

MINUTES OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED JOHNSBURG COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2011 – RINGWOOD SCHOOL
LEARNING CENTER

Members Present: Mrs. K. Baird, Mr. G. Barla, Mr. T. Low, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rooney (7:08 p.m. onward), Mrs. M. Tinsley.

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

Members Absent: Mr. S. Rooney (until 7:08 p.m.), Mr. S. Rowe.

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; Bush School Principal, Ms. M. Junge; Ringwood School Principal, Mrs. C. Neiss; Student Services Director, Mr. R. Schisler; Director of Technology, Mr. R. Gravel; High School Foreign Language Teachers, Ms. A. Havener and Ms. A. Weltler; EF Educational Tours Representative, Mr. A. Thomas; New Bush School Staff Member, Ms. E. Akers (until 7:06 p.m.); New Junior High School Staff Members, Ms. K. Arvanitis and Ms. B. Affeldt (until 7:06 p.m.); New High School Staff Members, Ms. L. Ankele, Mr. K. Duffy, Mr. L. Grodoski, Mr. A. Graffeo and Mr. D. Huber (until 7:06 p.m.); High School Student, Mr. J. Lamann (7:25 p.m.); Minute Recorder, Ms. B. Seger.

CALL TO ORDER

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

TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION TO ADD TO AGENDA

Mr. T. Low asked if there were any discussion topics to be added to the evening's agenda. Mrs. K. Baird suggested adding the topic of the High School baseball fields to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Mrs. K. Baird and seconded by Mrs. M. Martin to approve the agenda for the meeting with the addition of the discussion on the High School baseball fields under "Other Business". "Ayes": All. "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. S. Rooney, Mr. S. Rowe.

WELCOME TO RINGWOOD SCHOOL

Mrs. C. Neiss welcomed the Board to Ringwood School and reported that they have had a great start to the school year. She also spoke briefly on the large quantity of books received from PTO funds and the value of the reading recovery grant.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

Ms. M. Junge introduced new Bush School staff member Elizabeth Akers and Mrs. N. Hurckes introduced new Junior High School staff members Katherine Arvanitis and Beth Affeldt. Mr. K. Shelton completed the introductions by introducing new High School staff members Lauren Ankele, Kevin Duffy, Leonard Grodoski, Anthony Graffeo and Dave Huber. He noted to the Board that new High School staff members Daniel Slavicek and Jon Murphy were unable to attend the meeting due to district extracurricular duties.

APPROVE PUBLIC HEARING: 2011-12 DISTRICT 12 BUDGET

President T. Low announced the opening of the Johnsburg School District 12 2011-12 Budget Hearing. Mr. D. Lawson explained that the tentative budget was on display for the past thirty days and was reviewed extensively by the Finance Committee and full Board. He also answered a few questions from the Board. Mr. T. Low then opened the hearing up to questions from the floor.

Since there were no questions, President T. Low asked for a motion to close the budget hearing. It was moved by Mrs. K. Baird and seconded by Mrs. M. Martin to close the budget hearing. "Ayes": All. "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. S. Rowe. Motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. D. Lawson and Mrs. M. Martin reported on the recent Finance Committee meeting which involved a review of the tentative 2011-12 budget. Mrs. M. Martin reported that the Finance Committee wanted to publicly note that the budget included six categorical payments from the state, two from the year 2010-11 and four for 2011-

12. She noted that if, as anticipated, the district does not receive the two payments from last year from the state the budget would still be balanced.

Mrs. M. Martin reported that the committee discussed the issue of unpaid registration fees, the process used to attempt to collect past due fees and various options to address this topic. The Board requested that more information on the subject be brought back to the Finance Committee for further discussion at their next meeting and then to the full Board.

Mr. D. Lawson reported that the committee reviewed the 2011-12 Administrative Compensation Salary Report which was presented to the Board and will be posted on the district website as is required by the State of Illinois.

