

Mendota School District 289 Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Narration: District 289 Education Center - April 17, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Community School District #289, LaSalle, Bureau and Lee, was held on April 17, 2007 in the District 289 Education Center Board Room.

Declaration: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Johnson at 7:01 p.m. with the following Board members answering present: Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Prescott, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Morris and Mr. Cassidy.

Absent: Mrs. Phalen and Mr. Barth

Note: Board Member entering meeting

Mr. Barth entered the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Mrs. Phalen entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Resolution: Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Prescott, seconded by Mr. Pohl to approve the agenda with the following change, requested by Mr. Cassidy, the May board meeting moved to May 14, 2007 (Monday) and the June board meeting moved to June 18, 2007 (Monday). The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Prescott, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Phalen, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Barth. Motion carried.

Resolution: Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Prescott, seconded by Mrs. Phalen to approve the consent agenda. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Prescott, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Phalen, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Barth. Motion carried.

Report: Board Reports

The personnel committees, District #289 and District #280, conducted the joint interview with the candidate for curriculum director. The personnel committee recommended Mary Beth Niles to be hired as the Curriculum Director for the two districts. The candidate was offered and has accepted the position for the 2007/2008 school year.

The Technology committee will have a meeting scheduled in May. An Inservice meeting will be held April 18, 2007. Mrs. Burress stated that the teachers and staff felt that the inservice meetings for this year were very productive and well planned. The Evaluation committee met on April 16, 2007 with the next meeting scheduled for April 23, 2007 at 3:30 p.m.. The evaluation standards have been set and the remaining item being reviewed is the outside factors/steps involved in the evaluation process. After a brief discussion the board members authorized Mrs. Burress cancel participation in the TAG program.

Report: Administration Reports

Connie Crawford presented the board members with a copy of the PRIDE meeting minutes that was held on March 26, 2007. The new slate of officers are: Blackstone chairperson - Julie Lee; Lincoln chairperson - Tricia Guelde; Northbrook Chairperson - Patty Ward; Secretary - Laurie Zimmerman; and Treasurer - Kim Burke. The Board members offered their appreciation to Connie Crawford for her outstanding job and commitment to PRIDE.

Brad Hoff from Thompson Security/Thompson Electronics Company gave a presentation of information regarding security improvements for the district to the Board members. The 3 primary steps to tighten the physical security of each school building are to completely secure the building's perimeter, allow visitors to enter only upon authorization by staff, and capture digital images from strategically located cameras were discussed. This discussion was based on the \$16,000.00 matching grant being offered to the district for security.

The principals of each school, Mrs. Pozzi - Northbrook, Mr. Engstrom - Lincoln and Mrs. Kelly - Blackstone then presented both the "Climate Survey" results and the 2006 District Report card for each respective school/grade level to the board members. The district truancy and mobility rate was lower than the state, but the attendance rate was higher. Also reported was all grade levels except kindergarten had a higher average class size than the state.

Mrs. Burress also reported that the 2007 School District Financial Profile, based on the 2006 school year financial data, places the Mendota Elementary District within the Financial Recognition range. This is the highest category obtainable for the School District Financial Profile and the State Board realizes that this is a significant accomplishment. The Mendota Elementary District did not make AYP two consecutive years and therefore must complete a district improvement plan by June 1, 2007. Mrs. Burress also informed the board that there are workshops available from ISBE for newly elected board members and new board presidents.

Public Participation: Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Resolution: Budget Hearing

At 8:40 p.m. Mrs. Burress opened the amended fiscal year 2007 budget hearing. A brief discussion and review of information presented was held. There being no questions from the public, the hearing was closed with a motion by Mrs. Prescott, seconded by Mrs. Phalen at 8:55 p.m. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Prescott, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Phalen, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Barth. Motion carried. (4.10)

Resolution: Adopt Fiscal Year 2007 Amended budget

A motion was made by Mrs. Prescott, seconded by Mrs. Phalen to adopt the fiscal year 2007 amended budget as presented. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Prescott, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Phalen, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Barth. Motion carried. (4.10)

Resolution: Adopt Board Policy

A motion was made by Mr. Barth, seconded by Mrs. Prescott to adopt the CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act) Policy as presented. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Prescott, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Phalen, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Barth. Motion carried. (2.02)

Resolution: Authorize food commodities and Insurance bids

A motion was made by Mrs. Phalen, seconded by Mr. Cassidy to authorize release of bid proposals for food (bread & milk) commodities and insurance (property, liability and worker's compensation). The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Prescott, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Phalen, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Barth. Motion carried. (4.06)

