

ABINGDON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 217
401 W. LATIMER STREET, ABINGDON, ILLINOIS 61410

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION, ABINGDON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 217, HELD August 10, 2011 at Abingdon District Office.

I. Call to Order

President Roger Schrodt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call of board members by Secretary: Ray Archer, Dennis DeCrane, Jeff Emerick, Leah Glaser, Amy Goehl, Sherry Lomax, and Roger Schrodt.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve Payment of Monthly Bills
- B. Minutes of July 13, 2011 regular meeting
- C. Monthly Money Transfers
- D. Cash Balance Sheet
- E. Second Announcement of Budget Hearing for FY1022-2012 scheduled for September 14, 2011 at 6:45 p.m.

Member Leah Glaser moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Dennis DeCrane seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Ray Archer, Dennis DeCrane, Jeff Emerick, Leah Glaser, Amy Goehl, Sherry Lomax, and Roger Schrodt. Nays: None.

III. Communications to the Board

Superintendent Black read a thank you note from Mavis Meadows regarding the school's position statement about the sale of alcohol at a neighboring business.

A. Public Participation

John Whitfield asked questions about a recent letter to the editor by a former employee of the district.

IV. Reports

Mark Branch, Transportation/Building & Grounds Director gave his report. He informed the board that everything is proceeding as planned. Currently they are doing some "touch up" painting in the buildings, removing trees and having trees trimmed. They have rebuilt the ticket taking booth and are working on the crow's nest. The TV production room is moving forward as planned.

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The District will be contracting with Two Rivers Professional Development center to provide all staff with training on Common Core Standards at Institute and School Improvement days.

Mr. Rogers reported to the Board that it has been a very busy summer. There have been many computer and infrastructure upgrades and everything seems to be progressing well for the beginning of the school year.

V. Old Business

Board Member Sherry Lomax gave her updated report on the Committee of 10. She stated that the paper work has been completed on the partitioning of the possible new district to make it fair and equitable. The committee is currently developing informational flyers and would be willing to speak at organizations and civic groups regarding the consolidation. The Board gave voice approval of the map of voting districts for the proposed consolidated district.

The board set the date of September 7, 2011 for their half day board retreat.

There was discussion regarding Administrators having Smart Phones. It was stated that our Verizon bill is discounted at 73% through the district's participation in the Federal government's e-rate program. The many beneficial applications that can be used with these phones were discussed. Mark Rogers stated that we will be disconnecting 3 land lines that will not be needed with the consolidation of the Middle School and High School offices. With that being done, the only new cost to the district would be the initial cost of the phone hardware.

Superintendent Black reported to the Board about a meeting he and Michelle Andrews had with the Mayor, the Police Chief, and the Director of Public Works concerning traffic concerns in front of Hedding Elementary and received input from the Board.

VI. New Business

Member Ray Archer moved to approve the hiring of Melissa Winters as High School Spanish/Middle School Language Arts Teacher for the 2011-2012 school year. Member Sherry Lomax seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Ray Archer, Dennis DeCrane, Jeff Emerick, Leah Glaser, Amy Goehl, Sherry Lomax, and Roger Schrodt. Nays: None

Member Leah Glaser moved to approve the hiring of Jeremy Pickrel as High School Drivers Education/PE Teacher for the 2011-2012 school year. Member Amy Goehl seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Ray Archer, Dennis DeCrane, Jeff Emerick, Leah Glaser, Amy Goehl, Sherry Lomax, and Roger Schrodt. Nays: None

Member Sherry Lomax moved to approve the hiring of Jeremy Pickrel as a 7th grade Football Coach for the 2011-2012 school year contingent upon the number of students signing up. Member Amy Goehl seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Ray Archer, Dennis DeCrane, Jeff Emerick, Leah Glaser, Amy Goehl, Sherry Lomax, and Roger Schrodt. Nays: None

Member Leah Glaser moved to approve the hiring of Mike Brown as a Co-Scholastic Bowl Coach for the 2011-2012 school year. Member Jeff Emerick seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Ray Archer, Dennis DeCrane, Jeff Emerick, Leah Glaser, Amy Goehl, Sherry Lomax, and Roger Schrodt. Nays: None

Member Amy Goehl moved to approve the hiring of Sherry Derry as a cafeteria cook for the 2011-2012 school year. Member Dennis DeCrane seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Ray Archer, Dennis DeCrane, Jeff Emerick, Leah Glaser, Amy Goehl, Sherry Lomax, and Roger Schrodt. Nays: None

