

SENECA GRADE SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The Board of Education met for their special meeting at 7:00 p.m. on August 17, 2011 at the Seneca Grade School South Campus Library, 410 Main St., Seneca, IL.

President Bedeker called for roll call.

Present: Applebee, Sangston, Thompson and Bedeker  
Absent: Quigley, Baker, Sulzberger

Baker arrived at 7:02

Thompson moved to accept the minutes of the July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting; seconded by Sangston.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson, and Bedeker  
Nays: None

Hearing of Citizens: No Comments

Hearing of Teachers: Vicky Garrison, speech teacher, gave summer school students speech services twice a week for three weeks. She will have roughly fifty students receiving services during the upcoming school year which is an average number. She is also very excited and looking forward to being in her new classroom this year. Cory Yandell, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, is into his third week of coaching baseball and things are going well. He commented on how nice the south campus gymnasium looks and is looking forward to coaching basketball on the new floor.

Baker moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and investments as given by secretary: Education \$417,547.09 Building \$84,539.38; Transportation \$5,397.23; IMRF \$16,647.78; Capital Projects \$1,085,994.68, Tort \$1,979.40; Totaling \$1,612,105.56; seconded by Thompson.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Sangston, Thompson, and Bedeker  
Nays: None

Sangston moved to pay the following monthly bills: Education \$108,741.73; Building \$50,062.43; Transportation \$2,346.07; Capital Projects \$1,085,994.68, Tort \$1,979.40 Totaling \$1,249,124.31; seconded by Applebee.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Sangston, Thompson, and Bedeker  
Nays: None

Sulzberger arrived at 7:08 p.m.

Supt. Misener reviewed the cuts in federal and state money and the decline of income on investments which have all contributed to the decrease in income revenue. Baker moved to approve the 2011-2012 tentative budget and to hold the budget hearing at 6:55 p.m., prior to the

September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 board meeting to be held at the South Campus Library, at 410 South Main St., Seneca, IL; seconded by Thompson.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson, and Bedeker  
Nays: None

Supt. Misener highlighted construction updates. The school will be ready to open on time. A small list of items need to be finished before school starts but classrooms are ready and the gym has been cleaned out and furniture and books are back in their classrooms. The walkway between the north and south ends of the North campus is complete with the exception of added a few doors. It was estimated that 2/3 of the renovation project is complete and the balance will be finished over break and next summer when students are not in attendance. The Storm Sewer project will be completed this week. Craig Wright, architect, explained the new construction. Contractors are underlying the plumbing and electrical. Next the concrete slabs will begin being poured in the new addition. Structural steel will be arriving and work will be starting on the east end working to the west.

Thompson moved to accept the property liability insurance bids from Horton Insurance Group; seconded by Sangston.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson, and Bedeker  
Nays: None

Stu Whitt set the timeline and highlighted the accounts of what has brought the Seneca Grade School to the transfer of tort funds and abatement of taxes levied for the capitol fund project. The sale of the working cash bonds will be delivered September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 and will be abated by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. He reviewed the 1.4% interest rate that will be paid and the agreement with Vezzetti Capital Management and other expenses related to the transaction. Tax exempt status and closed transaction will keep fees to a minimal.

Baker moved to approve the Bond Purchase Agreement for the sale of \$4,300,000 Working Cash Bonds, Series 2011, to Vezzetti Capital Management LLC, as presented; seconded by Sangston.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson, and Bedeker  
Nays: None

Thompson moved to approve the Resolution providing for the issue of \$4,300,000 taxable General School Bonds, Series 2011 of Community Consolidated School District Number 170, LaSalle and Grundy Counties, Illinois, and for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, as presented; seconded by Baker.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson, and Bedeker  
Nays: None

Thompson moved to approve the Treasurer's surety bond issued by Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland in the amount of \$1,075,000 at initial premium of \$1,075, as presented; seconded by Sulzberger.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson, and Bedeker  
Nays: None

Principal Severson discussed the importance of summer school to students and the jump start they will have to the beginning of the school year. Mrs. Novotney, Mr. Bilyeu, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Brudnak and Mr. Novario all exposed students to curriculum during the three weeks of summer school that will have them ready for next school year. The first day for students is August 23<sup>rd</sup>, with dismissal at the south campus at 11:35 p.m. Teachers will be busy on Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> with computer, grade book and promethean board training. Principal Severson and Principal McGhee will be having a district wide meeting with aides to answer any questions they may have.

Principal McGhee discussed how construction has impacted the North Campus. Teacher did get in their rooms a couple days earlier than what they original thought. Therefore, teachers got a jump on getting into their classrooms and a lot has happened in a short amount of time. Faculty and staff will be going over the many changes that will affect students this year. Housekeeping and Maintenance has done a great job moving and cleaning the building so it will be ready on Tuesday for students.

Sangston moved to go into Executive Session at 7:52 p.m. for legal and personnel; seconded by Thompson.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson, and Bedeker  
Nays: None

Thompson moved to return to Open Session at 9:11 p.m.; seconded by Applebee

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson, and Bedeker  
Nays: None

Thompson moved to hire Sarah Timmons, South Campus part-time secretary, for the 2011-2012 school year to replace Rhonda McCormick who moved to the PK-4 secretary position; seconded by Sangston.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson, and Bedeker  
Nays: None

Thompson moved to hire Alaina Sinnott, South Campus Sp. Ed. Aide, for the 2011-2012 school year; seconded by Sangston

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson, and Bedeker  
Nays: None

Thompson moved to hire Jalea Platt, North Campus Preschool Aide, for the 2011-2012 school year; seconded by Sangston.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson, and Bedeker  
Nays: None

Committee Report: Nothing to Report

Communications: Amy Carr thanked the board for the gas card she received.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Thompson moved to adjourn at 9:14 p.m.; seconded by Baker.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson, and Bedeker  
Nays: None

Dianne Bushman, Board Secretary

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Approved

Date

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Dianne Bushman, Board Secretary

Teachers Present: Cory Yandell  
Vicky Garrison

In Attendance:

Bill Steep, Treasurer

Stu Whitt

Josh Whitt

Newspaper: Kate Reynolds