

MINUTES OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED JOHNSBURG COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2011 – JOHNSBURG HIGH
SCHOOL LEARNING CENTER

Members Present: Mrs. K. Baird, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rooney, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley.

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

Members Absent: Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low.

Also Present: Superintendent, Dr. D. Johnson; 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; Director of Technology, Mr. R. Gravel; High School Assistant Principal, Mrs. K. Hinley; High School Assistant Principal, Mr. J. Herff; High School Teachers, Mr. A. Bronars, Mr. R. Eastland and Ms. A. Havener (until 8:40 p.m.); High School Student, Ms. E. Heiser (until 7:15 p.m.); Citizen, Mr. K. Calhoun; Minute Recorder, Ms. B. Seger.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Scott Rowe at 7:00 p.m. and proceeded with roll call. The roll call found Mrs. K. Baird, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rooney, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley present. Absent: Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low.

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 Mr. S. Rooney to approve the agenda as presented. "Ayes": All. "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low.

LEVY HEARING

Vice-President Mr. S. Rowe declared the levy hearing open. Mr. D. Lawson reviewed the resolutions regarding the estimated amounts to be levied for the year 2011 and reported that the total amount to be levied for the year 2011 would be \$20,145,349. There was no further Board discussion so Mr. S. Rowe opened the levy hearing to questions or comments from the floor. Since there were no questions or comments from the floor, it was moved by Mrs. M. Tinsley and seconded by Mrs. M. Martin to close the hearing. "Ayes": All. "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low. Motion carried.

ACT ON TAX LEVY

Secretary, Mrs. M. Tinsley read aloud the Certificate of Tax levy, verifying the proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2011. It was moved by Mrs. K. Baird and seconded by Mrs. M. Tinsley to approve the Certificate of Tax levy as presented, as per attached. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rooney, Mr. S. Rowe, Mrs. M. Tinsley. Absent: Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION ABATING THE TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2011 TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2005B, OF COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 12, MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Mr. S. Rowe reported that the Board needed to formally approve the resolution for the regular yearly abatement for taxes on the alternate revenue bonds used to purchase the 119 acres of land that will be paid for by using the accumulated impact fees and not by a tax levy. He noted that although the impact fees will no longer cover the abated taxes due to the economy, the district will continue to honor the promise made to the community and will need to find the extra money in the budget. Secretary, Mrs. M. Tinsley read the resolution.

It was moved by Mrs. M. Martin and seconded by Mrs. M. Tinsley to adopt the Resolution abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2011 to pay debt service on the general obligation school bonds (alternate revenue source), series 2005B, of Community Unit School District 12, as per attached. 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.

CONSENT APPROVAL FOR MINUTES OF:

- November 8, 2011 School Operations Committee Meeting
- November 22, 2011 School Personnel Committee Meeting
- November 22, 2011 Board of Education Meeting
- November 22, 2011 Board of Education Closed Session Meeting

It was moved by Mrs. M. Tinsley and seconded by Mrs. K. Baird to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2011 School Operations Committee meeting, the November 22, 2011 School Personnel Committee meeting, the November 22, 2011 Board of Education meeting and the November 22, 2011 Board of Education Closed Session meeting 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.

COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Elise Heiser and Mitch Kasprzyk – IMEA Music Festival – Mr. K. Shelton asked the Board to join with him in commending students, Elise Heiser and Mitch Kasprzyk, for being chosen to represent the High School at the recent IMEA Music Festival. He then introduced Elise Heiser to the Board and Vice-President Mr. S. Rowe presented her with a certificate and district frisbee.

- Holiday Music Concerts – Dr. D. Johnson asked the Board to join with him in commending all of the district's music staff and students for their efforts involved with the fine musical performances that were recently held as well as those that are coming up.

- Madrigal Dinner – The Board joined with Dr. D. Johnson in commending High School choir director, David Smith, and the Madrigal Singers for their efforts involved in the Madrigal Dinner, which took place on December 10th and 11th. The Board also commended Ruth Strohfeltdt, Laura Smid and their staff for preparing and serving the meal at the event.

- PTO Winter Wonderland and Santa's Secret Shop – Dr. D. Johnson asked the Board to join with him in commending the PTO and all the volunteer parents who helped with the successful Winter Wonderland and Santa's Secret Shop event that was held on Saturday, December 3rd. The Board also commended staff members, Shari Thatcher, Kim Noonan and Doretta Miedzianowski, for the excellent assistance they provided with preparing and serving food for the event.

AGENDA TIME FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK

There were no citizens to speak at this time.

APPROVE DECEMBER 2011 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 December 2011 bills as follows: Education Fund, \$407,998.30; O & M Fund, \$89,078.04; Bond and Interest, \$1,150.00; Transportation Fund, \$47,300.33 and Municipal Retirement/Social Security Fund, \$57,553.80 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 – Mrs. N. Hurckes reported on the recent meeting where the discussions included Rachel's Challenge and the clubs and activities that have been organized as a result of the program. She noted that the committee also discussed parent communication.

