

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101, BATAVIA, KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
HELD ON DECEMBER 13, 2011

REGULAR MEETING The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Batavia Public Schools was held at the Rosalie M. Jones Administration Center, 335 W. Wilson Street, Batavia, Illinois, and was called to order by President Link at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL On roll call the following Board Members were present:

Cathy Dremel	Ronald Link
Jack Hinterlong	Joseph Purpura
Gregg Hodge	Kathleen Roberts

Board Member Resek arrived at 7:43

Also present: Superintendent Barshinger
Associate Superintendent Romanek
Assistant Superintendent Monn
Chief Academic Officer Newkirk
Chief Information Officer Ingles
Assistant Director of Technology Seawall
Principal Hichens
Principal Maciejewski
Principal Webster
Principal Sikorski
Principal Girmscheid
Student Ambassador Van Treeck
Student Ambassador Kelly
Recording Secretary Walker

VISITORS: 67

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE President Link asked Student Ambassador Van Treeck to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RECOGNITION
OF VISITORS**

Rotolo Middle School Principal Maciejewski recognized the RMS orchestra students who participated in an orchestra day at Niles West High School. Mr. Maciejewski read a letter from their instructor Mrs. Kazda indicating how the students benefited from this experience. She stated, "The students showed a side of professionalism that I did not know existed at their age. They acted with the utmost maturity and respect possible. They nailed the performance in my eyes. Our students represented Rotolo Middle School and the community of Batavia in such a mature manner." President Link thanked them on behalf of the school board. "These young adults are a perfect example of what happens here."

President Link introduced former Board of Education Member Stan Oke. Mr. Oke presented a check to High School Science Department Chair Mary Jane Tupper on behalf of the Mobile Oil Corporation.

Hoover-Wood Principal Girmscheid recognized Lisa Hillquist, Cecilia Hoffman and Cindy Neeland as well as the Hoover-Wood PTO for their outreach program for students living in the Batavia Apartments. Along with implementing a summer school program for those students they also offered Kindergarten Preview on site. They presented slides describing their work.

Carrie Seabold and Carrie Massie from the Batavia Foundation for Educational Excellence acknowledged the fall Mini Grant recipients. The Foundation distributed \$7,200 in grants. Board Member Purpura thanked Foundation members for their hard work. "It is not an insignificant amount of time you commit to this organization. What has been done in the last 4-5 years to bring this group to the forefront is phenomenal."

No other visitors wished to address the Board.

REPRESENTATIVES BEA President Tony Malay congratulated the middle school orchestra. He added, "The Foundation does fantastic work for Batavia. It goes the extra mile. I appreciate that it allows our members to do innovative things." He commented that the BEA and senior management has "nailed down a memorandum of

understanding for the new requirements of the law. (Performance Evaluation Reform Act). Senior counsel for the IEA came to see how we deal with it.” He wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

CONSENT
AGENDA

Superintendent Barshinger presented the Consent Agenda for Board of Education approval. Moved by Roberts and seconded by Dremel the Consent Agenda was approved as presented with the modifications to the minutes of November 15, 2011 as identified by Board Member Dremel. Ayes: Roberts, Hodge, Hinterlong, Dremel, Resek, Purpura and Link, Seven (7). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

The Consent Agenda included:

- Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 15, 2011 and the Special Meetings of November 15, 2011 and November 16, 2011.
- Approval of the net payrolls in the amount of \$1,082,144.67 for November 30, 2011 and December 15, 2011 in the amount of \$1,080,412.36

Education Fund	\$267,169.43
Food Service	\$116,014.75
Drivers Ed	\$355.50
Grants/Donations	\$12,716.22
Special Education	\$213,720.32
Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$280,974.19
Debt Service Fund	\$5,392.17
Transportation Fund	\$85,076.54
I.M.R. Fund	\$75,239.42
FICA	\$70,246.87
Capital Projects Fund	90,716.16
Tort Fund	\$0.00
Fire Prevention & Safety	\$0.00

Total of above: \$1,217,621.57

- Approval of the November 2011 Treasurer’s Report as presented.

- Personnel
 - Resignation-Classified Staff
 - Beatrice Eveland
 - Tiffani Zimmerman
 - Employment-Classified
 - Richard Barajas
 - Kevin Inman
 - Request Leave of Absence
 - Lisa Palese
 - Adrian Rios
 - Lisa Rios
 - Request Leave of Absence Extension
 - Kristin Green
- Approval of the destruction of audio tapes of the Closed Session Meetings of June 1, 2010, June 8, 2010 and June 22, 2010.
- Approval of the following Closed Session Minutes and further recommend these minutes remain closed: November 15, 2011.
- Approval of the donation of \$1,500, from the estate of Marilyn Robinson, for the LRCs at Grace McWayne School and H. C. Storm School.
- Approval to accept the donation from the Batavia Foundation for Educational Excellence in the amount of \$6,100 for the purchase of six iPads and apps for students in the Vocational Transition program at Batavia High School.
- Approval to accept the donation in the amount of \$100 to Mrs. Puttin's first grade classroom from Susan and Robert Kladvia to be used for supplemental instructional resources.
- Approval of the Batavia High School Philharmonic Orchestra field trip to Peoria January 27 – 28, 2012.
- Approval of the adoption of the textbook *Century 21 Accounting* for the spring semester of the 2011-12 school year.
- Approval of the renewal of the RMS magazine sale contract with QSP for 2012-13.
- Approval of the resolution to authorize the transfer in the amount of \$3,270,218.03 from the Capital Projects Fund to the Debt Service Fund, including any subsequent interest that accrues.
- Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Aurora as presented.
- Approval of the following polices for first reading and adoption:

- 2:90 Board Self-Evaluation
- 2:120 Board Member Development
- 2:180 High School Student Ambassadors
- 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
- 5:260 Student Teachers/Clinical Experience

- Approval of the disposal of the surplus property as presented.

