

Mendota School District 289

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Narration: District 289 Education Center - June 11, 2007

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District #289, LaSalle, Bureau and Lee, was held at 7:00 p.m. in the District 289 Education Center Board Room.

Declaration: Call to Order

At 7:16 p.m. Mr. Cassidy called the meeting to order with the following Board members answering present: Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Pohl, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Borchelt.

Absent: Mrs. Morris.

Resolution: Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Borchelt, seconded by Mr. Pohl to approve the agenda as presented. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Pohl, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Borchelt. Motion carried.

Public Participation: Public Participation

None

Resolution: Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Pohl, seconded by Mr. Borchelt to move to executive session at 7:17 p.m. for the interview of candidates for board appointment. Motion carried by voice vote.

Narration: Board Member entering meeting

Mrs. Morris entered the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Resolution: Return to Open session

The Board members moved to open session at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion: Storage Items

A discussion was held regarding items from the discontinued Industrial Arts' classroom, property left from the Ophir School building and miscellaneous school items no longer being used. The items are currently being stored at several locations. The Board members asked Mrs. Burress if she could arrange to have a volunteer auctioneer set up and hold a public auction of the items for the school district. Mrs. Burress will keep the board members informed of the progress.

Resolution: Building Proposal

After a discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Morris, seconded by Mr. Pohl to accept the room building recommendation proposal, as the room changes was primarily stimulated by the addition of a stationary computer lab and life skills classroom, as presented by the Building Committee as follows: the Board room will become the Life Skills Special Education class, the WIC office will become the Speech/OT/PT, the YSB office will become the Speech/OT/PT for PreK in the back room, the Curriculum Library in the middle room, the Curriculum Director will be located in the front room, the Industrial Arts' classroom will become Sue Taylor's classroom and Sue Taylor' classroom will hold the stationary Computer Lab. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Borchelt. Motion carried.

Resolution: Technology/Computer Lab

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Pohl to authorize Mrs. Burress to proceed with the purchase in the amount of \$18,000-\$20,000 to furnish the computer lab with (16) tables and (32) chairs. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Borchelt. Motion carried

Resolution: Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Borchelt, seconded by Mr. Pohl to move to Executive session at 9:22 p. m. for the selection/appointment of board candidates to the vacant seats. Motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution: Return to Open session

The Board members returned to open session at 10:18 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution: Board Candidate Appointment

A motion was made by Mr. Cassidy, seconded by Mr. Pohl to the appointment of Sonia Arteaga as a board member, to fill the vacancy left with the April election, serving a 2 year term. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Borchelt

Resolution: Adjourn the meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Pohl, seconded by Mr. Borchelt to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m. to the next regular scheduled Board meeting on Monday, June 18, 2007 in the District Education Center meeting room. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Cassidy, President

Mr. Borchelt, Secretary

Resolution: Board Candidate Appointment

A motion was made by Mr. Cassidy, seconded by Mr. Pohl to the appointment of Tricia Guelde as a board member, to fill the vacancy left with the April election, serving a 2 year term. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Johnson. Abstain: Mr. Borchelt

Narration: District 289 Education Center - June 18, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Community School District 289, LaSalle, Bureau and Lee, was held at 7:00 p.m. in the District 289 Education Center Board Room.

Declaration: Call to Order

At 7:00 p.m. Mr. Cassidy called the meeting to order with the following Board members answering present: Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Pohl, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Borchelt.

Absent: Mrs. Morris.

Resolution: Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Borchelt to approve the agenda with the addition of A-1. Appointment of Board Committees. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Pohl, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Borchelt. Motion carried.

Resolution: Approval of Consent Agenda - Board minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Pohl to approve the Consent Agenda for the disposition of minutes for May 9th, May 14th and June 11th as presented. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Pohl, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Borchelt. Motion carried (2.220)

Resolution: Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Borchelt, seconded by Mr. Pohl to approve the Consent Agenda as presented for the Treasurer's, Imprest Fund, Activity, and Cafeteria Report and Approval of Bills. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Pohl, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Borchelt. Motion carried. (4.50, 4.10)

Report: Administration Reports

Mrs. Burress reintegrated the changes made by the Building Committee, approved by the Board members, for the change in classroom assignments that will be implemented for the 2007/2008 school year. The unit-vents at Blackstone school and Lincoln school have been completely torn out and waiting for the installation of the new unit-vents. The district custodians have installed the wiring, in both Blackstone school and Lincoln school, for the new security system to be installed.

Public Participation: Public Participation

Kim Burke presented the Board members the monthly report from P.R.I.D.E. She reported they had a positive turn out for the Spring book fair. P.R.I.D.E. also provided the treats for field days at each school and the certificates of ice cream for honor roll/bug roll students. She informed the Board members of the upcoming school year fund raisers planned by P.R.I.D.E.

