

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 13, 2009

The Firelands Board of Education met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. at the board of education offices. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Present at roll call were Jane Battig, Dwayne Becker, Ken Kudela, Courtney Ortner and Daniel Pycraft. Also in attendance were Amanda and Dave Brand, Cindy Thomas, Ellen Gundersen, Susan Bliss-Fury, Rick Reighley and Wendie Hutsenpiller.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA 09-25

Ken Kudela moved, seconded by Courtney Ortner that the agenda and addendum item for tonight's meeting be approved.

Roll Call: Pycraft - yes; Ortner - yes; Kudela - yes; Becker - yes; Battig – yes.

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS BY THE BOARD

Awards of Excellence for outstanding instrumental music performance were awarded to:

Elizabeth Kangas	Genevieve Rush	Andrew Butler
Megan Butler	Renee Taylor	David Park
Noah Hamrick	Kaitlynn Ujvari	Firelands Concert Band
Jesse Hodgson	Ben Roberts	
Taylor Fuge	Jared Kromer	

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS 09-26

It is recommended that the Board approve:

- a) The minutes of the March 9, 2009 regular meeting
- b) The Treasurer's financial reports for the month of March.
- c) a three-year contract, beginning with the year ending June 30, 2009, with Julian & Grube for preparation of our basic financial statements in compliance with GAAP at an annual fee of \$6,700.
- d) the tax rates as approved by the Lorain County Budget Commission.
- e) a transfer \$16,359 from the General Fund (001) to Management Information System Fund (432-9090)

Daniel Pycraft moved, seconded by Courtney Ortner that the foregoing recommendation be approved.

Roll Call: Ortner - yes; Kudela - yes; Becker - yes; Battig - yes; Pycraft – yes.

Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS 09-27

Recommendation to approve the following:

- a) a resolution to participate in "Right-to-Read Week" May 4 – 8, 2009 as per Exhibit "A."
- b) acceptance of the following donations:
 - From Target "Take Charge of Education" \$239.59 to Firelands Elementary School
 - From Target - \$240.50 to Firelands High School

\$600 from W. Craig and Rebecca Norton to Firelands Future Farmers of America
\$100 from Lorain County 4-H Endowment Grant to Firelands FFA Horse Lab
\$250 grant from Lorain County Farm Bureau, Inc. to Firelands FFA
\$500 from Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. to Firelands FFA
\$500 Anonymous donation to the FES Accelerated Reader Program
\$2,500 from Donel and Juanita Sprenger to FES Accelerated Reader Program
\$100 from Cleveland Clinic to Firelands High School Art Department
\$445 from Firelands Elementary PTG to provide 3rd grade happy meals and for the Accelerated Reader Program incentives for the 4th grade
\$150 from Henrietta United Methodist Church to Firelands High School Choir
\$250 from David Price Metal Services, Inc. to the FES Accelerated Reader Program
\$250 from Christopher and Shelley Price to the FES Accelerated Reader Program
\$400 from Amherst Eagles #1442 to Firelands High School Band

- c) the following trips:
 - Firelands FFA Chapter to the State FFA Convention, Columbus, May 1st and 2nd, 2009
 - Firelands High School Band to Williamsburg, Virginia from April 22 - 25, 2010 to participate in a band festival
- d) the 2009-2010 Multi-Agreement Contract with North Point Educational Service Center as per Exhibit "D."
- e) payment in lieu of transportation for Patrick Avery (Grade 11) to Elyria Catholic High School for the 2008-09 school year. His parent is Mary Jo Dziak of 11717 West Road, Wakeman, Ohio.
- f) to accept the bid from Firelands Electric Incorporated for the electrical service upgrade at the high school building at a cost of \$ 63,875. as per Exhibit "E."
- g) lease agreement with Firelands Community Day School for the 2009-10 school year at \$1,334 per month.

Daniel Pycraft moved, seconded by Courtney Ortner that the foregoing recommendation be approved.

Roll Call: Becker - yes; Battig - yes; Pycraft - yes; Ortner - yes; Kudela – yes.

Motion Carried

PERSONNEL 09-28

Recommendation to:

- a) suspend the contract of Justin Hughes, effective with the start of the 2009-2010 school year per Article VIII, Section 8.01 – of the negotiated agreement.
- b) employ certified personnel for the 2009-2010 school year as per Exhibit "G."
- c) extend the leave of absence of Donald Jones for the 1st semester of the 2009-2010 school year per his request.

- d) accept the resignation of Christopher Jones as Head Varsity Swim Coach
- e) employ Melissa Valenti, on an as needed basis, effective March 24, 2009 as EMIS coordinator, not to exceed 10 hours per week at an hourly rate of \$14.33
- f) issue the following supplementary/activity contracts for the 2008-09 school year:
 - Chris Pelphrey for Power of the Pen (Grade 7) (Step 1 - \$250)
 - Mike Krupar as Webmaster at FHS (Step 4 - \$1,487)
- g) issue activity/supplemental contracts for the 2009-10 school year as per Exhibit "J."
- h) issue a supplemental contract to Chris Jones as High Schools that Work Coordinator at FHS for 2009-10 (\$1,500 - pending grant funding).
- i) allow Megan Jordan and James Dostall II to serve as volunteer softball assistant coaches and Alex Green as volunteer assistant baseball coach at FHS for the 2008-09 school year pending completion of all requirements.
- j) appoint Dwayne Becker as our Board representative on the Lorain County Joint Vocational School Board of Education due to the resignation of Ken Kudela.
- k) employ Matt Dulmage as District Computer Technician on a two year contract, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011 as per Exhibit "K."
- l) employ David Brand as Principal of South Amherst Middle School on a two year contract, effective August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2011, starting salary \$69,542.
- m) employ Cindy Thomas as Building and Grounds Caretaker, up to 25 hours per week at \$12.46 per hour (Step 1), effective April 14, 2009.

Ken Kudela moved, seconded by Daniel Pycraft that the foregoing recommendation be approved.

Roll Call: Battig - yes; Pycraft - yes; Ortner - yes; Kudela - yes; Becker - yes.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT 09-29

Daniel Pycraft moved, seconded by Courtney Ortner that the meeting be adjourned.

Roll Call: Pycraft - yes; Ortner - yes; Kudela - yes; Becker - yes; Battig - yes.

Motion Carried

MEETING ADJOURNED