Member Amy Goehl moved to approve the addition of High School Cross Country for the 2011-2012 school year contingent upon the number of students signing up being sufficient to begin the program. Superintendent Black brought the idea to the Rotary Club and was met with positive feedback. Rotary is willing to pay for the coaches, entry fees, transportation and any misc. expenses. The Abingdon Sports Boosters have consented to fund the uniforms. There will be an informational meeting Thursday, August 11, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the MS/HS auditorium. All parents and interested students are invited to attend. Member Sherry Lomax seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Ray Archer, Dennis DeCrane, Jeff Emerick, Leah Glaser, Amy Goehl, Sherry Lomax, and Roger Schrodt. Nays: None

Member Sherry Lomax moved to approve the hiring of Jeff Kramer as Cross Country Coach for the 2011-2012 school years contingent upon the number of students signing up being sufficient to begin a the program. Member Ray Archer seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Ray Archer, Dennis DeCrane, Jeff Emerick, Leah Glaser, Amy Goehl, Sherry Lomax, and Roger Schrodt. Nays: None

Member Leah Glaser moved to approve the recall of Reduction in Force non-certified positions. Those include Barney Cummins and Paul Branch SPED bus drivers along with SPED aides Connie Rawlings and Judy Cummins. Member Sherry Lomax seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Ray Archer, Dennis DeCrane, Jeff Emerick, Leah Glaser, Amy Goehl, Sherry Lomax, and Roger Schrodt. Nays: None

Member Amy Goehl moved to approve the purchase of a storage trailer for \$1,000.00 pending checking with the city on their ordinances. Member Sherry Lomax seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Ray Archer, Dennis DeCrane, Jeff Emerick, Leah Glaser, Amy Goehl, Sherry Lomax, and Roger Schrodt. Nays: None

Member Leah Glaser moved to approve the purchase of cell phones for the Administrators. Member Jeff Emerick seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Ray Archer, Dennis DeCrane, Jeff Emerick, Leah Glaser, Amy Goehl, Sherry Lomax, and Roger Schrodt. Nays: None

Member Jeff Emerick moved to approve the reinstatement of Middle School Cheerleading contingent upon the number of students signing up being sufficient to reinstate the program. Member Leah Glaser seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Ray Archer, Jeff Emerick, Leah Glaser, Amy Goehl, Sherry Lomax, and Roger Schrodt. Nays: Dennis DeCrane

Discussion was held regarding the possible purchase of building security systems. The board and Superintendent stated that the security of the Abingdon school students and staff is paramount. It is currently possible for anyone to walk directly into the buildings, and bypass the office all together. The board further directed the Superintendent to investigate the cost of a security system where the doors would be locked with the main entry doors being equipped with a "swipe key" and video system.

Member Ray Archer moved to approve the use of CHECKredi for Non-Sufficient fund checks. Member Dennis DeCrane seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes: ray Archer, Dennis DeCrane, Jeff Emerick, Leah Glaser, Amy Goehl, Sherry Lomax and Roger Schrodt. Nays: None

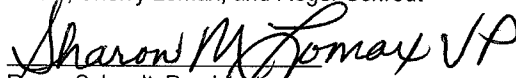
Board Policies 1:10, 2:10, 3:10, 3:70, 2:125 and 5:125 had their first readings.

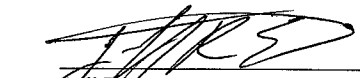
Member Sherry Lomax moved to approve David J. Black, Superintendent as the District's IMRF Authorized Agent. Member ray Archer seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes: ray Archer, Dennis DeCrane, Jeff Emerick, Leah Glaser, Amy Goehl, Sherry Lomax and Roger Schrodt. Nays: None

Member Jeff Emerick moved to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:59 p.m. Member Dennis DeCrane seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ray Archer, Dennis DeCrane, Jeff Emerick, Leah Glaser, Amy Goehl, Sherry Lomax, and Roger Schrodt. Nays: None

Member Ray Archer moved to return to Regular Session at 10:02 p.m. Member Amy Goehl seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ray Archer, Dennis DeCrane, Jeff Emerick, Leah Glaser, Amy Goehl, Sherry Lomax, and Roger Schrodt. Nays: None

Member Ray Archer moved to adjourn at 10:03 p.m. Member Amy Goehl seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Ray Archer, Dennis DeCrane, Jeff Emerick, Leah Glaser, Amy Goehl, Sherry Lomax, and Roger Schrodt


Roger Schrodt, President


Jeff Emerick, Secretary