

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MAY 11, 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 Doug Jones, Pam Goswick, Jason Thomas, Mike Englert, Wendie Hutsenpillar, Deb Neal, Dick Killen, Rick Reighley, Leo Spagnola, Jen Urbansky, Kathy Dziat, Kathy Claubaugh, Ellen Gundersen, Lawrence and Lauren Budweg, Tasia Tanner, Christine Budweg and Nathan Kromer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA 09-30

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

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

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS

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

Christine Budweg	Nathan Kromer	Tom Schumann
Lauren Holcomb	Gabby Morrow	Tasia Tanner
James Keressi	Emma Ranney	

Doug Jones from Smart Solutions, Inc. presented a review of our technology audit.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS 09-31

Recommendation to approve:

- The minutes of the April 8 & 13, 2009 meetings.
- The Treasurer's financial reports for the month of April.
- 5-year forecast and assumptions as per Exhibit "A."
- Appointment of Robert W. Baird & Company as underwriter per Exhibit "B."

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

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

Motion Carried

Pam Goswick reviewed new language arts curriculum

Leo Spagnola gave an update on the move to a new athletic league

First reading of job description for Psychologist was held.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS 09-32

Recommendation to approve the following:

- high school principal's list of students eligible for graduation, provided completion of requirements of the State of Ohio and Firelands Board of Education are met as per Exhibit "D."

- b) distribution of scholarships from the Firelands Schools Endowment Fund as per Exhibit "E."
- c) draft of Firelands High School, South Amherst Middle School and Firelands Elementary School Student/Parent Handbooks for the 2009-10 school year as per Exhibit "F."
- d) textbooks and materials to support the Ohio Academic Content Standards, K-12 Language Arts:

New Programs

Houghton-Mifflin English 2006	Grade 1-5
Houghton-Mifflin Spelling Blackline	Grades 1-4
Holt – Elements of Literature 2009	Grades 6-10
Holt – Elementary of Language 2009	Grades 6-10

Continuing Programs

Wordly Wise (vocabulary)	Grades 5-8 (Student purchase/fee)
Success For All (literacy)	Grades K-5

- e) overnight trips for Firelands FFA
 - National FFA Convention to be held October 21 through October 24, 2009 in Indianapolis, Indiana as per Exhibit "G."
 - FFA Camp Muskingum from July 6 – 10, 2009 as per Exhibit "H."
- f) student fees/workbooks for the 2009-10 school year as per Exhibit "I."
- g) continued membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association for the 2009-10 school year by both Firelands High School and South Amherst Middle School (Grades 7-8). Membership includes agreement to conduct athletic programs in accordance with the Constitution, By-laws, Regulations, interpretations and decisions of the Ohio High School Athletic Association.
- h) acceptance of a Fine Arts Grant to FHS in the amount of \$62.90 from Oberlin College.
- i) Transition Agreement between the Lorain County "Help Me Grow" program and Firelands Schools as per Exhibit "J."
- j) 2009-2010 Multi-Agreement Contract with the ESC of Lorain County to provide services as per Exhibit "K."
- k) a minimum four year membership commitment to the Patriot Athletic Conference to begin no later than the 2011-12 school year.
- l) acceptance of a donation of \$100 to FHS wrestling team from Mr. Dan Hornbeek.

Daniel Pycraft moved, seconded by Ken Kudela that the foregoing recommendations be approved.
Roll Call: Ortner Pycraft - yes; Battig - yes; Becker - yes; Kudela – yes.
Motion Carried

PERSONNEL 09-33

Recommendation to:

- a) employ the following students as summer help, 5 hrs. daily, effective June 8, 2009 through August 28, 2009 @ \$7.30 per hour:
Matt Henceroth, Corey Horning, Brian Klingshirn, Ty Luczkowski
- b) employ the following adults as summer help, 5 hrs. daily, effective June 8, 2009 through August 28, 2009 @ \$8.85 per hour:

Bev Baker	Betty Jo Hickman	Natalie Saylor
Carolyn DeWitt	Lora Huffman	Cory Stevens
Kate Golden	Seth Kelling	Darcie Wayman
Roberta Grude	Barbara Kendeigh	
- c) employ the following support staff for the 2009-10 school year:
Chazelle Arndt – bus driver, half-time – Continuing
Lawrence Budweg – 5 hour cleaner – 2 year limited
Jennifer Butchko – 5.5 hour clerk – 2 year limited
Carolyn DeWitt – bus driver – Continuing
Carolyn DeWitt – 2.5 hour helper cook – Continuing
Linda Dorsey – 3.5 hour helper cook – Continuing
Debra Poplar – 5 hour cleaner – Continuing
Donna Wheaton – 4 hour aide – 2 year limited
Ann Yakunovich – 3.5 hour bus monitor - Continuing
- d) adjust the following contracts:
Valerie Schuster’s 2008-09 extended time contract to \$663 (\$26,520 X 2.5%).

Neil Frenk’s 2009-10 science fair supplemental contract to Head Science Fair Coordinator (Step 1 - \$500) from Assistant Science Fair Coordinator

Ellen Gundersen’s supplemental contract as Student Council Advisor to be for 6th grade only (.5 contract = \$933. as 5th grade is moving to FES).
- e) issue the following contracts:
2-year limited contract to Cindy Thomas as Building and Grounds Caretaker, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011. (Step 1 - \$12.79/hour)

2-year contract to Joseph A. Menges as District Athletic Trainer, effective August 1, 2009 through June 15, 2011 as per Exhibit “M.”
- f) approve extended time contracts for the 2009-10 school year as per Exhibit “N.”
- g) approve activity/supplemental contracts for the 2009-10 school year pending completion of all requirements as per Exhibit “O.”

- h) employ Ty Luczkowski as a student helper at Firelands Elementary, 15 hours per week, at \$7.30 per hour, effective May 12, 2009 through June 5, 2009.
- i) employ Jacqueline Swiers as EMIS Coordinator, \$13.48 per hour, 6 hours per day, 260 days, effective May 18, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Ken Kudela moved, seconded by Jane Battig that the foregoing recommendation be approved.

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

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT 09-34

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

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

Motion Carried

MEETING ADJOURNED

Barbara S. Bechtel, Treasurer

Dwayne Becker, President