

SENECA GRADE SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The Board of Education met for their regular scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. on April 20, 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

Barla moved to accept the minutes of the March 20, 2011 and the April 12, 2011, meeting; seconded by Sangston.

Yeas: Baker, Barla, Quigley, Sangston, Thompson and Bedeker
Nays: None

Hearing of Citizens: Principal Severson introduced Morgan Armbrust, February student of the month, daughter of Marc and Chris Armbrust and Joe Mathews, March student of the month, son of Dan and Sherri Mathews. Board members congratulated each of the students on their many achievements.

Hearing of Teachers: Pam Gillis, K-2 reading specialist explained the reading room and how first and second grade students continue make great strides on decoding and comprehension in small groups with additional aides and teachers used for the guided reading program. Kindergarten was added to the reading room last quarter and these students have also greatly benefited. She is looking to expand her guided reading books with more group sets. Aimsweb benchmarking is set for May. Stan Crews, 7/8 grade consumer economics teacher, highlighted the point power presentations, keyboarding and spreadsheet units students have just completed. Seventh graders next project will be researching and planning a vacation, while eight grade students will be creating their own newspaper using the skills they have learned in class.

Baker moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and investments as given by secretary: Education \$580,211.99; Building \$72,064.64; Transportation \$16,467.10; IMRF \$18,812.85; LEASE \$175.00; Tort \$276.50; Totaling \$688,008.08; seconded by Thompson.

Yeas: Baker, Barla, Quigley, Sangston, Thompson and Bedeker
Nays: None

Barla moved to pay the following monthly bills: Education \$208,290.24; Building \$35,672.68; Transportation \$11,407.03; LEASE \$175.00; Tort \$276.50 Totaling \$255,821.45; seconded by Sangston

Yeas: Baker, Barla, Quigley, Sangston, Thompson and Bedeker
Nays: None

Barla moved to adopt new board policy on Identity Protection and the following procedures 4:15, 4:15-AP, 4:15-E1, 4:15-E2, 4:15-E3 and approved the following board policy revisions: 2:20E, 2:140, 2:150-AP, 2:240-E1, 2:240-E2, 2:240-E3, 2:250, 2:250-AP1, 3:50, 3:60, 4:110AP2, 5:40, 5:40-AP, 5:50, 5:100, 5:150, 5:150-AP1, 5:200, 5:285, 5:300, 6:100, 6:100-AP, 6:100E, 6:150, 6:160, 6:185, 6:190, 6:250, 6:250-AP, 6:250E, 6:255, 7:60-AP1, 7:190-AP4, 7:260, 7:270-AP, 7:280, 8:10, 8:90, 8:95, 8:95-E1, 8:95-E2, 8:110; seconded by Thompson.

Yeas: Baker, Barla, Quigley, Sangston, Thompson and Bedeker
Nays: None

Sangston moved to adopt Resolution authorizing and directing its attorney, Whitt Law LLC, to file an appeal with the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board for the said parcels for the year 2010; seconded by Barla.

Yeas: Baker, Barla, Quigley, Sangston, Thompson and Bedeker
Nays: None

Baker moved to adopt the Resolution declaring the intention to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and is issuing \$4,300,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds of Seneca Community Consolidated School District Number 170, LaSalle and Grundy Counties, Illinois, and directing the notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law, as presented; seconded by Thompson.

Yeas: Baker, Barla, Quigley, Sangston, Thompson and Bedeker
Nays: None

Barla moved to approve the amended 2010-2011 Seneca Grade School calendar as presented by Supt. Misener; seconded by Quigley. The calendar reflects two additional days that were taken as snow days. Teacher's Institute day will be May 31, followed by report card day on June 1, no bus service will run on Wednesday. Last full day of school is Friday, May 27th, 2011 for students.

Yeas: Baker, Barla, Quigley, Sangston, Thompson and Bedeker
Nays: None

Supt. Misener outlined projected technology expenses with the board. Recommendations include new core switches for North and South campus, server virtualization/storage/backup project and renewals of software support and warranty. Board moved to accept the 2011 technology projects. Payment for most of the projects will come from the LEASE fund.

Yeas: Baker, Barla, Quigley, Sangston, Thompson and Bedeker
Nays: None

Baker moved to approve the bid for new Nevco Baseball scoreboard totaling \$3,346.00; seconded by Barla.

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

Nays: None

Supt. Misener covered several minor changes in the 2011-2012 Student/Parent Handbook including adding the action plan for students with food allergies and utilizing the STAR (Students, Teachers and Resources) process to help students succeed. Barla moved to approve 2011-2012 Student/Parent Handbook as presented; seconded by Thompson.

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

Nays: None

Supt. Misener updated board on the start of renovations at the North Campus. Vissering will begin some of the preliminary work next week. Chamblins pre-bid construction meeting is set for May 11th for contractors interested in the storm sewer project.

