

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101, BATAVIA, KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
HELD ON JUNE 28, 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 7:03 p.m.

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

Cathy Dremel	Joseph Purpura
Gregg Hodge	Kathleen Roberts
Ronald Link	

Jayne Resek arrived at 7:32 p.m.

Absent: Jack Hinterlong

Also present: Superintendent Barshinger
Associate Superintendent Romaneck
Associate Superintendent Wright
Assistant Superintendent Monn
Assistant Director of Finance O'Connor
Principal Hichens
Associate Principal Newkirk
Principal Maciejewski
Principal Webster
Principal Girmscheid
Student Ambassador Kelly
Student Ambassador Van Treeck
Recording Secretary Walker

VISITORS: 36

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

**PUBLIC
HEARING**

Moved by Roberts and seconded by Purpura to open the Public Hearing on the Amendment to the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Budget. Ayes: Roberts, Hodge, Dremel, Purpura and Link, Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

No one wished to address the Board regarding the budget.

Moved by Roberts and seconded by Dremel to close the Public Hearing. Ayes: Roberts, Hodge, Dremel, Purpura and Link, Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION
OF VISITORS**

Kristina Hunecke, 850 Ryan Ct. Mrs. Hunecke expressed her concern regarding the specials being cut from half-day kindergarten classes. She feels the same education should be offered to those students as well as the kindergarten students who receive afternoon enrichment. "There is a huge discrepancy with those students receiving P.E., art and music. Studies show music, art and P. E. enhance the core curriculum. We were told these would be eliminated to focus on the core curriculum. We feel the cuts should be made across the board. The inequality for students is quite obvious and I am concerned they will be at a disadvantage when they enter first grade. All state goals and benchmarks will still need to be met. Teachers will be overwhelmed and will have to cram things into a shortened day."

Louise White Principal Webster and the District Nurse Carbonell spoke about their collaboration with the Batavia Lions Club. Lions Club representatives Tony Choan and Mr. Miner stated that the club has been providing eye glasses to at least 10 families each year over the last 37 years. Principal Webster presented a certificate to formally thank them for their work.

Ron Karabowicz, Director of the Batavia Robotics Club, introduced Megan LeResche, a BHS graduate and former member of the club. Megan spoke about what being in the club has meant to her and the friends she has made from all over the world. She believes, "attending robotics competitions has changed the world for the better".

Mr. Karobowicz stated that there are 60 kids involved in the club, in grades 5–12, participating in three divisions. Teams compete throughout the nation. In addition to bringing science and math together, the club gets the kids involved in the community and works on team leadership. “It inspires kids to be more than they thought they could be.” Mr. Karabowicz thanked the Rotolo Middle School staff for hosting the club and the administration and Board of Education for their support. All of the robots are built and programmed by the students. The team demonstrated one of their largest robots.

REPRESENTATIVES BESPAs President Denise Ott wished everyone “Happy summer”.

Louise White PTO President Elect Jennifer Karwoski spoke about the activities at the school. The PTO held a movie night fundraiser to help a family who lost their home in two fires over a 24 hour period. They have purchased miscellaneous items for teachers and given each teacher a budget of \$100 to purchase whatever they needed for their classroom. The PTO has also sponsored a walkathon to raise money for after school reading, held a fun fair and book fair, food drives and family nights at Chucke Cheese’s.

CONSENT AGENDA

Superintendent Barshinger presented the first half of the Consent Agenda for Board of Education approval.

Moved by Purpura and seconded by Roberts Items A-J of the Consent Agenda was approved as presented. Ayes: Purpura, Roberts, Hodge, Dremel, Resek and Link, Six (6). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

The Consent Agenda included:

- Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meetings of May 10, 2011 and May 24, 2011, the Special Meeting of May 3, 2011, the Organizational Meeting of May 3, 2011 and the Special Meetings of May 11, 2011 and May 24, 2011.

- Approval of the net payrolls in the amount of \$1,147,455.91 for May 31, 2011 and June 15, 2011 in the amount of \$1,372,969.99.

