

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF October 16, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Wauconda Community Unit School District 118 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 16, 2014, by John Armstrong, President.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Armstrong, Dato, Feryance, McHugh, Patterson, Swanson

ABSENT: O'Hara

OTHERS

PRESENT: D. Coles, W. Harkin, J. LePage, D. Wilm and a few guests

4. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MOTION: By McHugh second by Feryance to adopt the agenda as amended.

VOTE: Voice Vote - all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

The agenda was amended to remove Item #11.B – Presentation of State Issues School Report Cards and Item #13.A. Closed Session – Negotiations.

5. RECOGNITION OF STAFF/STUDENTS

None

6. RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

None

7. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: By Feryance second by Dato to adopt the items listed on the Consent Agenda as presented.

VOTE: Roll Call vote - all members voted aye. Motion Carried.

Items on the Consent Agenda included:

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Special Meeting of September 11, 2014
2. Public Hearing of September 18, 2014
3. Business Meeting of September 18, 2014
4. Closed Session of September 4, 2014
5. Closed Session of September 18, 2014

B. Approval of Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings

1. September 6, 2012

C. Approval of Bills Payable

Education Fund	\$ 472,189.76
OPS Bldg Maint Fund	\$ 143,795.76
Transportation Fund	\$ 232,672.54
Capital Projects Fund	<u>\$ 2,298,718.77</u>
Total	\$ 3,147,376.83

D. Approval of Bills Payable – Site and Construction

Grand Total of Bills Payable 3,147,376.83

E. Approval of Payrolls

<u>September 2, 2014</u>		<u>September 15, 2014</u>	
Education Fund	\$1,138,003.98	Education Fund	\$ 1,164,106.80
O&M Fund	\$ 92,258.93	O&M Fund	\$ 89,443.13
Transportation	<u>\$ 100,279.38</u>	Transportation Fund	<u>\$ 99,571.74</u>
Total	\$1,330,542.29	Total	\$ 1,353,121.67

F. Acceptance and filing for audit of Treasurer's Report for the month ended September 30, 2014.

G. Approval of the Appointment, Employment, Retirement, Resignation or Leave of Absence of Certificated and/or Support Personnel:

1. Certificated Personnel: Employment 2014/15

- Ms. Kristen Daun, .4 FTE Speech/Language Pathologist/WMS/WS, \$40,267.00, MA+30 Lev A, pro-rated at .4 FTE in the amount of \$12,974.60.
- Samantha Wellbank, 1.0 FTE English Teacher/WHS, \$35,000.00, MA Lev AAA, pro-rated at 1.0 FTE for 152 days in the amount of \$29,977.44.

2. Certificated Personnel: Resignation/Retirement

- Arguello Acosta, 3rd Grade Bilingual Teacher at WGS, resignation effective September 19, 2014.
- Cheryl Hawkins, Speech/Language Pathologist at WSM/WHS, resignation effective September 17, 2014.

3. Certificated Personnel: Leave of Absence 2014/15

- Christina Nakazaki, 8th Grade Language Arts/Literature teacher at MMS, leave of absence to begin on or about January 12, 2015, with a return to work date on or around February 20, 2015.

4. Educational Support Personnel: Resignation 2014-15

- Amanda Szopinski, Special Education Teacher Assistant/RCS, resignation effective October 17, 2014.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Coles reported on the following:

- American Education Week (November 17 – 21) was discussed.
- Dr. Coles provided reminders about upcoming activities going on in the district. Robert Crown Pumpkin Fest & Run for Your Life 5K at MMS will take place on October 18th and the BNF Trivia Night is October 25th.
- Dr. Coles spoke briefly about the situation that occurred in Holiday Hills. Dr. Coles commended the administrators, our staff, the first responders and the law enforcement agencies for their assistance and wished the wounded officers well. The dismissal plan implemented was discussed. The Board also commended all that were involved.

