

SENECA GRADE SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The board of Education met for their regular scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. on January 19th, 2011 at the Seneca Grade School North Campus Board Room.

President Bedeker called for roll call.

Present: Baker, Barla, Quigley, Sangston, Thompson, and Bedeker.

Absent: Roseland

Thompson moved to accept the minutes from the December 15th, 2010; seconded by Sangston.

Yeas: Baker, Barla, Quigley, Sangston, Thompson and Bedeker.

Nays: None

Hearing of Citizens: None Present

Hearing of Teachers: Michelle Hall, K-2 Special Education teacher, commented on changes in the laws regarding implementing research based curriculum for all students in special education. Michael Richard, K-8 General Music and Chorus teacher reviewed the grade level units students will be studying this quarter. Fourth grade will be having a recorder concert in March. Students will be participating in the Solo Ensemble Contest held on April 2nd, hosted by M-V-K. This year the 7/8 grade Chorus Concert will highlight an arrangement of music from Motown.

Baker moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and investments as given by secretary: Education \$586,833.34; Building \$103,607.86; Transportation \$18,207.14; IMRF \$19,185.60; Tort \$3,187.80; LEASE \$350.00; Totaling \$731,371.74; seconded by Barla.

Yeas: Baker, Barla, Quigley, Sangston, Thompson and Bedeker.

Nays: None

Barla moved to pay the following monthly bills: Education \$40,279.95; Building \$47,031.88; Transportation; \$10,179.59; Tort \$3,187.80; LEASE \$350.00; Total \$101,029.22; seconded by Sangston.

Yeas: Baker, Barla, Quigley, Sangston, Thompson and Bedeker.

Nays: None

Thompson moved to accept the quote for new cafeteria software, hardware components and training from LunchBox, totaling \$8,338.00; seconded by Barla.

Yeas: Baker, Barla, Quigley, Sangston, Thompson and Bedeker.

Nays: None

Board gave direction to move forward in securing bids for the South Campus gymnasium floor replacement project.

Baker moved to accept the proposal from Illinois Risk Management Services to complete an Actuarial Analysis to assess liability and risk; seconded by Quigley.

Yeas: Baker, Barla, Quigley, Sangston, Thompson and Bedeker.

Nays: None

Supt. Misener informed the board that the Spring IASBO Starved Rock Division meeting is scheduled for March 1st for any board members interested in attending.

Supt. Misener also reminded board members that the community informational meeting for building and renovations is scheduled for Thursday, January 27th, at 6:00 p.m. with a board study session to follow.

Principal McGhee highlighted information given to teachers attending the assembly on January 3rd, institute day. She explained how many teachers have started to implement Six Traits to Writing into their classroom. She also commented on the success the Afterschool program is having for 2nd-4th grade students who need additional assistance with homework. The fourth grade students will be heading on a field trip to LaSalle on Friday to learn about Birds of Prey. Seneca fourth grade students have also been chosen to participate in the NAEP, national assessment educational testing program.

Principal Severson handed out his discipline data sheets which compares the last three years of discipline reports. He is very pleased with several grades and the improvement and growth the other grades are making. He also attended the LaSalle County Board Meeting last week where Cassidy Maierhofer was nominated and presented with the Student Excellence Award. Student's 3rd-8th grade will be entertained on February 25th, by the Dazzling Mills Family in preparation for doing your best during ISAT testing.

Sangston moved to go into Executive Session at 7:41 p.m. for legal and personnel; seconded by Barla.

Yeas: Baker, Barla, Quigley, Sangston, Thompson and Bedeker.

Nays: None

Barla moved to return to Open Session at 8:16 p.m.; seconded by Quigley

Yeas: Baker, Barla, Quigley, Sangston, Thompson and Bedeker.

Nays: None

Thompson moved to grant the maternity leaves for Heather Jenkins and Kelly Baudino as submitted; seconded by Barla.

Yeas: Baker, Barla, Quigley, Sangston, Thompson and Bedeker.

Nays: None

Committee Report: Supt. Misener updated the board with new building drawings which addressed several minor changes.

Communications: Thank you from both Susan Warning and SEEA members were read in gratitude and appreciation for the nice Christmas party given by the district.

New Business: None

Barla moved to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.; seconded by Sangston.

Yeas: Baker, Barla, Quigley, Sangston, Thompson and Bedeker.

Nays: None

Teachers Present: Michelle Hall
Michael Richards

Approved

Date

Dianne Bushman, Secretary