ACT TO ADOPT FY-12 DISTRICT 12 BUDGET

It was moved by Mrs. K. Baird and seconded by Mr. G. Barla to adopt the FY-12 Johnsburg School District 12 Budget as presented, with a copy of said resolution hereby attached to become part of these minutes. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mr. G. Barla, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rooney, Mrs. M. Tinsley, Mr. T. Low. "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. S. Rowe. Motion carried.

CONSENT APPROVAL FOR MINUTES OF:

- September 13, 2011 Board of Education Meeting
- September 13, 2011 Board of Education Closed Session Meeting

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

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

COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- JHS Student Johnny Lamann – McHenry County Magazine – Mr. K. Shelton introduced High School student Johnny Lamann to the Board and asked them to join him in commending Johnny for his efforts and hard work in the area of fashion design which was highlighted in the McHenry County Magazine. Board President Mr. T. Low presented him with a certificate and district Frisbee.

- Kevin Shelton – IPA Kishwaukee Region Herman Graves Award Winner – Dr. D. Johnson asked the Board to join with him in commending High School Principal Kevin Shelton for receiving the Herman Graves Award for the Kishwaukee Region of the IPA.

- Sixth Grade Trip to Galena – The Board joined with Dr. D. Johnson in commending Kathy Ort for organizing the successful sixth grade Galena trip.

AGENDA TIME FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK

There were no citizens to speak at this time.

APPROVE SEPTEMBER END-OF-MONTH 2011 BILLS

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

It was moved by Mr. G. Barla and seconded by Mrs. K. Baird to approve the September end-of-month 2011 bills as follows: Education Fund, \$134,417.29; O & M Fund, \$18,043.15; Bond & Interest Fund, \$214.00; Transportation Fund, \$8,612.80 and Municipal Retirement/Social Security Fund, \$18,604.72 as presented. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mr. G. Barla, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rooney, Mrs. M. Tinsley, Mr. T. Low. "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. S. Rowe. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COUNCILS

Elementary Advisory – Mrs. C. Neiss reported on the recent meeting where the discussions included general guidelines, the calendar, homework and the positive transition from Ringwood School to Bush School.

Junior High School Advisory – No report at this time.

High School Advisory Council – No report at this time.

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

MAYC – No report at this time.

PTO – No report at this time.

SEDOM – No report at this time.

Foundation – Dr. D. Johnson reported on the recent meeting where the discussions included Casino Night details, the approval of the updated by-laws, the class action suit funds and the final Orange Ball results. He noted that R.J. Gravel also did a brief training session on the dropbox program.

Tech Campus – Dr. D. Johnson reported on the recent meeting where the discussions included the orientation programs and a presentation of the new virtual painter program.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

JHS FOREIGN LANGUAGE TRIP PROPOSAL

High School foreign language teachers Ms. A. Havener and Ms. A. Weltler used a PowerPoint presentation to outline their proposal for a student foreign language trip to Peru in June 2012. The issues of safety, value of the trip, reliability of the tour company, and possible fundraising for the trip were all covered. Mr. A. Thomas, a representative of the tour company, was present to answer questions from the Board. Due to the timeline for the proposed trip, the Board agreed to move the item to the action portion of the agenda for this meeting.

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Dr. D. Johnson presented the 2011-12 District Improvement Plan for the Board to review and noted that the plan would be presented for formal approval at the October 11th Board meeting. He also noted that the plan is a comprehensive plan developed by the administration and School Board that covers each area of the district and is used to guide the district towards the goal of becoming a lighthouse school district.

ENROLLMENT AND HOUSING REPORT

Dr. D. Johnson presented the annual enrollment and housing report to the Board. He used a PowerPoint presentation to review a copy of the Sixth Day Enrollment Report along with several other charts that illustrated data on enrollment, home sales and class sizes. He highlighted the information that was included in the report pointing out several key issues including the affect of the economy on enrollment and housing and the need to monitor enrollment in the future and maintain the district's facilities.

