

WEATHERLY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Regular Meeting – November 11, 2009

The Board of Directors of the Weatherly Area School District met in the Middle School LGI Room on Wednesday, November 11, 2009, for a Regular Meeting. Vice President Gerard Grega presided until President C. Gerhart arrived. Vice President G. Grega called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Vice President G. Grega led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE: Directors present: G. Grega, J. Dougherty, B. Barbush-Urban, W. Gerhard, T. Russell, E. Snyder, and J. Toft.
Late Arrival: C. Gerhart (7:11 PM)
Directors absent: G. Gerhard (work related)
Also present: M. Kew-Goodale, Board Secretary/Business Manager, F. Victor, Superintendent, S. Slavick, ES/MS Principal, T. McLaughlin, HS Principal, D. Herman, Maintenance Supervisor/Facilities Director, and D. Miscavige, Solicitor. Members of the staff and the public were also present.

STUDENT RECOGNITION:

T. McLaughlin and S. Slavick read a list of the accomplishments and achievements for the October students of the month.

- Senior of the Month for October 2009 – **Sally Reigle** (present)
- 6th Grade Student of the Month for October 2009 – **Alexis Hartz** (not present)
- 6th Grade Student of the Month for October 2009 – **Liam McLaughlin** (not present)
- 7th Grade Student of the Month for October 2009 – **Larissa Weston** (not present)
- 8th Grade Student of the Month for October 2009 – **Rachel Moon** (not present)

MINUTES APPROVED:

The minutes of the **October 21, 2009 Regular Meeting** were approved.

Motion to approve the minutes by J. Toft and seconded by E. Snyder passed on roll call vote: Voting yes: B. Urban, J. Dougherty, W. Gerhard, C. Gerhart, G. Grega, T. Russell, E. Snyder, and J. Toft. Voting no: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION:

C. Gerhart welcomed the public.

G. Grega introduced D. Herman, Maintenance Supervisor/Facilities Director and welcomed him to the district.

There was an Executive Session for Personnel, and Litigation issues (7:15 PM – 7:30 PM)

PERSONNEL:

Approved the appointment of the following to be added to the **2009-2010 substitute list** (pending all necessary clearances):

Bartel, Lisa M	Emergency Substitute – All Subject Areas
Pleban, Stacey	Substitute Nurse (LPN)

There was Board discussion regarding when names are added to the list. It was explained that names are added as they are received for the current school year.

Motion to approve the appointments by B. Urban and seconded by J. Dougherty passed unanimously on roll call vote: Voting yes: J. Dougherty, W. Gerhard, C. Gerhart, G. Grega, T. Russell, E. Snyder, J. Toft, and B. Urban. Voting no: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Discuss a salary increase for **Theresa Flanagan**, teacher, from Master's Degree (step15) to Master's Degree +15 (step 15). Salary increase from \$54,802.00 to \$55,919.00 per the WEA contract will become effective November 19, 2009 payroll.

Motion to approve the salary increase by B. Urban and seconded by J. Toft passed unanimously on roll call vote: Voting yes: W. Gerhard, C. Gerhart, G. Grega, T. Russell, E. Snyder, J. Toft, B. Urban, and J. Dougherty. Voting no: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

F. Victor noted the Veterans Day program that was presented at the ES/MS. It included a Skype session with soldiers on active duty in Iraq. Channel 7 is covering it on the evening news. He complimented S. Slavick and T. McLaughlin for their efforts.

Approved awarding the **Base Bid #2** with B2-3 and B2-4 omitted to **Muschlitz Excavating, Inc.** for \$159,017.00 (see attached).

There was Board discussion regarding the various bids, the cost of the project, the investment in the district that would last 10-20 years, checking into a handicap access to the t-ball field or by adding parking spaces along the alley.

Motion to approve the bid award by B. Urban and seconded by J. Dougherty passed unanimously on roll call vote: Voting yes: C. Gerhart, G. Grega, T. Russell, E. Snyder, J. Toft, B. Urban, J. Dougherty, and W. Gerhard. Voting no: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

The **November 01, 2009 Treasurer’s Report** was approved as filed.

Motion to approve the report by B. Urban and seconded by J. Toft passed unanimously on roll call vote: Voting yes: G. Grega, T. Russell, E. Snyder, J. Toft, B. Urban, J. Dougherty, W. Gerhard, and C. Gerhart. Voting no: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

FINANCIAL REPORT/ACTION (BUSINESS OFFICE) BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT

There was Board discussion regarding the Re-Organization meeting. The Re-Organization meeting needed to be rescheduled to Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 6:30 due to a conflict with the school code. Newly elected board members cannot be sworn in until Monday, December 7, 2009 at the expiration of the prior term. The Caucus and Regular meeting will follow the Re-Organization meeting. There will be no meeting on December 2, 2009.

Approved **Sweet, Stevens, Katz, & Williams LLP as special counsel representation.**

Motion to approve the appointment by B. Urban and seconded by T. Russell passed unanimously on roll call vote: Voting yes: T. Russell, E. Snyder, J. Toft, B. Urban, J. Dougherty, W. Gerhard, C. Gerhart, and G. Grega. Voting no: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Approved the Payment of Bills as presented including General Fund, Cafeteria, Student Activities/Athletic, and Capital Projects Fund bills:

General Fund

October 2009 Manual Checks	\$546,530.51
Checks dated November 11, 2009	<u>234,764.29</u>
TOTAL	\$781,294.80

Cafeteria Fund

Checks dated November 11, 2009	\$ 28,385.95
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Student Activities/Athletic Fund – Fund 29

October 2009 Bills	\$ 9,129.48
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Capital Projects Fund – Fund 30

Series A Bills– KNBT Acct. – October 23, 2009	\$ 25,265.50
Series B Bills – PNC Acct. – November 11, 2009	\$ 8,425.00

Motion to approve the payment of bills by B. Urban and seconded by E. Snyder passed unanimously on roll call vote: Voting yes: E. Snyder, J. Toft, B. Urban, J. Dougherty, W. Gerhard, C. Gerhart, G. Grega, and T. Russell. Voting no: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES:

Athletic: Gerard E. Grega (Chairperson) noted that there was an Athletic Committee Meeting prior to the Regular meeting. The athletic field was discussed and the formation of a Junior High Softball Team.

Approved the creation of a Junior High Softball team for one (1) year of non-league play. There was Board discussion regarding start-up costs (\$3,500 - \$4,000 including umpires, transportation, uniforms, and related supplies), and getting a volunteer coach.

Motion to approve the team formation by G. Grega and seconded by J. Toft passed unanimously on roll call vote: Voting yes: J. Toft, B. Urban, J. Dougherty, W. Gerhard, C. Gerhart, G. Grega, T. Russell, and E. Snyder. Voting no: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

There was additional discussion regarding the availability of an AED for outside events.

Budget/Finance: A Budget/Finance meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 11/17/09 at 7 PM.

REPRESENTATIVES:

PSBA Liaison: G. Grega noted HB 1858 that permits counties to raise a sales tax for property tax relief. G. Grega recommended that the members read the information and make their own decisions regarding the bill.

TCC – G. Grega noted that the next meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2010. Subcommittees are to meet between now and then.

C. Gerhart reviewed the board meeting dates and the calendar of events.

There was a PSBA presentation to B. Urban for her 16 years of service on the school board.

The H1N1 vaccine distribution have gone very well. There are still dates for further distribution in December.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by E. Snyder and seconded by B. Urban, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Kew-Goodale
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Board Secretary