Education Fund	\$307,917.47
Food Service	\$234,314.58
Drivers Ed	\$742.57
Foundation	\$99.49
Grants	\$5,942.85
Special Education	\$200,546.93
Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$247,880.35
Debt Service Fund	\$5,597.54
Transportation Fund	\$385,120.66
I.M.R. Fund	\$71,906.72
FICA	\$80,411.51
Capital Projects Fund	\$713,986.47
Tort Fund	\$0.00
Fire Prevention & Safety	\$0.00
Total of above:	\$2,254,702.14

- Approval of the Treasurer's Report as presented.
- Personnel
 - Administrative Transfer
 - Brad Newkirk
 - Jan Wright
 - Resignation-Certified
 - Kristina Dauber
 - Cherie Hiland
 - Elizabeth Ashley Meyers
 - Resignation-Classified
 - Theodore Lannert
 - Elaine Thurber
 - Chris Winkle
 - Employment-Classified
 - Andrea Runge
 - Employment-Seasonal
 - Wren Roberts

Increase in Contract-Certified

Ranea Breen

Rebecca Cain

Debra Clasen

Angela Fuqua

Ben Hankes

Tammy Lydick

Kellie Stern

Ramona Terpstra

Decrease in Contract-Certified

Carol Autenreith

Lynn Freedlund

Kristin Green

Laura Rexilius

Jennifer Torgerson

Return Leave of Absence

Cynthia Kane

Melinda Norfleet

Diane (Cronin) Scheingflug

Request Leave of Absence Extension

Lisa Casbarian

Kristin Green

Stacey Kilburg

Request Leave of Absence

Joseph Casbarian

Probationary/Part Time Employment-Certified

1st Year Probationary Teachers
Recommended for Second Year Probationary Status

Allison, Justin	SpEd	High School	\$43,583
Brown, Maura	Orchestra	High School	\$51,218
Farley, Cristine	SpEd	McWayne	\$51,018
Lo, Melissa	French	High School	\$54,935
McCague, J.	SpEd	High School	\$56,587
McCann, Ryan	SpEd	High School	\$43,583
Melendez, J.	Art	High School	\$41,105
Morris, Bennett	Health	High School	\$66,913
Nalley, Stacy	Social Worker	H. C. Storm	\$61,957
Payton, Chris	SpEd	High School	\$51,218
Stoneberg, L.	Spanish	High School	\$41,105
Virgilio, Christina	Music	High School	\$41,105

2nd Year Probationary Teachers
Recommended for Third Year Contract

Bach, Michelle	Art	J.B. Nelson	\$57,826
Blough, Carissa	Spanish	High School	\$77,653
Corry, Mary Alice	SpEd	Middle School	\$41,305
Duco, Jessica	Psychology/Sociology	High School	\$41,305
Edwards, Allison	English	High School	\$41,305
Elmi, Cristin	SpEd	H.C. Storm	\$41,305
Fabian, Michelle	Science	High School	\$68,566
Jensen, Kevin	Math	High School	\$59,065
Kazda, Regina	Orchestra	Middle School	\$72,283
Kohlhagen, Erin	Kindergarten	Louise White	\$42,957
Prezioso, Julie	SpEd	High School	\$43,783
Rockafellow, A.	English	High School	\$41,305
Vernagallo, Amy	Psychologist	ECC	\$71,457
Wyeth, Jacob	ELL	H.C. Storm	\$41,305

3rd Year Probationary Teachers
Recommended for Fourth Year Contract

Albrecht, Vicki	Math/Social Studies	Middle School	\$58,652
Bryant, Michael	Business Ed	High School	\$54,935
Carbonell, Lori	School Nurse	District	\$60,305
Chavez, Daniel	ELL	Hoover Wood	\$69,805
Collins, Ben	Band	High School	\$57,413
Costello, Amy	Math/Social Studies	Middle School	\$52,870
Hodge, Brian	Lang Arts/Lit/Soc St	Middle School	\$42,957
Maakestad, Lisa	Social Worker	Louise White	\$92,109
Mallie, Dee	SpEd	RMS	\$65,261
Matter, Korin	SpEd	ECC	\$69,392
O'Brien, Kristen	Second Grade	HCS	\$45,022
Pecoraro, Megan	Social Worker	HWS	\$67,739
Renz, Katherine	SpEd	BHS	\$58,239
Soderlind, Sandra	Social Worker	BHS	\$63,609
Stoneberg, Jody	Science	RMS	\$56,587

