

Central School District#104
309 Hartman Lane
O'Fallon, IL 62269
Minutes of Regular Meeting
November 12, 2007

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

Roll call: Larry Bryant – present, Kim Haverkamp – present, Bill Lewis – present, Christopher Monroe – arrived at 7:10pm, 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: Linda Hardman and Heather Peters – PTO reps, Beverley Jones, Christine Hughes, Dawn Elser, Kara Yung, Katie Chaplain, Michelle Elliott, Tiffany Totten and Shakeita Clayton – Central Staff, Kyle McCarter – St. Clair County Board Member, non-district resident, Diana Costtler – Citizen, Rodney & Heidi Kreke, Amber Warchol, & Stacie Warchol – District Parents & Family, Jerry Campbell – Reporter, Suburban Journal

Steve Pyeatt made a motion to go to the Public Hearing to discuss a proposed property tax levy increase for 2007.

Seconded by Larry Bryant. All members present voted aye.

Supt. Amizich presented the 2007 tax levy and levy rates.

Gary Seneczyn asked for comments or questions from the audience.

Kyle McCarter mentioned that there was a notice in the paper that there would be a 25% increase in taxes and could that be explained.

Jane Hamm explained how the numbers in the notice are arrived at and that they did not indicate that the \$3.16 tax rate would go up.

Mr. McCarter asked if the District would consider reducing the tax rate to make up for the 7% township multiplier. Gary Seneczyn thanked him for his interest.

Gary Seneczyn asked for comments or questions from the audience two more times. There were none.

Steve Pyeatt made a motion to return to regular session.

Seconded by Larry Bryant. All members present voted aye.

Fund Balances were reviewed.

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

Approve the Minutes of the October 9, 2007 Regular Board Meeting.

Approve the Minutes of the October 9, 2007 Executive Session.

Approve the Minutes of the October 29, 2007 Special (Building Committee) Meeting.

Approve November bill list and addendum

Accept the Resignation of George Aplin as Chess Club Sponsor

Grant Leave of Absence for Mrs. Isaacs for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year

Grant Leave of Absence for Mrs. Baim as requested

Approve the Certified Employees Seniority List

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

Todd Wobbe asked about an HVAC bill for the Superintendents office. It was explained by Supt. Amizich.

Mr. Wobbe mentioned that he was still unhappy with the way the bills are listed.

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

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

Supt. Amizich presented a list of possible topics to be discussed at the next BEST meeting and asked the Board to select their top three or four and return to him.

Bill Lewis made the motion to adopt a resolution to levy

1.7000% in the Educational Fund to generate	\$2,515,485.00
.5000% in the Building Fund to generate	\$739,848.00
.1100% in the Transportation Fund to generate	\$162,767.00
.0433% in the Municipal Retirement Fund to generate	\$64,071.00
.0433% in the Social Security Fund to generate	\$64,071.00
.0350% in the Tort Immunity Fund to generate	\$51,789.00
.0200% in the Special Education Fund to generate	\$29,594.00
.0500% in the Leasing Fund to generate	\$73,985.00
.0000% in the Health/Life Safety Fund to generate	\$0.00
.0500% in the Working Cash Fund to generate	\$73,985.00

Seconded by Chris Monroe. Roll call vote. All members present voted aye.

Todd Wobbe made a motion to approve the following Board Policy changes and additions.

2:125 Board Member Expenses

4:180 Pandemic Preparedness

5:130 Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information

5:180 Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity

6:40 Curriculum Development

6:235 Access To Electronic Networks

7:90 Release During School Hours

Seconded by Steve Pyeatt. Roll call vote. All members present voted aye.

Principal Anderson reported on the need for an additional 5th grade classroom. He indicated that the number of students combined with the number of special needs students in the 5th grade made it difficult to meet the needs of the students with just two classrooms. This was confirmed by Cassy Shelton, Spec Ed Coordinator and Christine Hughes, 5th Grade Teacher.

Todd Wobbe made a motion to add an additional 5th grade classroom for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year.

Seconded by Chris Monroe. Roll call vote. All members present voted aye.

Steve Pyeatt made a motion to hire Tiffany Totten as 5th Grade Teacher for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year. She will be placed at BS step 1 on the Teacher's Salary Schedule.

Seconded by Larry Bryant. Roll call vote. All members present voted aye.

Rodney & Heidi Kreke and Amber Warchol asked what the school's policy on cheerleaders performing stunts and wanted to know why they were told they couldn't do them. After considerable discussion of the topic it was decided that a group consisting of Board Members, Parents, the Athletic Director, the Cheerleading Coach and the Nurse should meet and discuss the matter and report back to the Board.

Bill Lewis made a motion to approve a Contract with Rhutasel & Associated for engineering services for the development of a Safe Routes to School Grant. The costs for this would be split between Central School District #104 and O'Fallon School District #90.

Seconded by Larry Bryant. Roll call vote. All members present voted aye.

Larry Bryant made a motion to approve a Contract with Jodi Caticchio for grant writing services for the development of a Safe Routes to School Grant.

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

Supt. Amizich reported that the JAMS construction is on target. The walls are being plastered, windows are going in and the asphalt is complete. He reported that there is approximately \$385,000 remaining of the allowances and Holland's contingency fund included in the original budget.

Chris Monroe reported that some of the neighbor's yards have been disturbed by the Power Company. Supt. Amizich said he would investigate the matter and see to it all safety issues are taken care of.

Steve Pyeatt reported that he and Don Jerashen had been researching the purchase of a tractor and would present his findings at the next Board Meeting. He indicated that they are talking to a company that has a contract with the State so it will save the District a considerable amount of money.

Preliminary plans for a Maintenance Garage were presented.

Larry Bryant made a motion to approve Ittner's design and development expenses for a Maintenance Garage and outdoor restrooms for Joseph Arthur Middle School.

Seconded by Todd Wobbe. Roll call vote. All members present voted aye.

The following meetings were scheduled:

Personnel Committee Meeting – Monday, December 3, 2007 at 5:30pm.

Building Committee Meeting – Tuesday December 4, 2007 at 6pm.

Environment Strategic Planning Committee – December 10, 2007 at 5:30pm.

Curriculum & Technology Strategic Planning Committee – November 27, 2007 at 6:00pm

Communications Strategic Planning Committee – November 28, 2007 at 6:30pm

Principal Anderson reported on recent and upcoming events at Central School.

Gary Seneczyn reported that the PTO decided to cancel Santa's Cottage due to the recent toy recalls.

Steve Pyeatt 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 8:55pm.

Jane Hamm, Board Secretary

Gary Seneczyn, Board President