

**Minutes Board of Education Meeting
April 19, 2010**

President Duane Hileman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members answered the roll call:

	Present	Absent	Arr. Late
Jim Cross	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Dale Foster	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Duane Hileman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
John Hughey	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Judy Neal	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u> (7:35 p.m.)
Pam Needling	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Roger Waller	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Others:

**Superintendent, Linda Craske
Principals, Mark Laster, Kevin Spain (arr. 7:15 p.m.) Charlotte Massey
Teachers, Sherri Goforth, Hannah Corzine, Marie Dallas, Barbara James, Karen Collier, Jenny Sadler, Tonya Hammer, Jenny Cunningham, Lydia Truitt, Gail Webb
Others, Amy Dillow, Brandy Kimmel, Julie Bonner, Lisa Bigler, Clarissa Ralls, Lisa Boget, Tim Ritter**

A motion was made by John Hughey and seconded by Jim Cross to approve the minutes of March 8, 2010, March 15, 2010 and March 23, 2010. Roll call vote: Jim Cross, yea; Duane Hileman, yea; John Hughey, yea; Pam Needling, yea; Roger Waller, yea. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roger Waller and seconded by Pam Needling to approve as submitted the activity fund report, revolving fund report, treasurer’s report, insurance report and cafeteria report. Roll call vote: Jim Cross, yea; Duane Hileman, yea; John Hughey, yea; Pam Needling, yea; Roger Waller, yea. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Cross and seconded by John Hughey to approve the bills for March 20, 2010 and payroll for April 2010. Roll call vote: Jim Cross, yea; Duane Hileman, yea; John Hughey, yea; Pam Needling, yea; Roger Waller, yea. Motion carried.

Several parents spoke to the board about the importance of maintaining small class sizes. Questions were asked about plans being made for next year with the budget cuts and how some of these changes will impact students.

A thank you note from Pam and Rob Needling was read.

A thank you note from Mary Ann Westbrook was read.

Jenny Cunningham reported that morale among staff was low, but she expressed appreciation for open communication from the board and administration during the difficult financial time. Four members of the AEEA will be attending Lobby Day in Springfield on Wednesday, April 21.

A motion was made by Jim Cross and seconded by Duane Hileman to approve the amended 2009-2010 school calendar. Roll call vote: Jim Cross, yea; Duane Hileman, yea; John Hughey, yea; Pam Needling, yea; Roger Waller, yea. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pam Needling and seconded by Roger Waller to approve the 2010-2011 school calendar. Roll call vote: Jim Cross, yea; Duane Hileman, yea; John Hughey, yea; Pam Needling, yea; Roger Waller, yea. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roger Waller and seconded by John Hughey to approve the resolution to accept student teachers from SIU for the 2010-2011 school year. Roll call vote: Jim Cross, yea; Duane Hileman, yea; John Hughey, yea; Pam Needling, yea; Roger Waller, yea. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pam Needling and seconded by Duane Hileman to approve the amendment of joint agreement with Tri-County Special Education. Roll call vote: Jim Cross, yea; Duane Hileman, yea; John Hughey, yea; Pam Needling, yea; Roger Waller, yea. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roger Waller and seconded by Pam Needling to approve the resolution to continue affiliation in a joint agreement with Tri-County Special Education. Roll call vote: Jim Cross, yea; Duane Hileman, yea; John Hughey, yea; Pam Needling, yea; Roger Waller, yea. Motion carried.

Superintendent Craske reminded the Board of the upcoming IASB Shawnee Division Governing Meeting to be held in Marion May 6th.

Mrs. Craske asked members to complete Statement of Economic Interest and return to the district office.

Cafeteria expenses will continue to be reviewed. Board members can review information in their board packets provided by Mrs. Stamp, cafeteria director.

The district was notified that we have received a designation of 'meets requirements' for special education.

Mrs. Craske updated the Board on the figures on payments from the state and information from the Superintendent's Conference. Currently, the state owes Anna District No. 37 just over \$303,000. The district has not received any Reading Improvement or Fine Arts grant funding. Anna has received one of our mandated categoricals. Funding for FY11 is still uncertain until the Illinois Legislature passes the state budget.

Mrs. Craske informed the Board that Kevin Wills will be attending the June board meeting to discuss working cash bonds for the district.

Mrs. Craske gave the Board an update on the progress on the technology grant. The infrastructure for the servers and wireless connections will be completed by the end of April. QNS employees worked during spring break and are now working during the evenings to complete the job. We have received laptops for the Jr. High teachers and 25 desktop computers for the lab and are waiting for them to be set up.

We have received more technology using ARRA funds for Special Education and Title I. The district will begin working toward installation of the projectors and document cameras for 2nd grade.

Pre-K has not received any additional payments for the grant. So in order to make the May payroll, each district will be assessed for the month. Anna District No. 37's portion for the three classrooms total \$27,000.

Mr. Laster reported that several tentative schedules are being developed and teachers will have a chance for input. Administration would like to be able to notify staff of assignments before school is out in May if at all possible.

New math books have been ordered for Lincoln (grades K-2), so that the entire district is using the same series.

End of the year preparations are underway.

The retirement luncheon will be either May 26 or May 27 with the board invited to attend.

Mrs. Massey reported that the week of May 3 will be the last AimsWeb assessment. Caseload and class sizes are being evaluated for next year's planning.

Mr. Spain distributed a new calendar for May with the end of the year changes. Kindergarten graduation will be May 19 at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High graduation will be May 20 at 7:00 pm and Academic Awards will be at 1:00 p.m. on May 21 to have more participation.

A motion was made by John Hughey and seconded by Roger Waller to adjourn to closed session to discuss:

- **The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057.**
- **Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).**
- **Discussion of lawfully closed meeting minutes, whether for the purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by section 2:06. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).**

Roll call vote: Jim Cross, yea; Duane Hileman, yea; John Hughey, yea; Judy Neal, yea; Pam Needling, yea; Roger Waller, yea. Motion carried.

Board went into executive session at 7:45 p.m.

Board returned to open session at 8:35 p.m.

A motion was made by John Hughey and seconded by Jim Cross to approve the executive session minutes of March 8, 2010, March 15, 2010, March 23, 2010. Roll call vote: Jim Cross, yea; Duane Hileman, yea; John Hughey, yea; Judy Neal, yea; Pam Needling, yea; Roger Waller, yea. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Cross and seconded by Judy Neal to approve the FY11 budget reduction recommendations (list attached to official minutes). Roll call vote: Jim Cross, yea; Duane Hileman, yea; John Hughey, yea; Judy Neal, yea; Pam Needling, yea; Roger Waller, yea. Motion carried.

A motion was made by John Hughey and seconded by Roger Waller to post the following extra-curricular positions: softball, baseball, volleyball, boys track, jr. high cheerleading. Roll call vote: Jim Cross, yea; Duane Hileman, yea; John Hughey, yea; Judy Neal, yea; Pam Needling, yea; Roger Waller, yea. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roger Waller and seconded by Jim Cross to advertise for part-time bus drivers for the 2010-2011 school year. Roll call vote: Jim Cross, yea; Duane Hileman, yea; John Hughey, yea; Judy Neal, yea; Pam Needling, yea; Roger Waller, yea. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pam Needling and seconded by John Hughey to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. with the next meeting being a regular meeting scheduled for May 17, 2010. Voice vote: Motion carried.

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