

SENECA GRADE SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The Board of Education met for June 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:55 p.m. for public hearing for comments on the Amended Budget.

President Bedeker called for roll call.

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

Supt. Misener explained the reason for amending the budget to establish a capital project account for the building and renovation and addition projects. No one from the public was present and no comments were made.

Sangston moved to adjourned from public hearing at 6:59 p.m.; seconded by Thompson

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

The Board of Education met for their regular scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011 at the Seneca Grade School North Campus Cafeteria.

President Bedeker called for roll call.

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

Thompson moved to accept the minutes of the May 18<sup>th</sup>, meeting; seconded by Applebee.

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

Hearing of Citizens: No Comment

Hearing of Teachers: Carol Witte, kindergarten teacher, will be teaching summer school to students starting in July. Cheri Hovious, kindergarten teacher, is attending week long class with two other teachers from the grade school, "Ethics of Education". She will also be attending a workshop with Mrs. Olson called, "The First 30 days – Beginning Year Boot Camp 101". Class will focus on creative new ways for making the beginning of the school year more enjoyable for you and your students.

Baker moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and investments as given by secretary: Education \$467,730.79; Building \$56,695.08; Transportation \$46,466.69; IMRF \$19,478.56; LEASE \$52,610.11; Capital Projects \$274,672.97, Tort \$646.00; Totaling \$918,300.20; seconded by Thompson.

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

Sangston moved to pay the following monthly bills: Education \$87,711.47; Building \$19,320.10; \$40,391.96; LEASE \$52,610.11; Capital Projects \$274,672.97 Tort \$646.00 Totaling \$475,352.61; seconded by Thompson.

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

Thompson moved to adopt the 2010-2011 amended school budget; seconded by Applebee.

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

Thompson moved to adopt the resolution for transfer of \$3.5 million from the Education Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund pursuant to 17-2A of the School Code; seconded by Baker.

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

Baker moved to adopt the resolution for transfer of \$6.5 million from Operations and Maintenance Fund to Capital Projects Fund pursuant to 23 Illinois Administrative Code 100.50; seconded by Thompson.

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

Sangston moved to adopt the resolution to authorizing Whitt Law to act on behalf of the Seneca Grade School District #170 in proceedings before the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board for the 2009 tax year; seconded by Applebee.

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

Thompson moved to approve the prevailing wage requirements as presented for LaSalle County for 2011-2012; seconded by Sangston.

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

Sangston moved to approve the purchase of 78 Kindle e-readers; seconded by Applebee. Board also discussed the usage of iPads in the classroom.

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

Board directed Supt. Misener to advertise for bids to purchase or lease a new 83 passenger Blue Bird bus.

Sangston moved to approve the 2010-2011 North and South Campus safety drill reports; seconded by Thompson.

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

Supt. Misener introduced John Vaughn, Wright and Associates project manager. He highlighted the construction progress at both the North and South Campus. The South Campus gymnasium sub floor is 90% complete and work will be completed in the next couple of weeks on the wood floor. The renovation work is on schedule at the North Campus with the sheet rock and plumbing underway. Later in the week asbestos abatement will begin in the old building and ground work will start for the new building.

Principal Severson highlighted the end of the year field trips and discussed exploring options for maybe changing some trips because of the increased travel times and road construction into the city. Thursday will be the last day for 8<sup>th</sup> grade summer school students. All students have completed their requirements to move onto high school.

Principal McGhee and three other teachers attended “Character<sup>plus</sup> Way” workshop today. She was very impressed with the strategies and skills they have created to help educators transform school culture. The program builds a framework for core values, and produces academic excellence thru staff commitment and parent involvement. She is looking forward to implementing the program. She complimented all the teachers on the great job they did working together and getting the rooms cleaned out and ready for the move. Principal McGhee also congratulated Mrs. Aleman who will be honored at a luncheon and receiving a grant for \$500.00 from EcoLab for new series of guided reading books.

Thompson moved to go into Executive Session at 8:08 p.m. for personnel and legal; seconded by Baker.

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

Sulzberger arrived 8:08 p.m.

Thompson moved to return to Open Session at 8:24 p.m.; seconded by Applebee.

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

Thompson moved to reassign Shirley Smith to library secretary for the 2011-2012 school year; seconded by Baker.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson & Bedeker

Nays: None

Thompson moved to reassign Rhonda McCormick to the North Campus PK-4 principal secretary for the 2011-2012 school year; seconded by Baker.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson & Bedeker

Nays: None

Thompson moved to accept the resignation letter from Carol Witte, kindergarten teacher under provision specified under retirement Option A of the teachers contract, at the end of the 2014-2015 school year, with regret; seconded by Baker.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson & Bedeker

Nays: None

Communications from Joni Harbert and Greg Stahl were read. They thanked the board for years of continued support and opportunities given to them as they taught at Seneca Grade School and for their beautiful rocking chairs. Thank yous were also read from both Seneca Grade School Foundation Scholarship winners Joel McDonald and Allie Victor.

New Business: Ground Breaking Ceremony will be held Monday, June 27, 2011 at 6:00 at the North Campus on Walnut Street. The July board meeting will be moved to Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> and located in the North Campus Cafeteria.

Applebee moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.; seconded by Sangston.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson & Bedeker

Nays: None

Dianne Bushman, Board Secretary

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Teachers Present: Carol Witte  
Cheri Hovious

Newspaper: Kate Reynolds