Mark Schneider, a representative from Brennan and Stuart, Inc., presented a proposal to the Board members for the School District 289 Liability, Worker's Compensation and School legal insurance being offered by the Prairie State Insurance Cooperative.

Narration: Board member entering meeting

Mrs. Morris entered the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Narration: Swearing in the New Board Members

A motion was made by Mr. Borchelt, seconded by Mr. Pohl to have Mrs. Burress, Superintendent, conduct the installation of the new Board members Sonia D'Arteaga and Tricia Guelde. The motion was carried by voice vote. Motion carried. (6.120)

Declaration: Establishment of Board Committees

Mr. Cassidy, Board President, made the following Board Committee appointments:

Finance/Negotiating Committee	Mr. Johnson & Mrs. D'Arteaga
Building Committee	Mr. Johnson & Mr. Pohl
Personnel Committee	Mr. Pohl & Mr. Borchelt
Technology Committee	Mr. Pohl & Mrs. Morris
Goals Committee	Mr. Borchelt & Mrs. D'Arteaga
Evaluation Committee	Mrs. D'Arteaga & Mrs. Morris
Policy/Handbook Committee	Mrs. Morris & Mrs. Guelde
Athletic Committee	Mr. Borchelt & Mrs. Guelde
Special Education Committee	Mr. Johnson & Mrs. Guelde

Resolution: Health Life Safety Amendment extension

After a discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Morris, seconded by Mr. Pohl to file the extension application for the Health Life Safety Amendments. The extension is for the 2006 Life Safety Implementation for Mendota School CCSD 289, 2006 Life safety roofing and 2006 Life safety for boiler & mechanical work. These include amendments #13, 15, 9 14 for Northbrook school, #10 for Lincoln school and #13 for Blackstone school. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Borchelt, Mrs. D'Arteaga and Mrs. Guelde. Motion carried. (4.060)

Resolution: Adoption of Prevailing Wage

Mr. Pohl made the motion WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has enacted “An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by the State, county, city or any public body or any political subdivision or by any one under contract for public works,” approved June 26, 1941, codified as amended, 820 ILCS 130/1 et seq. (1993), formerly Ill. Rev. Stat., Ch. 48, par. 39s-1 et seq. and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Act requires that the Mendota Community Consolidated School District 289 of Mendota investigate and ascertain the prevailing rate of wages as defined in said Act for laborers, mechanics and other workers in the locality of LaSalle County employed in performing construction of public works, for said Mendota Community Consolidated School District 289.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY The Board of Education of Mendota Community Consolidated School District 289:

SECTION 1: To the extent and as required by “An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by State, county, city or any public body or any political subdivision or by any one under contract for public works,” approved June 26, 1941, as amended, the general prevailing rate of wages in this locality for laborers, mechanics and other workers engaged in construction of public works coming under the jurisdiction of the Mendota Community Consolidated School District is hereby ascertained to be the same as the prevailing rate of wages for construction work in LaSalle County area as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois as of June, 2007, a copy of that determination being attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. As required by said Act, any and all revisions of the prevailing rate of wages by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois shall supersede the Department’s June determination and apply to any and all public works construction undertaken by the Mendota Community Consolidated School District 289. The definition of any terms appearing in this Ordinance which are also used in aforesaid Act shall be the same as in said Act.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Arteaga. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Borchelt, Mrs. D’Arteaga and Mrs. Guelde. Nay: Mr. Johnson. Motion carried. (2.020)

Resolution: Accept Milk and Bread Bids

After a discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Pohl, seconded by Mr. Borchelt to accept the bids for milk from NCIMD of Peru in the amount of \$0.168 (white milk) and \$0.166 (chocolate milk), and the bid for bread from Interstate Brands of Peoria in the amount of \$1.13 (white bread) and \$0.97 (hamburger buns). The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Borchelt, Mrs. D’Arteaga and Mrs. Guelde. Motion carried. (4.060)

Resolution: Accept Liability, Worker’s Compensation & School Legal Ins. Bids

After a discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Pohl, seconded by Mr. Borchelt to accept the bid for Liability, Worker’s Compensation & School legal Insurance from Brennan and Stuart, Inc. representing PSIC (Prairie State Insurance Cooperative) in the amount of \$22,863.00 Liability, \$32,222.00 Worker’s Compensation and \$5,194.00 School Legal Insurance. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Borchelt, Mrs. D’Arteaga and Mrs. Guelde. Motion carried. (2.020)

Resolution: Technology Revolving Loan Application

After a discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Morris, seconded by Mrs. Guelde to authorize Mrs. Burress to prepare and submit an application for a technology revolving loan, which the district qualifies for, in the amount of \$211,000.00. The funds are for supplies and cost of labor for electrical work related to technology, computer hardware used for classroom instruction and/or professional development for staff, staff development directly related to the integration of technology into the learning environment, and computer furniture. The loan would be paid back over three years at an interest rate of 2%. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Borchelt, Mrs. D’Arteaga and Mrs. Guelde. Motion carried. (4.060)

