

MINUTES
ABINDGON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 217

Board of Education
September 14, 2011

Call to order/Roll call

The Community Unit School District #217 Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday September 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at 401 West Latimer St., Abingdon, IL. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Sharon Lomax. The roll was read and the following Members responded: Archer, DeCrane, Emerick, Lomax, Glaser and Goehl. Absent: Schrodt.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Member Glaser and seconded by Member Archer to approve the consent agenda which included, payment of monthly bills, minutes of the August 10, 2011 regular meeting, September 7, 2011 special meeting, monthly money transfers and the cash balance sheet.

Good News Items

Mr. Kramer, head Cross Country Coach, and Mr Barry Mink, Assistant Cross Country Coach, presented the Middle School and High School Cross Country teams. Both teams have done a great job representing AMHS. The winners of the Hedding "Cell Project" presented their projects to the Board and audience. These projects applied knowledge of cells and cell structure to real life examples. Cierra Moshier, High School Student Council President, spoke about past and present fundraising plans for St. Jude and the Alzheimer's Unit at Abingdon Care Center along with the 2011-2012 Homecoming plans. Nathan Johnson and Saban Coupland spoke about community service and its value to students in regard to admittance to college, securing a job, and its contribution towards individual growth. They presented a creative, student produced video that will be shown at AMHS students, encouraging them to get involved with community service and service organizations. The Board expressed their appreciation to all students, parents, and the adults involved who work with the students to help them do some of the great things that were presented at the meeting.

Correspondence

The Board heard a thank you note from the Patricia Chansler family. Superintendent Black informed the board that once again the state is implementing the "Race to the Top" program.

Public Participation

None

Amendment(s) To The Agenda

It was moved by Member Archer and seconded by Member DeCrane to amend the agenda.

Reports

Committee of 10

Member Lomax presented information to the Board regarding the latest Committee of 10 meeting. Specifically discussed were the proposed district's voting boundaries and procedures to run for a seat on the proposed district's School Board. McDonough County's Regional Office of Education will be the one in charge of the election process. They will distribute petitions and collect petitions for the election at a satellite office that will be set up at Avon CUSD 176. The first day that petitions may be circulated will be November 28, 2011. The final day to file will be December 5, 2011.

Building & Grounds

Mark Branch reported that progress on the AMHS TV studio is on schedule. He also gave an update regarding the delivery of doors and windows for the Energy Efficiency grant. Mr. Branch assured the Board that work on the windows and doors would be done on evenings and weekends in order to best minimize class disruption.

Technology	Mark Rogers reported that there have been server changes. It has been a busy year so far but that everything is going well.
Administrators	<p>Michelle Adrews, Hedding Grade School Principal reported that Kiwanis is going to be helping financially with the RIF - Reading is Fundamental program. She is also working with Vicky Jones through Kiwanis on the BUG – Bring UP Grades program for 3rd and 4th graders. Hedding’s open house will be September 15, 2011 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. ISB has reallocated Title I funds, so we will be receiving more Title I money. With this reallocation we will be hiring 2 Title I paraprofessionals at Hedding.</p> <p>Jay Hurder, MSHS Principal reported that they are still in the process of reviewing and revising the Student Handbook along with the Course Description Catalog.</p> <p>Joe Nichols, Dean of Students – Athletic Director reported that he is currently contacting schools to schedule bowling meets. There are 25 students at this time that have indicated interest in the bowling program. The season will begin the latter part of October.</p>

Old Business

Jay Hurder, MSHS Principal reported that The Abingdon Kiwanis has agreed to sponsor the Abingdon High School boys and girls bowling teams for the 2011-2012 season. They will be paying for the entire cost of the program other than the uniforms which will be covered by the Abingdon Sports Boosters club.

It was also reported that the Cross Country season is going well.

New Business

- A. Discussion of Homecoming plans
Mrs. Arthur presented information on this year’s homecoming and how we are going back to some of our past traditions with it. The parade route and other information can be found on Abingdon’s website http://www.abingdon.k12.il.us/schools/ahs/clubs/student_council/
- B. 2011-2012 Application for Recognition of Schools
It was moved by Member Archer and seconded by Member DeCrane to approve the 2011-2012 Application for Recognition of Schools which must be filed annually with the Regional Office of Education. Ayes: Archer, Emerick, DeCrane, Glaser, Goehl, Lomax. Nays: None
- C. Discussion of distribution of non-school related information
It was stated that if a community group has something that they would like to have distributed at the schools they may bring it in to the principals for approval. The school secretary is not to be responsible for copying or collecting these items. The group wanting them to be distributed must bring in enough copies for each student. They will go home with the students on Fridays.
- D. Student meal costs & extras
Superintendent Black presented information showing that the district is required to make changes in their meal pricing in order to comply with Public Law 111-296. This law requires local districts to charge students paying full price for their meals the same amount as the government is currently reimbursing the district for those students receiving free or reduced meals. Many area schools raised prices at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year because of this law. The Federal Government currently reimburses \$2.46 per free/reduced meal. Our current lunch charge is \$2.00 at Hedding and \$2.25 at AMHS. The State is requiring us to raise the Hedding rate to \$2.05 beginning October 3, 2011. It was moved by Member DeCrane and seconded by Member Emerick to approve raising the cost of Hedding lunches to \$2.05 beginning October 3, 2011. Ayes: Archer, Emerick, DeCrane, Glaser, Goehl, Lomax. Nays: None

