

EPG Unit #11 Quick Board Summary

June 27, 2011 Regular Board of Education Meeting

Rick Johnston, Superintendent of Schools

(Gridley, IL—EPGJH Library) The Board of Education met on Monday night in regular session. The following is a summary of that meeting.

Communications: Visitors were El Paso Journal reporter Jennifer Kearney and Janet Smith. Various thank you cards were shared with the Board in the communication's folder.

1. Approval of Consent Agenda

- Approval of minutes from the Board Meeting held on May 23, 2011
- Approval of minutes from the Board Closed Meeting held on May 23, 2011
- Approval of financial report
- Approval of bills
- Approve Jodi Dewispelaere's resignation effective June 1st
- Approve Frank Grusy's retirement effective June 30th
- Approve hiring Brooke Seggerman as the HS Cheerleading Sponsor for 2011-2012
- Approve transferring Leah Fletcher to be the High School Transition Instructor for 2011-2012
- Approve Board Meeting Schedule for 2011-2012
- Approve submission of grants to ISBE for 2011-2012
- Approve Prevailing Wage Resolution
- Approve bids for bread, food, fuel, and milk for 2011-2012
- Approve Show Choir Trip to Nashville and Third Annual Show Choir Invitational in 2012
- Approve joining McLean County Compact for 2011-2012
- Approve joining IASB for 2011-2012
- Authorize Superintendent to develop Budget for 2011-2012

Comments: Mr. Johnston explained that the Board meetings would remain on the fourth Monday of each month unless a holiday was involved. The bids awarded by the district were Interstate Brands for bread, Gordon Food Service for food, North Central Illinois Milk Distributors for milk, and Meier Oil for fuel.

2. Facilities Report: JT Carr

- Mr. Carr shared the progress of the summer work crews. They are ahead of the work schedule of the past two years. He complimented them on their efforts. The Titan Center gym lighting is being upgraded primarily through grant dollars which will produce savings over time. Lockers are being repaired at the high school and five rooms at Jefferson Park School are getting tile flooring.

3. Superintendent Report

- HLS 10 year study summary/BLDD report: Sam Johnson, Carson Durham and Jean Underwood of BLDD met with JT Carr and Mr. Johnston on June 23rd (Thursday) to discuss the new Health Life Safety Survey that is being finalized. We have scheduled a meeting with the facilities committee in July. They will share with the committee their findings before presenting this information to the full board in July or August. This is part of the ongoing discussions the BoE has been involved with in regard to long term facilities planning. There are some differences with the old survey and new survey results—particularly the high school window replacements. The overall initial projections are within our HLS budget projections. The plan will need to be submitted to the ISBE for approval.

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- Technology Communication/Social Network Policy: This has now been finalized and will be taken to the Policy Committee for review prior to presenting to the full board. The EPGEA and the superintendent met last week to review and our legal counsel has reviewed the documentation. Both groups are supportive of this policy and procedure.
- EPG Foundation: The reorganizational meeting for the El Paso Gridley Foundation occurred this past week. Ben Roth will remain as chair and additional members from El Paso are being sought to fill vacant seats. According to the group by-laws, there should be a balance of five members from El Paso and five members from Gridley communities on the at large seats. Rich Kiefer moved from an at large seat to become the Board of Education representative. A resolution is being reviewed to give specific guidelines as to the two meetings where the group would receive requests as well as a target for a fund balance in the future. It was pointed out that compared to the Beyond the Books Foundation in Bloomington/Normal, the EPG Foundation significantly outperforms this group with dollars donated based on students served. The district appreciates the work of this group.
- CIVEC: We met recently to discuss the future of the State Vocational dollars and the federal Perkins Grant monies. Mr. Curtis (Director) feels that the current climate will continue with federal dollars flowing as usual with the state grant monies delayed similar to the past few years.
- Centennial Roof Damage: We have been in contact with the young man who crashed his model airplane into the Centennial Roof recently with the estimate for repair. We are working on finalizing the repairs that will include replacing two sections of the metal roof.

4. Old Business

- EPGHS Transition Evaluation Tool
 - i. The Success Rubric for the High School Transition program was shared with the BoE. It was noted that this will be the tool for the beginning of the program and will be constantly monitored for evaluation as such. Ms. Krug will report to the BoE in January with a first semester summary of activity.

5. New Business

- Insurance Bids for Workers Compensation
 - i. The BoE approved Illinois Pubic Risk Fund through Ramza Insurance for the low bid for workman's compensation. The rate resulted in a savings over the current year of over \$10,500 during the 18 months of the contract.
- Health Insurance Renewal Update
 - i. We have been notified by Miller, Buettner and Parrott Agency that we can plan on decrease in Health Insurance Premiums for our Blue Cross/Blue Shield renewal. Final numbers will be supplied soon.
- Skylert
 - i. The district approved the recommendation by Mr. Johnston to move to Skylert from School Reach as the parent notification software solution moving forward. This will allow the district to open the student demographic information to the public so that phone numbers, addresses, etc can be updated in real time.

6. Action Item(s)

- Approve Insurance Bids for Workers Compensation
- Approve Skylert

7. Executive Session

- Personnel

8. Adjournment

Next regular meeting will be July 25, 2011 @ E.P.G. Junior High School Library