Resolution: Student Management System

Mrs. Burress presented a request that the District seek a new student management system that provides round-the-clock support and training. There are areas that the current system does not address that other commercial student management products, State and Federal government reporting, provide. The cost may be as high as \$30,000.00, but was included on the list of capital needs for the district when proposing the working cash bonds. A motion was made by Mrs. Morris, seconded by Mr. Cassidy to authorize Mr. Burress to obtain a proposal for review and action at the May Board meeting. The following voice roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Prescott, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Phalen, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Barth. Motion carried. (2.02)

Resolution: Security System proposal

A motion was made by Mr. Cassidy, seconded by Mr. Barth to approve the purchase of the Digital Video Surveillance System for the Northbrook Middle school as presented. This included projects #1, #2, the alternate second intercom master station and 15" LCD video monitor totaling \$17,350.00. Project #1, costing \$15,000.00, includes 16 high-resolution color dome cameras, a 16 channel DVR, cable, connectors, miscellaneous hardware and labor installation for the cable and cameras. Project #2, costing \$1,760.00 is the visitor entry system that is an audio-only intercom with door release equipment. The board members felt that the Alternate second intercom master station, costing \$165.00, and the alternate 15" LCD video monitor, costing \$425.00, was needed for the visitor entry system. The board members also stated that there will be plans for expanding the security system as needed at Northbrook school for areas not covered. The Board members asked Mrs. Burress to have proposals prepared for review at the May Board meeting for a security system at Blackstone School and Lincoln School. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Prescott, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Phalen, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Barth. Motion carried. (2.02)

Resolution: Approve Volleyball Camp

A motion was made by Mrs. Prescott, seconded by Mrs. Phalen to approve use of the Northbrook school gym by Mrs. McKenzie for a volleyball camp to be held June 11 to June 15 for grades 4th through 8th. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Prescott, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Phalen, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Barth. Motion carried. (8.02)

Resolution: Executive session

A motion was made by Mrs. Phalen, seconded by Mrs. Prescott to move to executive session at 9:40 p.m. to discuss evaluation, employment, non-certified wages and hire of personnel. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Prescott, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Phalen, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Barth. Motion carried.

Resolution: Return to Open session

The Board members moved to open session at 11:45 p.m. A voice vote was taken. Ayes - Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Prescott, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Phalen, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Barth. Motion carried.

Resolution: Hire Personnel

A motion was made by Mr. Barth, seconded by Mrs. Prescott to hire Mary Beth Niles as the Cooperative Curriculum Director for the 2007/2008 school year. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mrs. Prescott, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Phalen, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Barth. Nay - Mr. Johnson. (2.02)

Resolution: Request for leave

A motion was made by Mrs. Prescott, seconded by Mrs. Phalen to approve the request of leave for Tina Klein, a 4th grade teacher. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Prescott, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Phalen, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Barth. Motion carried. (5.185)

Resolution: Accept Retirement

A motion was made by Mrs. Prescott, seconded by Mrs. Phalen to approve the retirement, with regret, of Kathy Sheridan, a teacher's aide, as of June 2007. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Prescott, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Phalen, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Barth. Motion carried. (5.05)

Resolution: Pay increase non-certified employees

A motion was made by Mr. Barth, seconded by Mrs. Phalen to increase the hourly pay by 42 cents/hour for non-certified personnel for the 2007/2008 school year. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Prescott, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Phalen, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Barth. Motion carried. (5.05)

Resolution: Salary increase for certified employees

A motion was made by Mr. Barth, seconded by Mrs. Phalen to set salary increase for the following certified employees at 2.75%: Mrs. Pozzi, Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Krakowski, and Mrs. Fassler. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Prescott, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Phalen, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Barth. Motion carried. (5.05)

Resolution: Salary increase for Superintendent

A motion was made by Mr. Barth, seconded by Mrs. Phalen to set salary increase for the superintendent, Mrs. Burress, at 2.75% for school year 2007/2008, a 3.8% for school year 2008/2009 with a buy of 7 days of vacation. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Prescott, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Phalen, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Barth. Motion carried. (5.05)

Resolution: Adjournment

A motion was made by Mrs. Morris, seconded by Mrs. Prescott to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 p.m. to the next regular Board meeting on May 14, 2007 in the District Education Center Board Room. A voice vote was recorded: Ayes - Ayes - Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Prescott, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Phalen, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Barth. Motion carried.

Mr. Johnson, President

Mr. Pohl, Secretary