

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 10, 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, Courtney Ortner and Daniel Pycraft. Ken Kudela was absent. Also in attendance were Morgan Thomas, Leo Spagnola, Kathy Dziat, Susan Bliss-Fury, Dave Brand, Jen Jackson, Mike Englert, Ellen Gundersen and Rick Reighley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA 09-53

Daniel Pycraft moved, seconded by Courtney Ortner that the agenda for tonight's meeting be approved.

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

Motion Carried

Leo Spagnola reviewed the athletic budget.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS 09-54

Recommendation to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2009 regular meeting.

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

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

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY 09-55

A resolution declaring the necessity of submitting the question of the issuance of School Improvement Bonds, in the aggregate principal amount of \$24,000,000 to the electors of the Firelands Local School District.

Daniel Pycraft moved, seconded by Jane Battig that the foregoing recommendation be approved.

Roll Call: Ortner - no; Pycraft - no; Battig - no; Becker – no.

Motion Failed

The first reading of the following new and revised policies was held:

- a. File: IGBM – Credit Flexibility
- b. File: IGBM-R – Credit Flexibility
- c. File: IGBI – Limited English Proficiency
- d. File: IGD – Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities
- e. File: JECE – Student Withdrawal from School
- f. File: JEG - Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance
- g. File: JFCC (Also EEACC) – Student Conduct on School Buses
- h. File: JK – Employment of Students
- i. File: KGB – Public Conduct on District Property
- j. File: KK – Visitors to the Schools

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS 09-56

Recommendation to:

- a. approve Purchase Service Agreement for Day Treatment with Education Alternatives as per Exhibit "A."
- b. to approve a School-Based Consultation and Education Services Agreement with The Lorain County Board of Mental Health for the 2009-2010 school year.
- c. to admit the listed students into Firelands Local School District for the 2009-2010 school year through Interdistrict Open Enrollment per Policy File: JECBB as per Exhibit "C."
- d. to approve the bus routes for the 2009-2010 school year with future adjustments to be processed through the Transportation Committee.
- e. to continue participation in the Educational Service Center of Lorain County's approved substitute teacher program for the 2009-2010 school year.
- f. to establish the following change funds:
 - gate change fund of \$500 for high school athletic events
 - cafeteria change fund of \$400.
- g. to accept a grant of \$4,835.55 from Cleveland Indians Charities and Majestic Steel to our high school baseball team.
- h. to approve an overnight trip by Firelands Golf Team to Punderson State Park on August 18, 2009.
- i. to contract with Viking Technology, Inc. for on-site Tech Support 5 hrs/day, 3 days/week for 8 months at a cost of \$25,500.
- j. to purchase two buses from Power City International, 72 passenger Conventional units, \$75,855./unit. We will trade in only one unit (Bus 14) for a trade-in value of \$2,500. Both units combined will total \$151,710 less trade in (\$2,500.) for a total cost of \$149,210.

Jane Battig moved, seconded by Daniel Pycraft that the foregoing recommendations be approved.

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

Motion Carried

PERSONNEL 09-57

Recommendation to:

- a. employ Morgan Thomas (BA, Step 0 - \$33, 911) as a science teacher at Firelands High School for the 2009-2010 school year pending completion of all requirements.

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- b. adjust the 2009-2010 contracts for the following teachers from .45 time to fulltime as Title I Reading teachers at Firelands Elementary School:
 1. Jill Kelley (MA +12, Step 19 - \$66,459)
 2. Michelle Ott (MA, Step 19 - \$64,695)
- c. approve Colleen Karp for up to 45 hours of Braille transcription work, at \$12.26 per hour, retro-active to June 15th through August 21, 2009.
- d. approve Debra Brightbill, Sandra Griffith, Janine Walbom and Amy Welch attending the Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) training on August 7th and 10th, 2009:
- e. approve the following employees for Para training for “Autism 101” on August 18, 2009:

Debra Brightbill	Barbara Eaton	Sandra Griffith
Carolyn Strittmather	Jennifer Urbansky	Janine Walbom
Amy Welch		
- f. authorize Shanna Finnegan to transport students in her personal vehicle to attend school sponsored events, with prior approval of the Superintendent.
- g. employ the following classified staff for the 2009-10 school year:
 1. Zula Strader as cleaning help, 186 days, 5 hrs/day, \$11.90 per hour (Step 0), effective 8-28-09
 2. Ann Holowenko as a part-time “bus driver” (1.75 hrs/day), \$16.36 per hour (Step 3) effective 9-1-09
- h. approve substitute support staff as per Exhibit “E” for the 2009-10 school year and all others as approved by the administration.
- i. approve hiring all certified staff members as selected by the administration as home tutors, as needed, for the 2009-10 school year at the rate of \$20./hour.
- j. employ Beth Dendorfer to call substitutes for teachers, cleaners, custodians and aides for the 2009-10 school year at the rate of \$10 times the number of teachers and number of classified staff in each classification for each building.
- k. employ the following Title I tutors for the 2009-10 school year at the rate of \$125 per day:
 1. Mary Northeim at SAMS
 2. Caryna Ketchum-Geyer at FES
 3. Shannon Ollis at FES
- l. adjust the activity contract for Art Wiegand from Asst. 8th Grade Football Coach to Head 8th Grade Football Coach (Step 4 – from \$2,713 to \$3,052)
- m. issue the following activity/supplemental contracts for the 2009-2010 school year pending completion of all requirements:
 1. Nancy Mitchell as Lead Mentor (Step 4 - \$1,865 x .5 = \$933 + 10% longevity = \$1,026)

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2. James Farley as Assistant 8th Grade Football Coach (Step 2 - \$2,035)
 3. Andrew Marsh as Head Varsity Girls Soccer Coach (Step 4 - \$4,748)
 4. Bryan Solomon as Assistant Varsity Football Coach (Step 4 – \$4,069)
- n. approve Greg Grude as a volunteer football coach at South Amherst Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year.
- o. employ Cody Doud at SAMS and Ty Luczkowski at FES as “student helpers” for the 2009-2010 school year at the state minimum wage of \$7.30 per hour, effective September 1, 2009:
- p. employ Melanie Eastin as a long-term substitute teacher for sixth grade science for the 2009-2010 school year at South Amherst Middle School.

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

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

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT 09-58

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

Roll Call: Battig – no; Becker - yes; Ortner - yes; Pycraft – yes.

Motion Carried

MEETING ADJOURNED

Barbara S. Bechtel, Treasurer

Dwayne Becker, President