Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Open Session
October 16, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 100 was held Thursday, October 16, 2014 in the office of the Board of Education. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Ed Test, President. Other board members present were: Julie Pohlman, Vice President; Amanda Vaughn, Secretary; Sherry Droste, Ruth Eschbach, Stan Kary, and William Yamnitz. Also in attendance were Lori Hopkins, Superintendent; Alan Churchman, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Facilities, who arrived at 7:28 P.M.; Chip Fabry, Special Education Coordinator; Mary Schell, Director of Finance and Human Resources; Michelle Bidlack, Principal/Early Childhood Director, who arrived at 7:12 P.M.; Debbie Trochuck, District Secretary; Tom Bott, The Telegraph; Bob Crossen, Jersey County Journal; Freddie Hatfill, district employee, who arrived at 7:24 P.M.; Jo Test, Bob Gross, and John Houseman.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Test announced the names of the educational support personnel whose positions were listed on the consent agenda, but who had not been selected at the time of posting of the agenda. Those selected were James "Trey" Stille, Special Education Paraprofessional at Illini Middle School; Shannon Fraley, Special Education Paraprofessional at West Elementary; and Jessica Brady, Title I Paraprofessional at West Elementary. Salaries for these positions are covered by tuition and grant funds.

Mr. Test asked that the consent agenda be amended to include two additional retirements.

A motion was made by Kary, seconded by Droste to amend the consent agenda to include the retirement of Judith Fritz, Paraprofessional at Jersey Community High School, effective the end of the 2014-15 school year; and the retirement of Berneda Usery, Custodian at Grafton Elementary and West Elementary, effective July 31, 2015. On roll call, Droste, yes; Eschbach, yes; Kary, yes; Pohlman, yes; Test, yes; Vaughn, yes; Yamnitz, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vaughn, seconded by Kary to approve the following consent agenda as amended:

I. Minutes & Finance

A. Approve Board Minutes

1. Open Session(s)
    a. Regular Meeting - September 18, 2014
    b. Special Meeting - None
2. Closed Session(s)
    a. Regular Meeting - None
    b. Special Meeting - None

B. Bookkeeper's Financial Position/Treasurer's Reports

C. Budget Report - September 2014

D. Approve Expenditures - October 2014

III. Personnel Items

A. Accept Resignation(s)

1. Sharon Butler, Paraprofessional, West Elementary, effective December 31, 2014
2. Judith Fritz, Paraprofessional, JCHS, effective the end of the 2014-15 school year
3. Berneda Usery, Custodian, West Elementary and Grafton Elementary, effective July 31, 2015

B. Approve Extra-Curricular Assignment(s)

1. Angela Beiermann, 8th Grade Girls' Volleyball Coach
2. Nick Crnocrak, Volunteer Girls' Basketball Coach
3. David Golike, Volunteer Basketball Coach
4. Rick Solum, Volunteer Basketball Coach
5. Nick Crnokrak, Volunteer Baseball Coach
6. Chris Skinner, Volunteer Baseball Coach
7. Jim Witt, Volunteer Baseball Coach
8. Danah McCreary, Volunteer Assistant Poms Coach
9. Randy Dilks, Volunteer Softball Coach

C. Approve Leave of Absence

1. Suzanne Rodgers, Educator, East Elementary, Medical Leave of Absence

D. Approve Non-Certified Personnel - None

E. Approve Temporary Disability Leave - None

F. Employ Certificated Personnel - None

G. Employ Educational Support Personnel

1. James “Trey” Stille, Special Education Paraprofessional, Illini Middle School
2. Shannon Fraley, Special Education Paraprofessional, West Elementary School
3. Jessica Brady, Title I Paraprofessional, West Elementary

On roll call, Eschbach, yes; Kary, yes; Pohlman, yes; Test, yes; Vaughn, yes; Yamnitz, yes; Droste, yes. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS/WELCOME VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Test announced that Katherine Smith, who had asked to speak, was unable to be present. Dr. Hopkins explained that Ms. Smith is a JCHS student who wanted to thank the board for the opportunity to participate in the Internship Program which allows her the opportunity to work, unpaid, alongside a kindergarten teacher at West Elementary School. Ms. Smith hopes to pursue a career in education. She was unable to attend because she was working.

Mr. Test asked if anyone present would like to speak. No one asked to speak.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS
None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Enrollment and Suspension and Expulsion Reports
Enrollment and Suspension and Expulsion reports were provided for informational purposes.

