

Central School District#104
309 Hartman Lane
O'Fallon, IL 62269
Minutes of Regular Meeting
August 13, 2007

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

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

Visitors: Mark Raeber – Reporter, O'Fallon Progress, Jerry Campbell – reporter with the Suburban Journal, Cassy Shelton – Special Ed Coordinator Candidate, Teachers: Andrea Butts, Angela Beebe, Annie Klitzing, Ronica Fuentes, Lori Nolte, Steve Lanter, Melissa Moore, Dawn Elser, Robyn McMaster, Erika Britton, Bev Jones, Doug Rist, Kristen Marsaglia, Patrice Finch, Cindy Doil - Scott AFB School Liaison Officer, Lorne Jackson – Safe Routes to School Rep, Linda Hardman and Terri Kruse – PTO Reps, Theresa Chambers – School Nurse.

Fund Balances were presented.

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

Minutes of the July 9, 2007 Regular Board Meeting reviewed and approved.

Minutes of the July 9, 2007 Building Committee Meeting reviewed and approved.

Minutes of the August 1, 2007 Building Committee Meeting reviewed and approved.

Review and approve August bill list and addendum

Approve Building Use Requests

Accept the resignations of Melissa Sheets, 4th grade teacher, Magen Pearson, teacher aide and Natalie Clemens, teacher aide.

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

Steve Pyeatt made a motion to approve the items listed on the consent agenda.

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

Principal Pat Anderson introduced the newly hired teachers and aides to the School Board.

All teachers and aides who were in attendance to be introduced left the meeting at 7:08pm

Lorne Jackson, representing the Engineering Firm of Henry Meisenheimer and Gende, Inc. presented information on the Safe Routes to School Grant.

Steve Pyeatt made a motion to approve the Schedule of Events of the Central School PTO for the 2007-08 school year as presented.

Seconded by Todd Wobbe. All members present voted aye.

The proposed PTO's gifts to teachers was discussed.

Board policy changes, omissions, and additions, numbered: 2:170, 4:120, 6:145, 6:160, 7:70, 7:130, 7:190 were presented for first reading. The Board Policy Committee recommended all changes be accepted as presented. This will be voted on at the September 10th Regular School Board Meeting.

The FY '08 tentative budget was presented for review. Jane Hamm commented that considering conservative revenues and aggressive expenses, all funds would end with a comfortable positive balance. There were no questions.

The FY '08 Budget Public Hearing was set for September 10, 2007 at 7:00pm.

Supt. Amizich reviewed the status of the construction project as discussed at the August 1, 2007 Building Committee Meeting. He also reviewed the Holland Pay Application. The next Building Committee Meeting was set for September 5, 2007 at 6:30pm.

Steve Pyeatt made a motion to hire Egyptian Stationers as the School Furniture Company to help with the acquisition of furniture for the Joseph Arthur Middle School. Seconded by Todd Wobbe. Roll call vote. All members present voted aye.

Kim Haverkamp made a motion to hire Angela Beebe as a Fourth Grade Teacher. To be placed on the teacher's salary schedule as presented in the Collective Bargaining Agreement pending verification of education and experience. Seconded by Steve Pyeatt. Roll call vote. All members present voted aye.

Larry Bryant made the motion to hire the following teacher aides: Melissa Moore, Randy Hamm, Tiffany Totten, Sarah Holle, Emily Hester and Carrie Moonier. Seconded by Kim Haverkamp. Roll call vote. All members present voted aye.

Cassy Shelton, Special Education Coordinator, recommended hiring a 5th Grade Special Ed Teacher because the student count for 5th and 6th Grade Special Education is approaching 20.

Larry Bryant made a motion to approve a 5th Grade Special Education Teaching position. Seconded by Kim Haverkamp. Roll call vote. All members present voted aye.

Principal Anderson presented the staff teaching assignments for the 2007-08 school year. Supt. Amizich reported on the reorganization of the classes within the building.

Supt. Amizich gave an update on the Best Committee Activities and reported that the next meeting will be held on Aug 22nd. Todd Wobbe, the regular rep for the school at the BEST Committee meetings will not be able to attend.

Supt. Amizich presented a letter from Police Chief John Betten regarding the DARE & SRO Program.

Principal Anderson presented research he had done on the advantages and disadvantages of students wearing ID badges. He recommended not mandating all students to wear them and not using them in the cafeteria. He did recommend that the Jr. High Students wear them in the 3rd and 4th quarters of the year in preparation for high school. The primary students would have them and use them for field trips and in the library.

The Board agreed with Prin. Anderson's recommendation but would like to see Jr. High students wear them all year long.

Dawn Elser reported on the school logo for the Joseph Arthur Middle School. She said after talking to several people that the JAMS idea that was discussed at a prior meeting was too close a connection to the St. Louis RAMS. She presented an alternative logo using "Joseph Arthur" and the Tiger logo.

Todd Wobbe made a motion to accept the logo for the Joseph Arthur Middle School logo as presented.

Seconded by Chris Monroe. All members present voted aye.

The Nurse reported on procedures for checking on and dealing with head lice.

Principal Anderson reported on the status of registration. He indicated that as of this morning there were 405 students registered, there were 8 to 10 more today and there are around 20 that have not registered that were students here last year. Those last 20 may or may not be coming back.

A Personnel Committee meeting was set for Tuesday August 21st at 6:30 to begin discussion of new staffing needs for the middle school.

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

Meetings were set for the Blended Action Committees as follows:

Curriculum/Technology Committee will meet with the Personnel Committee on August 21st at 6:30pm.

Environment Committee will meet on August 22nd at 6:30pm

Communication & Community will schedule a meeting at a later date.

Supt. Amizich noted that if any Board member needed him to make flight arrangements for the School Board Convention that he needed to know as soon as possible. All but Larry Bryant said they were driving. Mr. Bryant said he would let Mr. Amizich know soon.

Chris Monroe made a motion to go to executive session after a 5 minute break at 9:18pm. Seconded by Steve Pyeatt. Roll call vote. All members present voted aye.

Steve Pyeatt made a motion to return to regular session at 9:52pm
Seconded by Larry Bryant. All members present voted aye.

Steve Pyeatt made a motion to increase Theresa Chambers-Hale's salary to \$30,000. She will work 7:30am to 3:30pm on all teacher attendance days plus 2 additional days. She may work an additional 2 weeks during the summer and would be paid at a per diem rate.
Seconded by Chris Monroe. Roll call vote. All members present voted aye.

The Superintendent Goals report was presented but the discussion was postponed until a later date.

Todd Wobbe commented that the planter in front of the Pre K looked good and wondered if another one could be placed around the light pole on the south side of the entrance in front of the school. The possibility will be looked into.

Larry Bryant made a motion to adjourn.
Seconded by Todd Wobbe. All members present voted aye.

With no further business to come before The Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05pm.

Jane Hamm, Board Secretary

Gary Seneczyn, Board President