10. OLD BUSINESS

None

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Capital Improvement Projects Update

Following introductory remarks by Dr. Coles, Diane Pappenhouse of IHC Construction updated the Board regarding the status of construction projects. All projects are basically complete with a few punch list items being addressed. Everything is operational. All the roof projects, the sheet metal and the athletic fields are complete. IHC is working on close out documentation. The project came in under budget. Ms. Pappenhouse noted that it was a pleasure working with the school district.

Following discussion regarding the roofing work, Board members expressed their satisfaction with this new partnership with IHC.

B. Presentation of State Issued School Report Cards

This item was removed from the agenda as the report cards were not available at this time.

C. Acceptance of Audit/Management Letter for FY2013/14

MOTION: By McHugh second by Swanson to approve the Audit Report/Management Letter for FY2013/14.

VOTE: Roll Call vote - all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Harkin noted that the Auditor's opinion on Page 1 reflects that our financial statements were presented fairly. The district's rating on the ISBE Financial Profile has improved to the highest category of Financial Recognition. Mr. Harkin recommended that the Board review the information contained in the document and contact him with any questions. Mr. Harkin stated that we closed out the year in a great position and commended the work of the Auditing Firm of Evans, Marshall & Pease, P.C.

D. Adoption of Resolution Approving a Public Notice for the 2014 Tax Levy.

MOTION: By McHugh second by Feryance to adopt the resolution approving a Public Notice for the 2014 Tax Levy, stating the amount of the estimated 2013 extension, the proposed 2014 tax levy, the percentage of increase, and the date to conduct a public hearing (November 13, 2014).

VOTE: Roll Call vote - all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Harkin noted that we are required by law to publish this notice. The notice calls for a 20.02% increase, however, due to PTELL, that is not what the district will receive. The Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) allows for an increase of the lesser of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or 5%. Mr. Harkin stated that CPI for 2014 came in at 1.5% and this is the increase we will see. Discussion followed regarding the districts' EAV and tax rate.

E. Approval of Overnight Trip Request – WHS World Languages Department

MOTION: By Dato second by Swanson to approve the overnight trip request for the WHS World Languages Department to visit Spain on March 19 – 27, 2015.

VOTE: Voice vote - all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

12. BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION

Mr. Armstrong asked an audience member if they wanted to speak with the Board. Brian Bavaro, 921 Autumn Grove Ct., Volo, IL, wanted an explanation about why his taxes are still going up. He indicated that he is also a business owner and his business taxes continue to rise as well. Following discussion, Dr. Coles encouraged him to contact Mr. Harkin who would be would be happy to go over his tax bills and answer questions.

Mrs. McHugh reminded all about Pumpkin Fest at RC and Run For Your Life at MMS.

Mr. Feryance spoke about the Village of Wauconda's Adopt a Road program and getting a group together to clean up the roads.

Mrs. Dato spoke about the 7th grade rodeo she attended with Mrs. McHugh. It was a fun event and a great atmosphere for the students to do some team building.

Mrs. Dato initiated a conversation regarding SB16 and its' potential impact on District 118. Dr. Coles has reached out to State Representative David McSweeney, State Representative Barbara Wheeler and State Representative Sam Yingling asking for their support in opposing this bill. Representatives McSweeney and Wheeler both have conveyed their opposition to the bill. Dr. Coles was scheduled to attend a meeting with Andy Manar, sponsor of SB16 & Senator Bush. Senator Manar elected not to come. Dr. Coles added that SB16 would be devastating to schools, reducing state aid by 82% and urged all to contact their legislators.

ABrian Bavaro, 921 Autumn Grove Ct., Volo, IL, asked for clarification of what SB16 entails. Dr. Coles provided a brief overview and discussion followed regarding how to educate people about this proposed bill.

13. CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: By McHugh second by Patterson to go into Closed Session at 7:34 p.m. in order to discuss Information Regarding the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees and Pending Litigation.

VOTE: Roll Call vote – all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

MOTION: By McHugh second by Feryance to come out of Closed Session at 7:42 p.m.

VOTE: Voice vote – all members present voted aye. Motion Carried

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: By Feryance second by Swanson to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

VOTE: Voice vote - all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

President

Secretary