Resolution: Technology Purchase - STI Management System

After a discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Morris, seconded by Mrs. Guelde to authorize Mrs. Burress to purchase the STI web-based student management system at the cost of \$25,985.00 with a \$8,000.00 annual license fee on a 3 year agreement/commitment. The STI management system can print out demographic sheets, attendance information, transcripts, grades, test scores, GPA calculations, progress reports, report cards and attendance information can be customized to meet district and state requirements. The system will also have a parent portal for parents to see real time grades. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Borchelt, Mrs. D'Arteaga and Mrs. Guelde. Motion carried. (2.020)

Resolution: Technology Purchase - Computers

After a discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Morris, seconded by Mr. Johnson to authorize Mrs. Burress to purchase the 32 stationary computers and 32 laptop computers with a 3 year on site extended warranty from Quentech, Inc. at the cost of \$59,439.00. The payment for the computers will be 1/2 of the cost being paid at the time of order and 1/2 being paid upon receipt and set up. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Borchelt, Mrs. D'Arteaga and Mrs. Guelde. Motion carried. (2.020)

Resolution: Approve School Improvement Plan and District Improvement Plan

After a discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Borchelt, seconded by Mr. Pohl to approve the School Improvement Plan presented by Mrs. Pozzi and the District Improvement plan presented by Mrs. Burress. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Borchelt, Mrs. D'Arteaga and Mrs. Guelde. Motion carried. (6.15)

Resolution: Approval of Curriculum issue - Star Reading Program

After a discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Morris, seconded by Mrs. Arteaga to approve the purchase of the Star Reading program, a reading assessment program for grades 4th, 5th, and 6th. The total cost of the program is \$2,488.50 of which P.R.I.D.E. will contribute \$1, 208.32 leaving a balance of \$1,280.18 to be paid by the district. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Borchelt, Mrs. D'Arteaga and Mrs. Guelde. Motion carried. (2.020)

Resolution: Building and Grounds - Summer projects

After a discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Morris, seconded by Mr. Pohl to approve the projects listed and only the projects listed on the "2007 Summer Building Projects" as presented by Mrs. Burress. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Borchelt, Mrs. D'Arteaga and Mrs. Guelde. Motion carried (2.020)

Resolution: Move to Executive Session

At 10:32 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Morris, seconded by Mrs. Guelde to move to Executive Session to discuss specific personnel issues as hiring personnel, posting positions and retirement request. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried.

Resolution: Return to Open Session

At 12:29 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Pohl, seconded by Mr. Johnson to return to Open Session. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried.

Resolution: Hire Personnel

A motion was made by Mrs. Morris, seconded by Mr. Johnson to hire Todd Doyle, as a 6th Grade Special Education Resource Teacher, Julie DeFore, as the Exploratory Technology Teacher, Carrie Delhotal, as the 8th Grade Cheerleading sponsor and Monica Holguin, as the 7th Grade Cheerleading sponsor. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Borchelt, Mrs. D'Arteaga and Mrs. Guelde. Motion carried. (2.020)

Resolution: Curriculum Issue - Gym Teachers

A motion was made by Mrs. Guelde, seconded by Mr. Pohl to make Kathy Ganschow a full-time gym teacher at Blackstone school and Dion Christman a full-time gym teacher for grades 4 & 5 at Northbrook school. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes -Mr. Pohl, Mr. Borchelt and Mrs. Guelde. Nay - Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. D'Artega and Mr. Cassidy. Motion failed. (2.020)

Resolution: Post Position

A motion was made by Mrs. D'Artega, seconded by Mrs. Guelde to post a position for a full time technical assistant. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Borchelt, Mrs. D'Artega and Mrs. Guelde. Motion carried. (2.020)

Resolution: Accept Request Retirement

A motion was made by Mrs. Morris, seconded by Mr. Pohl to accept the retirement, with regret, of Chris Uebel for the end of the school year 2008/2009. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Borchelt, Mrs. D'Artega and Mrs. Guelde. Motion carried. (2.020)

Resolution: Rehire District Auditor

A motion was made by Mrs. Morris, seconded by Mrs. Guelde to rehire Wilcoxon and Associates, as district auditor, on a 1 year contract in the amount of \$7,875.00. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Borchelt, Mrs. D'Artega and Mrs. Guelde. Motion carried. (2.020)

Resolution: Adjourn the meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Pohl, seconded by Mrs. Guelde to adjourn the meeting at 12:44 p.m. to the next regular scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Education Center Meeting room. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Cassidy, President

Mr. Borchelt, Secretary