Principals' Reports
None

Directors' Reports
District Administrator – Mr. Churchman
None

Special Education Coordinator
None

Director of Finance and Human Resources
Mrs. Schell reported that, on the advice of legal counsel, a payment of one-half of WCSIT charges was made. The company will send a letter agreeing not to accelerate payment upon receipt of a letter of intent to withdraw from the trust. The second payment will be due in July of 2015. The district will continue to shop for another option.

Director of Technology
None

Early Childhood Director
None

Director of Transportation
None

Superintendent Report
Dr. Hopkins reported to the board on the following:

- Proposed County School Facility Sales Tax Allocation for Use Resolution providing for an allocation of 45% of total revenue to abatement of capital improvement debt and the balance toward completing facility improvements and Health/Life/Safety projects.
- Senate Bill 16
  Dr. Hopkins will present a resolution for consideration in November supporting Senator Andy Manar's proposal of a single funding formula which will allow for more equitable school funding.
- Illinois School Report Card which will be available October 31
- A Brief History of Education in the United States, with Emphasis on Jersey County, Illinois and the Evolution of the High School
  A booklet, written by the late Margaret Winters, was presented to each board member which included information on the high school from its origination through the completion of the new building, at which time the state provided a grant of $25,000,000 and the balance of approximately $8,000,000 would come from local funds.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences which have gone well

- Dr. Hopkins wished the board a Happy Boss's Day and read a poem of thanks she wrote for them.

Mr. Yamnitz asked if he could speak about the 1% sales tax. He stated that he did not believe in it and that he feels that the poorest in our community would be hit the hardest. He feels that spending needs to be reined in. Discussion was held.

ACTION ITEMS

1. County School Facility Sales Tax Allocation for Use Resolution
   A motion was made by Pohlman, seconded by Vaughn to adopt the following resolution:

COUNTY SCHOOL FACILITIES SALES TAX POTENTIAL REVENUE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Jersey Community Unit School District No. 100 is aware of the potential revenue (estimated to be around $1,098,000) from the County School Facilities Sales Tax ballot initiative and the impact it will have on school facility improvements and lowering property rates if successful; and,

WHEREAS, this board is mindful to provide property tax relief while improving school facilities; and,

WHEREAS, this board intends to use the potential revenue if the ballot initiative is successful in the following manner:

- Provide allocation of 45% of total revenue to abatement of capital improvement debt;
- Begin completing the following facility improvements as outlined on the 2014-2015 Jersey Community Unit School District No. 100 Strategic Plan:
- Complete of Health/Life/Safety projects at Illini; asbestos abatement throughout West Elementary, remove fencing in front of West Elementary, and replace West Elementary doors/windows; update security systems in all buildings; replace baseball bleachers at the sports complex and improve the all-weather track at the sports complex and JCHS; repair roofing; replace worn carpeting; and provide continued maintenance to parking lots and playgrounds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

Adopted this 16th day of October, 2014.

JERSEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100

BY:_____

ED TEST, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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AMANDA VAUGHN, SECRETARY

On roll call, Kary, yes; Pohlman, yes; Test, yes; Vaughn, yes; Yamnitz, yes; Droste, yes; Eschbach, yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Eschbach commented that she attended Grandparent's Day at West and thought that it was a very good idea.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Strategic Plan
   Dr. Hopkins reviewed the strategic plan results from the strategic planning committee comprised of parents, students, community leaders, teachers, administrators, and Board of Education members. This plan, which benefits students, covers curriculum goals, facilities, finance, pedagogy and student engagement, staff recruitment and development, where we are currently and where we are going as a district. Dr. Hopkins will bring the plan to the board in November for approval.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

BOARD PRESIDENT'S PREROGATIVE

Mr. Test spoke about how Senate Bill 16 came about.

Board members were asked to turn in any certificates of training that they have completed. They were also asked to turn in a biography for posting on the website.

Dr. Hopkins invited the board to attend the Veterans' Day program at the high school on Monday, November 10th at 9:30 A.M. She also invited them to a celebration at the court house on the same day, beginning at 1:00 P.M. in which items can be placed in the time capsule. There will be student participation. Items currently in the time capsule will be handed out on November 8th.

CLOSED SESSION

None

ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

None

A motion to adjourn was made by Pohlman, seconded by Kary. An aye or nay vote was taken with all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

The regular meeting of October 16, 2014 adjourned at 7:55 P.M.