Principal Severson updated the board on the end of the school year events. Graduation will be held Tuesday, May 24th, at 7:00 at the South Campus. Principal Severson has contacted students lacking points for graduation and summer school for those students will be held the first part of June. Track is off to a slow start with the bad weather but hopefully the IVC Conference meet held on Thursday, May 21st, will give students a chance to finally show off some of their hard work and talent. Principal Severson congratulated all the students that competed on the Scholastic Bowl Team and Spelling Bowl Team. Both teams won the IVC conference meets. Individual spelling bee winners were Madi Carr, 6th grade, Alexis Brown, 7th grade and Mali Seilheimer, 8th grade and the overall winner Madi Carr. He highlighted some of the activities that went on during the Japan-o-rama fundraiser that students and staff participated in. One thousand seven hundred fifty dollars was raised and will go to the Red Cross relieve efforts in Japan.

Principal McGhee's North Campus students will be participating in a tree planting ceremony on Arbor Day, May 29. Student and staff are also participating in the Pennies for Japan campaign. Many end of the year field trips are back to the environment, visiting nature areas, parks and historical locations for students to explore and learn. Teacher Appreciation Week will be May 2nd thru 6th and P.S.O. has many wonderful things planned for our teachers and staff in appreciation for the great work they do all year for our students here at Seneca Grade School.

Barla moved to go into Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. for legal and personnel; seconded by Sangston.

Yeas: Baker, Quigley, Thompson and Bedeker

Nays: None

Barla moved to return to Open Session at 9:05 p.m.; seconded by Thompson.

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

Nays: None

Thompson moved to hire Tim Brungard for the 7/8 grade P.E. teaching position for 2011-2012 school year, replacing Mr. Stahl who is retiring at the end of school year; seconded by Quigley.

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

Nays: None

Thompson moved to hire Tim Brungard, for 8th grade boys baseball coaching position for the 2011-2012 school year; seconded by Quigley.

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

Nays: None

Thompson moved to hire Tim Brungard, for the 7th grade boys basketball coaching position for the 2011-2012 school year; seconded by Quigley.

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

Nays: None

Thompson moved to hire Michael Richards for the 6th grade boys basketball coaching position for the 2011-2012 school year; seconded by Barla.

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

Nays: None

Thompson moved increase hourly wages an additional .15 cents on top of the normal .35 cent step level increases for non-certified hourly staff; seconded by Quigley.

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

Nays: None

Thompson moved to increase wages 3 percent for all full-time non-certified salaried staff; seconded by Barla.

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

Nays: None

Thompson moved to rehire Shane Severson, South Campus principal and Lynn McGhee, North Campus principal for the 2011-2012 school year; seconded by Barla.

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

Nays: None

Thompson moved to rescind Mr. Maxwell's resignation as 7/8 science teacher and head track coach for the 2011-2012 school year; seconded Quigley.

Yeas: Baker, Barla, Quigley, Sangston, Thompson and Bedeker
Nays: None

Committee Report: None

Communications: None

Old Business: Parents will be notified thru Alertnow phone message, web-site and email as soon as the South Campus entrance is ready to be opened.

New Business: Board directed Supt. Misener to explore purchasing agreement for gator utility vehicle with snow blade.

Supt. Misener recognized Brian Barla and Bill Roseland for their years of dedication and service to the Seneca Grade School Board of Education.
Brian thanked the board for the opportunity to service.
President Bedeker announced Mike Applebee and Brent Sulzberger as new board members and oath of office was read.

President Bedeker; "inasmuch as there is no further business to come before this board, a motion for adjournment sine die is needed".

Barla moved to adjourn sine die to reorganize; seconded by Sangston.

Board appointed Baker as Chairman for reorganization.

Baker calls new school board to order.

Present: Applebee, Baker, Bedeker, Quigley, Sangston, Sulzberger and Thompson.
Absent: None

Baker opened the floor for nominations for President.

Quigley nominated Bedeker for president; seconded by Sangston.

Bedeker is nominated. No further nominations for the office of president, therefore, nominations for the office of president are closed.

Bedeker being the only candidate nominated for the office of president, the chair hereby declares him elected.

President Baker opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President.

Sangston nominated Thompson vice-president; seconded by Quigley.

Thompson is nominated. No further nominations for the office of vice-president, therefore, nominations for the office of vice-president are closed.

Thompson being the only candidate nominated for the office of vice-president, the chair hereby declares her elected.

Baker moved that the following institution be named as school depositories: First Midwest Bank of Seneca and Hometown National Bank of LaSalle; seconded by Quigley.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Bedeker, Quigley, Sangston, Sulzberger, and Thompson

Nays: None

Baker moved to appoint the following: Bill Steep, Treasurer; Dianne Bushman, Secretary; and George Mueller, Whitt Law and Klein Thorpe & Jenkins, School Attorneys seconded by Barla.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Bedeker, Quigley, Sangston, Sulzberger, and Thompson

Nays: None

Baker moved that the past Board Policy be adopted; seconded by Quigley.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Bedeker, Quigley, Sangston, Sulzberger, and Thompson

Nays: None

President Baker appointed the following:

IASB Delegate: Quigley

IASB Alternate: Sangston

L.E.A.S.E. Delegate: Sulzberger

Baker moved to adjourn at 9:28 p.m.; seconded by Thompson.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Bedeker, Quigley, Sangston, Sulzberger, and Thompson

Nays: None

Dianne Bushman, Board Secretary

Approved

Date

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