

SENECA GRADE SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The Board of Education met for their regular scheduled meeting at 7:33 p.m. on March 16, 2011 at the Seneca Grade School North Campus Board Room.

President Bedeker called for roll call.

Present: Baker, Quigley, Thompson, and Bedeker
Absent: Barla, Roseland, and Sangston

Baker moved to accept the minutes of the February 20, 2011 meeting; seconded by Thompson.

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

Hearing of Citizens: None Present

Hearing of Teachers: Julie Morris, 6th grade science and social studies teacher, talked about the geography fair. Students dressed in ethnic costumes, brought in food and gave presentations on different countries. Students have also started a inter discipline unit where all classes have centered there projects around March Madness. Students may be researching the colleges, team statistics, sport medicine, or designing a graph to support their findings. Future units include an embryo project and the measure of soil acidity. Sixth grade students will also be heading on a field trip to the weather station. Ms. Morris congratulated Kylie Mattas who was one out of 25 winners selected out of 2,000 state applications as a Coal Calendar winner.

Quigley moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and investments as given by secretary: Education \$618,761.09; Building \$64,106.95; Transportation \$16,813.44; IMRF \$19,048.41; LEASE \$175.00; Tort \$795.30; Totaling \$719,700.19; seconded by Thompson.

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

Baker moved to pay the following monthly bills: Education \$240,633.44; Building \$31,589.79; \$11,636.51; LEASE \$175.00; Tort \$795.30 Totaling \$284,830.04; seconded by Quigley

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

Board had first reading of the new board policy 4:15 regarding Identity Protection, followed by review of administrative procedures and exhibits to that policy.

Quigley moved to proceed forward with the recommendation from Chamlin & Associates to update North Campus Storm sewer and complete the drawings for bid packets; seconded by Thompson.

Yeas: Baker, Quigley, Thompson and Bedeker

Nays: None

Board moved to approve the 2011-2012 Seneca Community Grade School calendar as presented by Supt. Misener. First day of school for students will be a ½ day on Tuesday, August 23rd. Parent-Teacher Conference will be October 27th and 28th. One change for the upcoming year is students and staff will be attending school on Casmir Pulaski Day. Spring Break will be the same for all feeder schools and will coincide with Easter and run from April 2nd thru April 9th.

Yeas: Baker, Quigley, Thompson and Bedeker

Nays: None

Supt. Misener announced the employees that are the recipients of the LaSalle County Excellence in Education Award for this year. Certified personnel receiving recognition will be Terry Maxwell, Sherilyn Yerly, and Michael Richards. Non-certified employee is Susan Warning. The banquet will be held Thursday, May 5th, 6:00 p.m. at Pitstick's. Direction was given to make necessary reservations.

Supt. Misener reviewed North Campus construction updates. Ideal Environmental is scheduled to complete the asbestos abatement project over spring break. Wright and Associates should have construction bids packets finalized for the April meeting. Chamlin & Associates are finishing up the site survey with elevation of entrances and ramps for the new building.

Principal McGhee reviewed that preschool/kindergarten screening has been completed by LEASE with seventy children screened this year. ISAT test are completed and will be sent back tomorrow. She was very pleased with the good attendance by students. The fourth grade recorder concert was held on Wednesday and Mr. Richards and his students did a fine job, with many parents and family members in attendance. Two kindergarten teachers just returned from the Illinois ASCD Conference and several teachers are heading to Springfield on Thursday for the Annual Reading Council Conference, "Literacy Outside the Box", both conferences prove to be very beneficial to our teachers. Principal McGhee also mentioned that try-outs for the PSO talent show will be held March 17th, with the actual show being preformed on Wednesday, March 30th.

Supt. Misener gave the South Campus updates. He congratulated the math Team who won the IVC Math Contest. Some outstanding winners in 6th grade were, 1st place Sean Baker, 2nd place Jamie Goslin, 4th place Cole Westmoreland. Seventh grade winners included 1st place Lyle Marshall, 2nd place Wyatt Quigley, 4th place Emma Bedeker, and eighth grade 3rd place Aaron Victor and 4th place Greg Granby. He also congratulated the 7th Grade girl's volleyball team on an excellent season, compiling a record of 20-3. The

girls won the regional championship against Oglesby.

Baker moved to go into Executive Session at 7:54 p.m. for legal and personnel; seconded by Thompson.

Yeas: Baker, Quigley, Thompson and Bedeker

Nays: None

Thompson moved to return to Open Session at 8:50 p.m.; seconded by Quigley

Yeas: Baker, Quigley, Thompson and Bedeker

Nays: None

Thompson moved to tenure the following teachers Pam Gillis and Jen Zelko; seconded by Quigley.

Yeas: Baker, Quigley, Thompson and Bedeker

Nays: None

Thompson moved to re-employ the following non-tenured staff for the 2011-2012 school year; Sherilyn Yerly, Michael Richards, Jycee Feiner, Julie Morris, Liz Brudnak, Heather Meszaros, Katie Ranallo, Cory Yandell, and Kelly Baudino.

Yeas: Baker, Quigley, Thompson and Bedeker

Nays: None

Thompson moved to honor John Bilyeus' request to be assigned to the 5th grade teaching position for the 2011-2012 school year, replacing Joni Harbert who is retiring at end of the school year; seconded by Quigley.

Yeas: Baker, Quigley, Thompson and Bedeker

Nays: None

Thompson moved to accept resignation letter from Deloris Stahl, locker room supervising position, with regret; seconded by Quigley.

Yeas: Baker, Quigley, Thompson and Bedeker

Nays: None

Thompson moved to accept resignation letter from Terry Maxwell, 7/8 grade science teacher, with regret; seconded by Quigley.

Yeas: Baker, Quigley, Thompson and Bedeker

Nays: None

Committee Report: Building committee did meet on March 10th to discuss the drainage study for the North Campus. Supt. Misener has been in communication with Mayor

Spicer in regards to the storm sewer.

Illinois Veterans' Home in LaSalle thanked all the students who remembered our veterans with Valentines' Day greeting cards.

Old Business: Supt. Misener has received several quotes for a new electronic score board for the baseball diamond.

New Business: None

Baker moved to adjourn at 9:02 p.m.; seconded by Thompson.

Yeas: Baker, Quigley, Thompson and Bedeker

Nays: None

Present: Kate Reynolds – Ottawa Daily Times

Teachers Present: Julie Morris

Approved

Date

Dianne Bushman, Board Secretary