

Central School District#104  
309 Hartman Lane  
O'Fallon, IL 62269  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
January 14, 2008

Gary Seneczyn called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Roll call: Larry Bryant – present, Kim Haverkamp – present, Bill Lewis – present, Christopher Monroe – present, Steve Pyeatt – present, Gary Seneczyn – present, Todd Wobbe – present. Also present were Supt. Steve Amizich, Principal Pat Anderson, Special Ed. Coordinator Cassy Shelton, and Jane Hamm, Board Secretary.

Visitors: Jerry Campbell – Reporter, Suburban Journal, Mark Raeber – Reporter, O'Fallon Progress, Linda Hardman and Terri Kruse – PTO representatives, Jo Ann Schneider – School nurse, Central School staff members: Mary Ann Rafferty, Dawn Elser, Tami Hanks, Emily Hester, Bev Jones, Deb Reineke, Patrice Finch, Angela Barnes, Erika Britton, Eva Dittmar and Kara Yung, Cindy Doil – Scott AFB School Liaison, Lori Thouvenot – District Parent, Toni Wobbe – District Parent and Abbi Wobbe – Central Student.

Fund Balances were reviewed.

Steve Pyeatt made a motion to place the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2007 Regular Board Meeting.

Approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2007 Executive Session.

Approve the Minutes of the January 8, 2008 Building Committee Meeting

Approve December bill list and addendum

Seconded by Bill Lewis. Roll call vote. All members present voted aye.

Bill Lewis made a motion to approve the items listed on the consent agenda.

Seconded by Kim Haverkamp. Roll call vote. Larry Bryant – yea, Todd Wobbe – no, Steve Pyeatt – yea, Gary Seneczyn – yea, Kim Haverkamp – yea, Bill Lewis – yea, Chris Monroe - yea. Motion Passed.

Recognition of visitors:

Jo Ann Schneider said she had some thoughts about the new Secretary/CNA position. Supt. Amizich indicated that she should bring her thoughts to him before bringing them to the board. She indicated she would do that.

Terri Kruse reported that she called the District Auditor Bob Moore and asked if he had a report of his audit of the PTO financial records. She indicated he was not cooperative and suggested he would put something together and bill them. She was under the opinion it was part of the district audit. Jane Hamm explained that he was given the books at the District audit and asked to review and provide some kind of report. He was not enthusiastic about doing it. Gary Seneczyn asked for additional time to look into the matter.

The approval of the Board Policy additions, changes, and deletions presented at the December Board meeting was tabled until next meeting to provide the Policy Committee adequate time to review them.

Supt. Amizich reported that the ROE Compliance visit was complete and the District received Full Recognition.

Gary Seneczyn reported that a group of students had been nominated and requested financial assistance to attend the National Young Scholars Program. Toni Wobbe, a parent of one of the nominated students explained how the program came to Central School and some details about it. The Board was polled and all were concerned with the cost and the short amount of time to consider the issue but all said they would like to see something implemented to enhance the education of the gifted/talented students at Central School. Board member Todd Wobbe did not speak on the matter.

Larry Bryant made a motion to send the issue to the Curriculum Committee to research. After further discussion this motion was rescinded.

Bill Lewis made a motion to ask the Curriculum Committee to research the National Young Scholars Program and report back to the Board no later than January 25<sup>th</sup> so that a possible Special Meeting of the Board could be held on January 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the possibility of the District paying some or all of the costs for these students to attend that program or discuss the option of other possibilities for academically talented students.

Seconded by Larry Bryant. Roll call vote. Kim Haverkamp – yea, Bill Lewis – yea, Chris Monroe – yea, Larry Bryant – Yea, Gary Seneczyn – yea, Steve Pyeatt – yea, Todd Wobbe – abstain.

Bill Lewis made a motion to hire Dawn Elser as Principal for Central School starting in fiscal year 2008-2009 at an annual salary of \$60,250.00.

Seconded by Kim Haverkamp. Roll call vote. All members present voted aye.

Todd Wobbe made a motion to hire Melissa Stennett as the Chess Team Coach for the 2007-2008 school year to be paid the stipend indicated in the Teacher's Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Seconded by Bill Lewis. Roll call vote. All members present voted aye.

Larry Bryant made a motion to approve the filing of an Application for School Assistance in Federally Affected Areas (Public Law 81-874).

Seconded by Todd Wobbe. All members present voted aye.

The following Board members indicated they would be attending the Special Board Meeting/Workshop on January 26, 2008 at Scott Air Force Base: Kim Haverkamp, Steve Pyeatt and Gary Seneczyn. Also attending will be Supt Amizich and District Parent Joanne Mueller. Board Member Chris Monroe and District Parent Kris Goldberg will attend if possible.

The possibility of having Jim Burgett do a Strategic Planning check up and review was discussed. The Board instructed Supt. Amizich to contact Mr. Burgett for possible dates and approximate cost and it will be discussed further at a later meeting.

Gary Seneczyn asked if there were any questions about the Building project. Steve Pyeatt indicated that the sign is turned so that it is not visible as you are driving toward the school on St. Ellen Mine Road. Gary Seneczyn said he would like to get estimates for the supplies needed to build the new shed at Central School from Home Depot and Lowes to compare to the one received from R & P Lumber. Chris Monroe said he would get one from Lowes.

The following Committee Meetings were scheduled:

Policy Committee Meeting – February 11, 2008 at 6:15pm.

Environment Committee – February 11, 2008 at 5:30pm.  
Curriculum/Technology Committee – February 19, 2008 at 6:00pm.  
Building Committee Meeting – February 5, 2008 6:00pm.  
Community and Communication Committee – February 20, 2008 at 6:30pm.

Supt. Amizich reported there would be a St. Clair County Administrator's Meeting on Feb 13<sup>th</sup>.  
No Board Members indicated they would attend.

Gary Seneczyn reported that some residents on Long Drive requested to maintain property behind their houses that belongs to the school. Supt. Amizich was instructed to draft a letter to present at the next meeting telling them that due to liability issues they should refrain from doing any maintenance on the schools property.

Update on the proposed Ashland Drive Extension was postponed do to the Executive Session.

Principal Anderson reported on recent and upcoming events at Central School.  
Todd Wobbe asked Principal Anderson if there had been any fights at Central. Mr. Anderson responded that since PBIS has been instated the discipline problems have been very minimal.

Steve Pyeatt made a motion to go to executive session after a 5 minute break at 8:55pm. (see attached)

Chris Monroe left the meeting at 9:47pm.

Bill Lewis made a motion to return to regular session at 9:55pm  
Seconded by Larry Bryant. All members present voted aye.

Gary Seneczyn reported there would be no action on the Ashland Avenue Extension at this time.

Bill Lewis made a motion to adjourn.  
Seconded by Larry Bryant. All members present voted aye.

With no further business to come before The Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57pm.

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Jane Hamm, Board Secretary

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Gary Seneczyn, Board President