

MINUTES

ABINDGON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 217

Board of Education

October 12, 2011

Call to order/Roll call

The Community Unit School District #217 Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday October 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at 401 West Latimer St., Abingdon, IL. The meeting was called to order by President Roger Schrodt. The roll was read and the following Members responded: Archer, DeCrane, Emerick, Lomax, Glaser, Goehl and Schrodt. Absent: None

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Member DeCrane and seconded by Member Glaser to approve the consent agenda which included, payment of monthly bills, minutes of the September 14, 2011 regular meeting, monthly money transfers and the cash balance sheet. Ayes: Archer, Emerick, DeCrane, Glaser, Goehl, Lomax and Schrodt. Nays: None

Good News Items

Mr. Robert Bernales, MS/HS math teacher and Chess Club leader reported that the students are responding very well to the club, are enjoying it, and are learning good sportsmanship.

Correspondence

The Board received memorial money from the Sampson family designated for Hedding and the MSHS libraries.

Public Participation

None

Reports

Student Council

Cierra Moshier reported a successful Homecoming and thanked everyone for helping. \$2000 was raised for Alzheimer's Disease and \$1000 for the Abingdon Food Pantry. The Abingdon Booster Club donated money from their concession stand and Hedding Grade School donated money from their "hat day".

Audit Report

Mr. Tom Pepper, from Gorenz and Associated reviewed the audit report and the Board approved it.

Committee of 10

Member Lomax presented information to the Board regarding the latest Committee of 10 meeting. She stated that the information regarding the vote will be on the ballot in March. Anyone wishing to run for the proposed new school board may pick up applications at the Abingdon, Avon or Bushnell Superintendent's office.

Administrators

Superintendent David J. Black reviewed information from School Law and Insurance Board of Directors meeting he attended including but not limited to bullying, social media, staff evaluation changes and Reduction In Force changes. A new law requires a reduction in Force Committee be formed comprised equally of union and administrative representation. This will be done at a future date. He thanked Mrs. Arthur and all volunteers for a successful Homecoming. He also

discussed with the Board a new facilities agreement which will be looked at further at the November Board meeting. He stated that the Administrative Compensation report is posted on our website. There were no FOIA requests for the month of October. Midterm Reports – electronic vs paper - It was discussed that there is value in communicating with parents regarding student grades. A “paper” notice should be sent to parents if students are receiving a “D” or and “F” in a class.

Michelle Andrews, Hedding Grade School Principal reported that a new reading series has been implemented this year. The PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) program data at all grade levels shows a decrease in poor behavior.

Jay Hurder, MSHS Principal introduced Mrs. Jody Collier who made a presentation regarding RTI. She explained what it is, how it used, and how it benefits the students. He stated that AMHS is finalizing the “school leadership plan”, is working with common Core standards, is working on the after school tutoring program on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and he is starting staff evaluations. There will be a reception for students who received Positive Acknowledgement Awards for the first quarter prior to the November 9, 2011 board meeting. This will take place at 6:30 p.m.

Joe Nichols, Dean of Students – Athletic Director reported that the cross country regional's are October 22 in Macomb, and Abingdon would be participating for the first time in school history. Senior runners will be recognized before the October 21 football game as part of Senior Night. Volleyball senior night was October 11 and the 29th Annual Abingdon Invitational is October 15. AHS will be hosting the IHSA Sectional Tournament November 1 and 3. The AHS football team is eligible for the playoffs (first time in 9 seasons) and with one more win, will automatically qualify for the playoffs. Bowling uniforms can be seen on the website. The boys bowling team starts practice October 24, the girls November 7, and November 26 is the first tournament. AHS is hosting a bowling invitational on January 7, 2012 at Abbe Lanes. Tryouts have been held, the AMS cheerleading squad has been selected, and their first game to cheer will be at the October 15 football game.

Mark Branch, Maintenance/Transportation Director reported that all windows but one have been installed at the MSHS building through the Energy Grant. The doors will be delivered October 19 or 20 and installation will begin on October 22. All the school evacuation drills have been done, and the TV production room looks good and will be finished soon.

Mark Rogers, Technology Director reported that there is a lot going on right now and he's heard many positive comments concerning the extra computers at the grade school.

Old Business

It was moved by Member Lomax and seconded by member Goehl to approve the second reading and adopt policies: 1:10, 2:10, 3:10, 3:70, 2:125 and 5:125. Ayes: Archer, DeCrane, Emerick, Lomax, Glaser, Goehl and Schrodt. Nays: None.

It was discussed that the board goals from the September board retreat will be finalized in the next two months and will be adopted at the January 2012 meeting.

New Business

A. Approve Annual Audit

It was moved by Member Glaser and seconded by Member Archer to approve the cost of annual audit. Ayes: Archer, Emerick, DeCrane, Glaser, Goehl, Lomax and Schrodt. Nays: None

B. Approve Employment of three Title I Aides

It was moved by Member Glaser and seconded by Member Lomax to approve the hiring of Teresa Taflinger, Debbie Dwyer and Terri Dickerson as Title I Aides for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year to be paid with Title I funds. Ayes: Archer, Emerick, DeCrane, Glaser, Goehl, Lomax and Schrodt. Nays: None

C. School Pointe Webhost

It was moved by Member Emerick and seconded by Member Lomax to us School Pointe Webhost as the district's new website provider. Ayes: Archer, Emerick, DeCrane, Glaser, Goehl, Lomax and Schrodt. Nays: None

D. Elect delegate and alternate for the IASB Joint Annual conference

It was moved by Member Glaser and seconded by Member DeCrane to approve Sharon Lomax as the delegate and Amy Goehl as the alternate for the IASB Annual conference. Ayes: Archer, Emerick, DeCrane, Glaser, Goehl, Lomax and Schrodt. Nays: None

E. Approval of Abingdon High School Improvement Plan

It was moved by Member Lomax and seconded by Member DeCrane to approve the Abingdon High School Improvement Plan. Ayes: Archer, DeCrane, Emerick, Glaser, Goehl, Lomax and Schrodt. Nays: None.

F. Discussion of Building Security Options

It was decided that this discussion would be table until a further date.

Closed Session

At 9:06 p.m. it was moved by Member Glaser and seconded by Member Archer that the meeting move to Closed Session.. Ayes: Archer, Emerick, DeCrane, Glaser, Goehl, Lomax and Schrodt. Nays: None

Adjourn to Open Session

At 9:38 p.m. it was moved by Member Goehl and seconded by Member Lomax that the meeting returns to Open Session. Ayes: Archer, Emerick, DeCrane, Glaser, Goehl, Lomax and Schrodt. Nays: None

Adjourn

At 9:39 p.m. it was moved by Member Archer and seconded by Member DeCrane that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: Archer, Emerick, DeCrane, Glaser, Goehl, Lomax and Schrodt. Nays: None

Roger Schrodt, President

Jeff Emerick, Secretary