STRATEGIC PLAN DISCUSSION

As part of the Strategic Plan process, Dr. D. Johnson presented information regarding the potential community forums that were discussed during the recent Board Retreat that would include district updates and community feedback. The Board discussed possible areas to cover in the presentation, timeline options, the presentation structure and follow-up materials. After hearing the suggestions and concerns of its members, the Board agreed to follow the less aggressive timeline for the forums, which would allow more time to prepare the presentation and materials. They also agreed to discuss the topic once again at the October 11th Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL RECOGNITION

Dr. D. Johnson presented the Application for School Recognition that each building is required to submit to the ISBE and requested Board approval for the submission of the 2011-12 Application for Recognition of Schools for each building.

It was moved by Mrs. K. Baird and second by Mr. S. Rooney to approve the submission of applications for school recognition as presented. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mr. G. Barla, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rooney, Mrs. M. Tinsley, Mr. T. Low. "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. S. Rowe. Motion carried.

PROPOSED 2011-12 EXTRA-DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

It was moved by Mrs. M. Tinsley and seconded by Mr. G. Barla to approve the employment of various stipend positions, supervision and employee assignments for 2011-12 as per attached recommendations. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mr. G. Barla, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rooney, Mrs. M. Tinsley, Mr. T. Low "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. S. Rowe. Motion carried.

JHS FOREIGN LANGUAGE TRIP PROPOSAL

It was moved by Mrs. M. Martin and seconded by Mrs. K. Baird to approve the proposal for a High School student trip to Peru in the summer of 2012 as presented. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mr. G. Barla, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rooney, Mrs. M. Tinsley, Mr. T. Low "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. S. Rowe. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

- The Board was reminded that the next regular Board meeting would be on October 11, 2011 in the Bush School Learning Center.
- Dr. D. Johnson notified the Board that a Personnel Committee meeting needed to be scheduled for the fall. The date for the meeting was scheduled for November 22, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
- The Board was informed that the High School Homecoming Week will begin on October 3rd.
- Mr. T. Low asked the Board to read the IASB 2011 Resolutions Report on issues that will be voted on at the upcoming IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Conference and noted that the Board would have the opportunity to discuss any necessary points at a future meeting.
- The Board discussed the High School baseball fields and whether there were existing plans for them. Dr. D. Johnson noted that he would obtain additional information on the subject and forward it to the Board.

CLOSED SESSION – 8:40 PM – 10:45 PM

It was moved by Mrs. M. Tinsley and seconded by Mrs. M. Martin to go into Closed Session at 8:40 p.m. regarding appointment, employment, or dismissal of an employee or officer. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mr. G. Barla, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rooney, Mrs. M. Tinsley, Mr. T. Low. "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. S. Rowe. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. M. Tinsley and seconded by Mr. G. Barla to come out of Closed Session at 10:45 p.m. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mr. G. Barla, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rooney, Mrs. M. Tinsley, Mr. T. Low. "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. S. Rowe. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT

It was moved by Mr. G. Barla and seconded by Mrs. M. Martin to approve the employment of Ron Schrader as assistant track and field coach at the stipend level category D step 1 and Mia Roe as 7th/8th grade cheerleading coach at the stipend level category D step 1 at the Junior High School and Jon Murphy as High School assistant football coach at the stipend level category DD step 1 (pro-rated for the actual days of employment in the position) and as assistant wrestling coach at the stipend level category EE step 1 on the 2011-12 athletic extra duty salary schedule for the 2011-12 school year. On roll call vote, "Ayes": Mrs. K. Baird, Mr. G. Barla, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rooney, Mrs. M. Tinsley, Mr. T. Low. "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. S. Rowe. Motion carried.

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, Mr. G. Barla, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. S. Rooney, Mrs. M. Tinsley, Mr. T. Low. "Nays": None. Absent: Mr. S. Rowe. Motion carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT – 10:55 PM

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