dual credit, the new cooperative education class and material being covered in the new vocational education teacher's classes.

MAYC – No report at this time.

PTO – No report at this time.

SEDOM – No report at this time.

Foundation – Dr. D. Johnson reported that the committee had a recent informal meeting to distribute information on the upcoming Gala and that the committee is seeking donations and volunteers for the event.

Tech Campus – Dr. D. Johnson reported that although there was no recent meeting, the annual open house would be held on January 12<sup>th</sup>. The Board discussed methods being used to communicate information regarding the Tech Campus and the open house to students and parents.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### FARM LEASE UPDATE

Mr. D. Lawson gave the Board a brief update on the farm lease process. The Board reviewed the spreadsheet reflecting the quote proposals that were received and are attached to these minutes and discussed the next steps in the process. After the discussion the Board agreed to proceed with the process that was approved at the December 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Mr. S. Rowe noted that the Board would like to thank all of the people who turned in proposals and explained that the purpose of the lease was to offset the taxes abated each year from the purchase of the land. He also reported that the Board would vote on the acceptance of the farm lease quote proposal at the January 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

### PROPOSED 2012-13 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mr. D. Straight highlighted the process that was used to develop the proposed calendar for 2012-13 as well as several aspects of the calendar. He noted that the date change for parent teacher conferences would be continued since the feedback was very positive and that the calendar being proposed was the overwhelming choice of the District staff. The Board discussed the timing of the development of the district calendar and the possibility of developing multi-year calendars in the future. Mr. S. Rowe reminded the Board that the proposed 2012-13 calendar would be presented for formal approval at the January 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

### STATE OF THE DISTRICT PRESENTATION

The Board discussed various aspects of the upcoming State of the District presentation on January 26<sup>th</sup> including the options for the format, introduction and feedback after the presentation. After discussing the options, the Board agreed to include a brief welcome by the Board and to use both electronic and hard copy comment/response forms.

### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Mr. D. Lawson reported to the Board that the District had received a freedom of information request from Crossroads Kids Club regarding the rental of the District's facilities and distribution of literature by outside groups and organizations and that the request was complied with.

## RINGWOOD SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Mrs. C. Neiss began the Ringwood School presentation by welcoming the Board to the building and reporting that the focus of the presentation would be on the use of technology in the building. She used a PowerPoint presentation to highlight the positive aspects of the increased use of technology, the methods used to monitor its usage and the balance the school attempts to achieve with the various teaching tools and techniques.

The Board and administrators were divided into small groups and invited to participate interactively with the demonstrations that Ringwood staff members, Ms. L. Froeming, Ms. B. Huemann, Ms. C. Pitzen, Ms. T. Shea, Ms. S. Simon, Ms. J. Suidak and Ms. S. Walusiak, gave on various activities in four different stations. They demonstrated how the students have the opportunity to use iPods, iPads, a Smart table, reading and science software and an online Scholastic Magazine program to learn independently.

Mrs. C. Neiss concluded the presentation by highlighting the school's plans for the future regarding the use of technology.

## ACTION ITEMS

### JHS DONATION – EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE – SUNNYSIDE LITTLE STORE

Mr. S. Rowe briefly reminded the Board of the details regarding the \$500 Educational Alliance donation that was received by the High School as a result of being nominated by the Sunnyside Little Store. It was moved by Mr. S. Rooney and seconded by Mrs. K. Baird to approve the donation of \$500 from the Educational Alliance. "Ayes": All. "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low. Motion carried.

### JHS 2012-13 CURRICULUM PROPOSALS

After asking the Board if they had any questions or concerns, Mr. S. Rowe asked for a motion to approve the High School 2012-13 curriculum proposals that were presented at the December 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. It was moved by Mrs. M. Martin and seconded by Mrs. K. Baird to approve the High School 2012-3 curriculum proposals as presented. "Ayes": All. "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low. Motion carried.

### 2012-13 DISTRICT FEES

Mr. S. Rowe asked the Board if they had any questions or concerns about the proposal for the 2012-13 District fees, which would remain unchanged from the 2011-12 school year, except for the fee for driver education, which would be raised to \$125. After further discussion on the increase in the driver education fee, the Board agreed that in order to help cover the cost of the program and bring the District in line with the rest of the county, the fee should be raised. It was moved by Mr. S. Rooney and seconded by Mrs. M. Tinsley to keep the 2012-13 District fees at the same level as the fees for 2011-12, except for the driver education fee, which will be increased to \$125. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rooney, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley. "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low. Motion carried.

## OTHER BUSINESS

- The Board was reminded that the next regular Board meeting would be on January 24, 2012 in the Johnsborg Junior High School North Learning Center.
- Dr. D. Johnson notified the Board that the School Personnel Committee would be meeting on January 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. He noted that this would be the annual meeting where the committee meets with the Johnsborg Teachers' Organization.
- Dr. D. Johnson reminded the Board about the Lake County Technology Campus open house on January 12<sup>th</sup> and the reception from 5:00 until 6:00 p.m.
- Dr. D. Johnson notified the Board that the IASB would be having an Open Meetings Act Training session for Board members on February 9, 2012 in Sycamore and that any member who would like to attend should contact him at the District Office.

## CLOSED SESSION – 8:55 PM – 10:55PM

It was moved by Mrs. K. Baird and seconded by Mr. S. Rooney to go into Closed Session at 8:55 p.m. regarding appointment, employment, or dismissal of an employee or officer. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rooney, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley. "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. M. Tinsley and seconded by Mrs. K. Baird to come out of Closed Session at 10:55 p.m. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley. "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low, Mr. S. Rooney. Motion carried.

## EMPLOYMENT

It was moved by Mrs. K. Baird and seconded by Mrs. M. Martin to approve the maternity request of a staff member. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley. "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low, Mr. S. Rooney. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. M. Martin and seconded by Mrs. K. Baird to approve the employment of Earl Wett as assistant wrestling coach at the Junior High School for the 2011-12 school year at the stipend level category C step 1 on the 2011-12 athletic extra duty salary schedule. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley. "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low, Mr. S. Rooney. Motion carried.

## FARM LEASE

A question was raised from the Board regarding the interpretation of the meaning of the "top three" quote proposals for the farm lease on the district property. The Board discussed the option of considering only the proposed rental per acre or the option of considering the total value of rent and services offered. Since the interpretation of the top offer was not clear and the total number of proposals was relatively small, the Board agreed to instruct Mr. D. Lawson to extend the opportunity to participate in the final round of offers to all original parties who submitted a quote.

## ADJOURNMENT – 11:30 PM

It was moved by Mrs. M. Tinsley and seconded by Mrs. K. Baird to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 p.m. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley. "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low, Mr. S. Rooney. Motion carried.

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Melissa Tinsley, Secretary

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Scott Rowe, Vice-President