

REGULAR MEETING
November 17, 2009
7:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the PORTA Community Unit School District #202, Board of Education, Petersburg, Illinois was held in the Superintendent's Office at the Jr.-Sr. High School on November 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Upon a call of the roll the following members were found to be present: Bettis, Churchill, Francis, Lounsberry, McCurdy, and Schappaugh. Member Stewart arrived at 7:40 p.m.

Also present were Matthew Brue, Superintendent; Darren Hartry, High School Principal; Anita Wankel, Petersburg Elementary Principal; Jeff Hill, Junior High Principal; Amy McMahan, High School Guidance ; and Pat Marshall, High School English Teacher.

CONSENT AGENDA

Member Schappaugh made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Member Bettis seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

EXPULSION HEARING CLOSED SESSION

Member Bettis made a motion to go into closed session for an expulsion hearing. Member Churchill seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

Member Francis made a motion to come out of closed session from the expulsion hearing. Member Churchill seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

DECISION OF THE BOARD

Member Churchill made a motion that student #2131040 has been found to have

violated school rules by exhibiting gross disobedience or misconduct as found in the Student Handbook on pages 14-19 of the District Handbook (possession, use, sale of illegal and/or controlled substances (drugs) or look-a-likes on any school property or while attending any school-sponsored or school related function) under circumstances so related to the school program so as to warrant discipline and the Board intends to consider expulsion as an option. Member Bettis seconded the motion. Upon a call of the roll the following members voted AYE. Bettis, Churchill, Francis, Lounsberry, Muller, and Schappaugh. Member Stewart was absent. NAY: None. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION TO DETERMINE DISCIPLINE

Member Francis made a motion to go into closed session to determine discipline. Member McCurdy seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

Member Francis made a motion to come out of closed session. Member McCurdy seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

DISCIPLINE

Member Churchill made a motion to expel student #2131040 for one calendar year with an option to solicit reentry into school at the beginning of the 2010-11 school year provided said student has proof of three (3) successful drug tests at the parents expense and at an approved agency. Member Bettis seconded the motion. Upon a call of the roll the following members voted AYE: Bettis, Churchill, Francis, Lounsberry, Muller,

and Schappaugh. Member Stewart abstained. NAY: None. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS PRESENT

Patricia Marshall, High School English Teacher, presented to the Board a cooperative writing project between Virginia High School and PORTA High School students titled “Journey’s End” a tribute to Edgar Lee Masters. Students have created a bound pamphlet of writings and artwork that will be available in the near future for purchase.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Stewart made a motion to approve MorganStanley & SmithBarney as a new depository for the school district. Member Bettis seconded the motion. Upon a call of the roll the following members voted AYE: Bettis, Churchill, Francis, Lounsberry, McCurdy, Schappaugh and Stewart . NAY: None. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Brue discussed with the Board the Quarterly Policy Updates that were in their board books. They are to review the policies for a month and then they will be voted on at next month’s meeting.

Member Churchill made a motion to adopt the LLCC Credit proposal for students as presented. Member Francis seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE.

President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

Member Francis made a motion to approve the Early Graduation requests as presented. Member Bettis seconded the motion. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

Member McCurdy made a motion to establish the Tallula Review Committee with members presented. Member Francis seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE.

President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

Member Churchill agreed to be this year's Board of Education delegate for the 2009 Board Convention.

Superintendent Brue addressed the Board regarding the 2009 Levy Update. A general discussion took place between the Superintendent and Board Members. At this time no hearing will be necessary.

Member Stewart made a motion to approve participation in a Reorganization study with Greenview and Athens School Districts. Member Schappaugh seconded the motion. Upon a call of the roll the following members voted AYE: Bettis, Churchill, Francis, Lounsberry, McCurdy, Schappaugh, and Stewart. NAY: None. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

Member Stewart made a motion to approve a resolution allowing ROE #46 to be custodian of County School Facility tax flow-through dollars. Member Bettis seconded the motion. Upon a call of the roll the following members voted AYE: Bettis, Churchill, Francis, Lounsberry, McCurdy, Schappaugh and Stewart. NAY: None. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Member Stewart made a motion to go into Closed Session. Member Francis seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

Member Bettis made a motion to come out of Closed Session. Member Churchill seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF JANICE MCLAUGHLIN, HEAD COOK-JR./SR. HIGH

Member Francis made a motion to accept the resignation of Janice McLaughlin as Head

Cook for the Jr.-Sr. High. Member Bettis seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF WAYNE BOOKS, ASSISTANT HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL COACH

Member Bettis made a motion to accept the resignation of Wayne Books as the Assistant High School Girls Softball Coach. Member McCurdy seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

EMPLOY JARED BROOKS AS A VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL COACH

Member Francis made a motion to employ Jared Brooks as a Volunteer Assistant Junior High Boys Basketball Coach. Member McCurdy seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

SEAL CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Member Churchill made a motion to seal the Closed Session Minutes from May 15, 2009, June 18, 2009, July 16, 2009, and August 20, 2009. Member Francis seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN

Member Bettis made a motion to adjourn. Member Francis seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the meeting adjourned.

Secretary, Board of Education

Approved by:

President, Board of Education