High School Advisory Council – No report at this time.

High School Technology Advisory Council – No report at this time.

MAYC – Dr. D. Johnson reported that the recent meeting included the election of new board members.

PTO – Mrs. C. Neiss reported on the recent meeting where the discussions included the Winter Wonderland event and the need for a new president for the organization.

SEDOM – No report at this time.

Foundation – Dr. D. Johnson reported on the recent meeting where the discussions included a review of the recent Casino Night event and planning for the upcoming Gala, which will be held at the Lakemoor on March 3, 2012.

Tech Campus – Dr. D. Johnson reported on the recent meeting where the discussions included the upcoming open house on January 12, 2012 and a review of the new report cards.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. S. Rowe reported on the Finance Committee meeting that was held on December 6th. He noted that the district's auditors attended the meeting to review the audit and answer questions. He also noted that the audit went very well and that the auditors were very positive regarding the changes made by the district since the last audit.

Mr. S. Rowe reported that the committee reviewed the issue of past due registrations fees and the option of restricting the extracurricular participation of students who do not have a payment plan in place for unpaid fees. He noted that the committee agreed to discuss the issue further at a future meeting. Mr. S. Rowe reported that the committee also reviewed the topic of student fees for the upcoming 2012-13 school year and agreed to recommend that, due to the poor economy, the fees not be increased except for the driver education fee. He reported that the committee's recommendation would be to increase the fee for driver's education from \$50 to \$125 to reflect the cost of the program and to bring the district in line with the rest of the county. He noted that the student fees for 2012-13 would be presented to the Board for formal approval at the January 10th Board meeting.

Mr. S. Rowe reported that the committee reviewed the farm lease with the changes that were made after the last Board meeting and recommended that the district use a quote process with the top three quotes being given the option to improve their quote. He noted that the initial rounds would be handled by the district with the final round of quotes being presented to the Board. He noted that the committee also recommended that all persons who expressed interest in the land be contacted regarding the lease process and that the process be advertised on the district website as well as in the newspaper and farm bureau newsletter. The Board discussed the timeline for the quote process and agreed to vote on the process during the action portion of the agenda.

JHS DONATION – EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE – SUNNYSIDE LITTLE STORE

Mr. K. Shelton reported to the Board that the High School recently received a \$500 donation through ExxonMobil's Educational Alliance and that Sunnyside Little Store nominated the school for the donation. Mr. S. Rowe noted that the donation would be presented to the Board for formal approval at the January 10th Board meeting.

COMMUNITY FORUM

The Board briefly discussed the upcoming community forum event, which will be held on January 26th. Dr. D. Johnson asked the Board to review the tentative state of the district presentation that was included in their meeting materials and to contact him with any suggestions or concerns.

HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Mr. K. Shelton welcomed the Board to the High School and began the presentation by giving an update on the Professional Learning Communities and showing video clips of various staff members giving their perspective on the positive results they have seen from the program.

Mrs. K. Hinley gave a report on the new academic support time. She highlighted how the program was initiated, the types of support it is used for and showed the Board videos of students receiving help during the support time and expressing their views on the value of the process. Mr. J. Herff highlighted various methods that the administration and staff are using to promote a culture of trust and respect through positive relationship building with the students and community.

Mr. K. Shelton presented the recommendations for class modifications for 2012-13 that will be presented to the Board for approval at the January 10th Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

FARM LEASE APPROVAL

It was moved by Mr. S. Rooney and seconded by Mrs. M. Tinsley to approve the quote process for the farm lease as recommended by the Finance Committee. "Ayes": All. "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low. Motion carried.

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICY 5:125

Mrs. K. Baird reported that, after the review by the district attorney, the new Board Policy 5:125 was being presented without any revisions for approval.

It was moved by Mrs. K. Baird and seconded by Mrs. M. Martin to approve the second reading and adoption of Board Policy 5:125 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.

OTHER BUSINESS

- The Board was reminded that the next regular Board meeting would be on January 10, 2012 in the Ringwood School Learning Center.
- The Board was also reminded that the community forum would take place on January 26, 2012.

CLOSED SESSION – 8:55 PM – 9:10 PM

It was moved by Mrs. K. Baird and seconded by Mrs. M. Tinsley 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. Martin and seconded by Mrs. K. Baird to come out of Closed Session at 9:10 p.m. 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.

PERSONNEL ISSUE

It was moved by Mrs. M. Martin and seconded by Mrs. K. Baird to approve the unpaid leave request of a staff member. 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.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:12 PM

It was moved by Mrs. M. Tinsley and seconded by Mr. S. Rooney to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. 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.

Melissa Tinsley, Secretary

Scott Rowe, Vice-President