Superintendent Black informed the Board that the district is currently charging 0.25 cents for extra milk which does not cover the cost of purchasing the milk. The milk price should be raised to 0.30 cents to cover the current cost effective October 3, 2011. This affects only those purchasing extra milk. The cost of a single milk is already included in the cost of a regular lunch or breakfast. It was moved by Member Emerick and seconded by Member DeCrane to approve raising the cost of extra milk to 0.30 cents effective October 3, 2011. Ayes: Archer, Emerick, DeCrane, Glaser, Goehl, Lomax. Nays: None

Superintendent Black informed the Board that the cost of breakfast at Hedding is currently set at 65 cents whereas AMHS charges \$1.00. The Hedding charge does not cover the base cost of the breakfast. Hedding breakfast should be raised 5 cents effective October 3, 2011 for a charge of 70 cents. It was moved by Member Goehl and seconded by Member Archer to approve raising the cost of Hedding breakfast to 0.70 cents effective October 3, 2011.

Superintendent Black also presented that, according to the law, prices will have to be raised annually until both Hedding and AMHS are charging the minimum required by the Federal government. Therefore, meal pricing will be revisited later in the year for the 2012-2013 school year.

E. Approve Employment of Middle School Cheerleading Sponsor

It was moved by Member Archer and seconded by Member Goehl to approve the employment of Christa Van Unnik as Middle School Cheerleading Coach. Ayes: Archer, Emerick, Glaser, Goehl, Lomax. Nays: DeCrane.

F. Approve Employment of High School Bowling Coach

It was moved by Member Glaser and seconded by Member Archer to approve the employment of Amanda Stenger as High School Bowling Coach. Ayes: Archer, Emerick, DeCrane, Glaser, Goehl, Lomax. Nays: None.

G. Approve Employment of High School Assistant Bowling Coach*

It was moved by Member DeCrane and seconded by Member Goehl to approve the employment of Steve Batson as High School Assistant Bowling coach. Ayes: Archer, Emerick, DeCrane, Glaser, Goehl, Lomax. Nays: None

H. Adoption of the 2011-2012 Budget

It was moved by Member Archer and seconded by member DeCrane to approve the adoption of the 2011-2012 budget. Ayes: Archer, Emerick, DeCrane, Glaser, Goehl, Lomax. Nays: None.

I. Approving a Petition for the Consolidation of Avon Community Unit School District No. 176, Abingdon Community Unit School District No. 217, and Bushnell-Prairie City Community Unit School District No. 170 Into a Combined Unit School District

It was moved by Member Glaser and seconded by Member Archer to approve the Consolidation petition. Ayes: Archer, Emerick, DeCrane, Glaser, Goehl, Lomax. Nays: None

J. Approve Fuel Bid for 2011-2012

It was moved by Member Emerick and seconded by Member DeCrane to approve the fuel bid for the 2011-2012 school year. The firm (fixed) bid was given to Herr Petroleum for gas and diesel fuel. Riverland FS was given the bid for LP. Ayes: Archer, Emerick, DeCrane, Glaser, Goehl, Lomax. Nays: None

I. Closed Session

At 8:37 p.m. it was moved by Member Glaser and seconded by Member DeCrane that the meeting move to Closed Session. Member DeCrane seconded the motion. Ayes: Archer, Emerick, DeCrane, Glaser, Goehl, Lomax. Nays: None

II. Adjourn to Open Session

At 9:36 p.m. it was moved by Member Emerick and seconded by Member Archer that the meeting return to Open Session. Ayes: Archer, Emerick, DeCrane, Glaser, Goehl, Lomax. Nays: None

III. Adjourn

At 9:37 it was moved by Member Glaser and seconded by Member DeCrane that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: Archer, Emerick, DeCrane, Glaser, Goehl, Lomax. Nays: None

Sharon Lomax, President

Jeff Emerick, Secretary