

REGULAR MEETING

January 21, 2010

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 January 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Upon a call of the roll the following members were found to be present: Bettis, Churchill, Francis, Lounsberry, and Schappaugh. Member McCurdy arrived at 7:02 p.m. and Member Stewart arrived at 7:05 p.m. Also present were Matthew Brue, Superintendent; and Amy McMahan, Guidance Counselor/Administrator; Jeff Hill, Junior High Principal; Doug Elledge, Assistant High School Principal/Athletic Director; Eric Kesler, PORTA Central/Tallula Principal, Ron Moore, Menard Rural Water Coop President; Randy Gum, Max Bumgardner, Jessica Koch, Tammy Ruppel, Jeff Willis, and Julie & Tim Riech.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

LETTERS & COMMUNICATIONS

Ron Moore, President of the Menard Rural Water Coop addressed the Board regarding a proposal he had sent the Board to build a small building on the corner of the school property to house a chlorinating unit for the water coop so they will meet EPA requirements. The Board gave their approval of the building of the unit as long as insurance regulations stated that it would be safe to do so.

NEW BUSINESS

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS APPROVED

Member Bettis made a motion to approve the School Improvement Plans for the elementary schools as presented. Member Francis seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

BALL-CHATHAM'S WITHDRAWAL FROM SASED APPROVED

Member McCurdy made a motion to approve Ball-Chatham's withdrawal from Springfield Area Special Education Coop. Member Churchill seconded the motion. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

QUARTERLY DISTRICT POLICY UPDATES DISCUSSED

Quarterly Policy updates for the District Policy Handbook were discussed and will be left open for discussion for one month and voted on at next month's board meeting.

TALLULA REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS DISCUSSED

President Lounsberry addressed the Board and community members present regarding the meetings that have been held of the Tallula Review Committee. An informational packet was passed out regarding what has taken place so far at the meetings. The next meeting of the Tallula Review Committee will be held on Monday, January 25, 2010 in the Superintendent's office at the High School.

MID YEAR STATE OF THE DISTRICT REPORT

Superintendent Brue addressed the Board regarding the State of the District as of January 2010. Main concerns right now are the current Budget Crisis that the State is facing and its impact on the district.

CLOSED SESSION

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

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF PAUL GILBERT, INDIVIDUAL AIDE

Member Bettis made a motion to accept the resignation of Paul Gilbert as an Individual Aide effective January 22, 2010. Member Bettis seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

EMPLOY LARRY ESPER AS AN INDIVIDUAL AIDE

Member Churchill made a motion to employ Larry Esper as an Individual Aide. Member Francis seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

EMPLOY TRACEY KELLEY AS ASSISTANT HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL COACH FOR 2009-10 SCHOOL YEAR

Member McCurdy made a motion to employ Tracey Kelley as an Assistant High School Girls Softball Coach for the 2009-10 school year. Member Churchill seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

SUSPENSIONS UPHELD

Member Churchill made a motion to uphold the suspensions as presented. Member Bettis seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

The Board discussed the vacancy that will occur as Board Member Mark Francis leaves in March to pursue other employment opportunities out of state.

ADJOURN

Member Stewart 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