SCHOOL
REPORT
CARD

Chief Academic Officer Newkirk discussed the student growth data provided by the Measures for Academic Progress (MAP) and the Educational Planning and Assessment System (EPAS). Components of the EPAS testing include the Explore Test, PLAN Test and the ACT Test. Students in grades 6 – 8 take the Explore test. Students in 9th grade take the PLAN Test and students in Grades 10-11 take the Mock-ACT or the ACT test. When exploring the growth from Explore to the ACT, Batavia students scored well above the national average. On the ACT test, students have shown improvement since the tracking began in 2007.

The MAP test is given to students in grades 2-8 twice a year. Mr. Newkirk reviewed the outcomes and the growth targets in reading and math at each grade level. Batavia students have consistently scored well in math. Reading performance showed greater growth over time, but cohort performance was less consistent. Curriculum, instructional materials and instruction will be explored for their impact on student growth in both math and reading.

2011 TAX LEVY Assistant Superintendent Monn discussed the proposed 2011 Levy and outlined the steps in the levy process to certify with the Kane County Clerk the amount of money required for the operations and activities in each individual fund. Levy amounts in each fund are as follows:

Social Security:	\$900,000
IMRF	\$700,000
Education	\$45,000,000
Operations and Maintenance	\$5,750,000
Transportation	\$2,100,000
Special Education	\$800,000

The total capped levy amount is \$55,250,000. The levy does not exceed the provisions of the Truth in Taxation Act since it does not exceed 105% of the preceding year. The proposed levy calls for a 4.83% increase over the 2010 extension, which is below the 5% threshold for the Truth in Taxation Act. Last year's levy rate was 1.5%. Mr. Monn reminded the public that the district always asks for more money than it thinks it will receive and estimates the actual tax extension to be around \$44.2 million.

In addition to the capped levy of \$55,250,000, the bond and interest extension is expected to be \$11,382,862. Mr. Monn noted that this year showed the highest amount in the bond repayment schedule; payments will begin decreasing next year. He also stated that the district has abated approximately \$6 million in taxes since 2004 to stabilize the tax rate. However, money from the state construction funds is now depleted so the district can no longer afford to abate the bond and interest taxes next year. The district deliberately collected less taxes than it was entitled to so the tax rate would remain stable. Mr. Monn said, "In the past we have restructured the bond debt to hold down the levy amount, but to try to continue to restructure would add too much interest to be feasible."

Moved by Purpura and seconded by Roberts to adopt the 2011 Tax Levy as presented. Ayes: Purpura, Roberts, Hodge, Hinterlong, Dremel, Resek and Link, Seven (7). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

TIF FUNDS

Assistant Superintendent Monn stated that the Finance Committee directed the administration to develop a plan that outlines how funds received from the Tax Increment Financing District will be utilized. The school district is due to receive disbursements from the City of Aurora of surplus funds from the Farnsworth TIF district. It will also receive funds from two newly created East and West Farnsworth TIF districts as part of the agreement. The City will declare one million in 2012 and an additional million dollars in 2013.

The district is recommending a 50/50 split of the money between Capital Projects and replenishing the fund balance to a level deemed by the Board. Money would be equally deposited between the Education Fund and the Working Cash Fund. Capital projects include essential repair and preventative maintenance needed to maintain facilities. The list of unfunded capital projects total \$7.5 million.

Moved by Purpura and seconded by Dremel to approve the resolution regarding the use of Tax Increment Financing income as presented. Ayes: Purpura, Roberts, Hodge, Hinterlong, Dremel, Resek, and Link, Seven (7). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

STUDENT
AMBASSADOR
COMMENTS

Winter sports has begun at the high school. The next theatre production will be Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*. Tonight all of the music venues will be presenting a winter concert. On Thursday there will be a presentation for students and parents on cyber bullying.

SUPERINTENDENT
COMMENTS

Superintendent Barshinger stated that having all of the recognitions this evening "was a great way to start a meeting". He thanked the students and staff for creating a wonderful environment.

PRESIDENT'S
COMMENTS

President Link wished everyone Happy Holidays.

BOARD
MEMBER
COMMENTS

Board Member Roberts stated that she attended an event at a wealthy school district in DuPage County and was shocked to see the condition of the building and the lack of cleanliness. She complimented the district's maintenance and custodial staff on the good job they do to keep the buildings presentable. "I want to let the taxpayers know their money is being well spent."

Board Member Resek commented that she was sorry that she was late and had to the recognitions.

Board Member Dremel felt moved by watching the students in the lobby prior to the meeting. "I felt that I was in a movie about a perfect community."

ADJOURN
TO CLOSED
SESSION

Moved by Hodge and seconded by Roberts to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:16 p.m. to hear information on Collective Bargaining and Personnel. Ayes: Hodge, Hinterlong, Dremel, Resek, Purpura, Roberts, and Link, Seven (7). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

RETURN
TO OPEN

Moved by Dremel and seconded by Roberts to return to Open Session at 9:19 p.m. Ayes: Dremel, Resek, Purpura, Roberts, Hodge, Hinterlong and Link, Seven (7). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Moved by Hinterlong and seconded by Hodge to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Education at 9:20 p.m.

Jack K. Barshinger
Secretary

Ronald A. Link
President