

**Minutes Board of Education Meeting
November 21, 2011**

Vice President Dale Foster called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The following members answered the roll call:

	Present	Absent	Arr. Late
Brandon Bierstedt	___X___	_____	_____
Greg Dillow	___X___	_____	_____
Dale Foster	___X___	_____	_____
Duane Hileman	___X___	_____	_____
Gayle Miller	___X___	_____	_____
Pam Needling	___X___	_____	_____
Roger Waller	_____	___X___	_____

Others:

Superintendent, Kevin Spain
 Principals, Mark Laster, Tony Wilson, Charlotte Massey
 Staff, Shelly Clark, Karen Collier, Jenny Sadler
 Visitors, Mary Ann Westbrooks

A motion was made by Brandon Bierstedt and seconded by Greg Dillow to approve the agenda for the regular meeting. Yea: 6 Nay: 0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pam Needling and seconded by Duane Hileman to approve the consent agenda of the following items: Minutes of October 17, 2011 Regular Meeting, Activity Fund, Community Activity Fund, Revolving Fund Report, Treasurer’s Report, Cafeteria Report, Insurance Report, Bills and Payroll, First Reading Board Policies: 4:110 and AP2, 4:140 and AP, 4:180, 7:20 and AP, 7:190-AP4, 7:305 and AP, 540.16. Roll call vote: Brandon Bierstedt, yea; Greg Dillow, yea; Dale Foster, yea; Duane Hileman, yea; Gayle Miller, yea; Pam Needling, yea. Motion carried.

Mary Ann Westbrooks spoke to the board about continuing the DARE program and possible funding.

Shelly Clark spoke about the food drive in progress and the coats for kids program.

A motion was made by Pam Needling and seconded by Dale Foster to set the date for the tax levy hearing as December 19, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. with the regular monthly meeting to follow. Roll call vote: Brandon Bierstedt, yea; Greg Dillow, yea; Dale Foster, yea; Duane Hileman, yea; Gayle Miller, yea; Pam Needling, yea. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gayle Miller and seconded by Duane Hileman to set the date for the special board meeting to approve the audit and financial report as December 1, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Brandon Bierstedt, yea; Greg Dillow, yea; Dale Foster, yea; Duane Hileman, yea; Gayle Miller, yea; Pam Needling, yea. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pam Needling and seconded by Dale Foster to approve the following policies for final reading and adoption: 4:70, 4:90 and 7:325. Roll call vote: Brandon Bierstedt, yea; Greg Dillow, yea; Dale Foster, yea; Duane Hileman, yea; Gayle Miller, yea; Pam Needling, yea. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Greg Dillow and seconded by Pam Needling to approve the emergency response plan. Roll call vote: Brandon Bierstedt, yea; Greg Dillow, yea; Dale Foster, yea; Duane Hileman, yea; Gayle Miller, yea; Pam Needling, yea. Motion carried.

Superintendent Spain updated the Board on current facilities projects: elevator needs a relay wired, several new door locks required replacement parts, electrical contractor for wiring new heaters in locker rooms and possible issue with a large crack in the cafeteria storage room.

Mr. Spain informed the Board of the mandatory training under PERA if they ever choose to dismiss a teacher. He also updated the Board on the reorganization status and reminded them of the hearing set for November 22 at 6:30.

The superintendent explained bond items and the need to decide in December on an amount and which items.

Due to recent concerns in the media, the Board was reminded they are mandated reporters.

Mr. Wilson spoke about the success of the “Fight Like a Girl Night” and thanked everyone involved. He thanked our bilingual students for their recent assistance due to new non-English speaking students entering the district.

Mr. Laster discussed the emergency response manual and Mrs. Clark’s hard work in its preparation. He also discussed Mrs. Solomon’s recent attendance at a Common Core training and the district’s next steps in the process.

A motion was made by Pam Needling and seconded by Brandon Bierstedt to adjourn to closed session to discuss:

- The appointment, 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 legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2/(c)(1).**

- Discussion of lawfully closed meeting minutes, whether for the purpose of approval by the body of minutes or semi-annual review of minutes as mandated by section 2:06. 5 ILCS 120/2/(c)(21).

Roll call vote: Brandon Bierstedt, yea; Greg Dillow, yea; Dale Foster, yea; Duane Hileman, yea; Gayle Miller, yea; Pam Needling, yea. Motion carried.

Board went into executive session at 6:12 p.m.

Board returned to open session at 6:56 p.m.

A motion was made by Gayle Miller and seconded by Pam Needling to employ Jenny Sadler as 5th grade girls basketball coach for the 2011-2012 school year.

Roll call vote: Brandon Bierstedt, yea; Greg Dillow, yea; Dale Foster, yea; Duane Hileman, yea; Gayle Miller, yea; Pam Needling, yea. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brandon Bierstedt and seconded by Dale Foster to employ Marie Dallas as 6th grade girls basketball coach for the 2011-2012 school year.

Roll call vote: Brandon Bierstedt, yea; Greg Dillow, yea; Dale Foster, yea; Duane Hileman, yea; Gayle Miller, yea; Pam Needling, yea. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pam Needling and seconded by Dale Foster to employ Shaun Pitts as 5th and 6th grade boys basketball coach for the 2011-2012 school year.

Roll call vote: Brandon Bierstedt, yea; Greg Dillow, yea; Dale Foster, yea; Duane Hileman, yea; Gayle Miller, yea; Pam Needling, yea. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dale Foster and seconded by Brandon Bierstedt to employ Lauren Hannuksela as 5th/6th grade cheerleading sponsor for the 2011-2012 school year.

Roll call vote: Brandon Bierstedt, yea; Greg Dillow, yea; Dale Foster, yea; Duane Hileman, yea; Gayle Miller, yea; Pam Needling, yea. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Greg Dillow and seconded by Duane Hileman to employ Anna Rodriguez as music teacher beginning January 3, 2012.

Roll call vote: Brandon Bierstedt, yea; Greg Dillow, yea; Dale Foster, yea; Duane Hileman, yea; Gayle Miller, yea; Pam Needling, yea. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gayle Miller and seconded by Pam Needling to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. with the next meeting being scheduled for

December 1, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Roger Waller, President

Pam Needling, Secretary