4th Year Probationary Teachers
Recommended for Tenure Contract

Abraham, Laura	Health	Middle School	\$85,087
Bauman, Gregory	PE	H.C. Storm	\$46,674
Beckler, Jerad	English	High School	\$45,022
Carey, Kathleen	ELL	Middle School	\$77,239
Demos, Thomas	English	High School	\$54,935
Gile, Melody	Spanish	High School	\$45,022
Hanrahan, Donna	Learning Center	Louise White	\$80,131
Jonathan, Erik	Math/Lit/LA	Middle School	\$54,935
Kelzer, Megan	Social Studies	High School	\$54,335
Ksepka, Brittney	Math/Soc Studies	Middle School	\$45,022
Matthews, Amy	Science	Middle School	\$59,892
McKnight, Jenna	Art	High School	\$54,935
Meeks, Bronco	Ind. Arts	High School	\$45,022
Neece, Julie	Guidance	Middle School	\$69,805
Nelson, Lori	Speech Path.	Middle School	\$81,783
Nicholaou, Haley	English	High School	\$54,935
Pappanduros, N.	Art	Grace McWayne	\$58,239
Park, Charles	P.E.	Gustafson	\$56,587

Pasquinelli, Jan	Spanish/French	Middle School	\$100,828
Pearlman, Kim	English	High School	\$72,283
Pettee, Rachel	Orchestra	Louise White	\$59,065
Regas, Kendra	Math	Middle School	\$78,479
Riley, Valerie	SpEd	J.B. Nelson	\$71,457
Rodriguez, Leeann	Speech Path.	ECC	\$85,087
Royal, Nichole	SpEd	J.B. Nelson	\$56,587
Schulze, Brian	Art	Louise White	\$69,805
Vanderloon, Kristy	Fifth Grade	Gustafson	\$54,935
Walls, Lisa	Latin	High School	\$45,022
Webb, Julie	Guidance	Middle School	\$78,479
Wyatt, GERALYN	L.C. Director	Grace McWayne	\$68,566
Zalkus, Dawn	Art	Middle School	\$59,892

Part Time Teachers Rehired from Riffed

Cain, Rebecca	.50 time	Science/Lang Arts	Middle School	\$31,804.50
Clasen, Debra	.83 time	Health/Home Ec	Middle School	\$58,966.52
Freedlund, Lynn	.33 time	French	Middle School	\$21,263.55
Rexilius, Laura	.67 time	Music/General	J. B. Nelson	\$56,454.87
Terpstra, R.	.33 time	Music/General	J. B. Nelson	\$15,947.58

- Approval of the destruction of the audio tape of the Closed Session Meeting of December 15, 2009.
- Approval of the following Closed Session Minutes and further recommend these minutes remain closed: May 10, 2011 and May 24, 2011.
- Freedom of Information Act Requests

The district received a request from Jim Vodak on May 27, 2011 requesting the natural gas utility monthly invoices from IGC for fiscal year 2009 until present.

The district also received a request from Patrick Ryan on June 13, 2011 requesting the certified payroll documents for Area Erectors, Inc. for any work performed by them or their subcontractors on the high school between July 2010 and the present.

- Approval of the revised 6-12 Applied Learning Curriculum as presented.
- Approval of the classroom agreement with the Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative as presented.
- Approval of the donation of books, valued at \$2,000 from the St. Francis Diocese, to Hoover-Wood School as presented.

RECOGNITION
OF VISITORS

Dianne Peterson, 707 Morton: Ms. Peterson represented several Alice Gustafson families who are concerned with the number of sections for 4th grade being reduced from three to two for next school year. She realizes the administration has to make tough budget decisions but feels “this group of students is special. This population has 15% of the students with special needs and English Language Learners. Now instead of one teacher to 19 students there is the possibility of one teacher to 30 students.” She feels that AGS has excellent teachers and hopes the administration can adjust. She knows of at least two teachers who have written the administration regarding their concerns.

CONSENT
AGENDA

Moved by Roberts and seconded by Purpura the remainder of the Consent Agenda, Items K-U, were approved as presented. Ayes: Roberts, Hodge, Dremel, Resek, Purpura and Link, Six (6). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

The Consent Agenda included:

- Approval of the disposal of the surplus district property as presented.
- Approval to re-certify all hazardous busing areas as presented.
- Approval of the resolution authorizing Whitt Law to intervene on the district’s behalf for the 2009 property tax appeals from Liberty Illinois, LLP.
- Approval of the amendment to the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Budget as presented.
- Approval to select Miller, Cooper and Company, LTd. as the independent auditor for the 2010-11 fiscal year at a fee not to exceed \$30,000 as presented.

- Approval to award the bid for paper for the 2011-12 school year to Unisource Worldwide at an estimated cost of \$78,788.21 as presented.
- Approval of the resolution committing the District to comply with the requirements of the Prevailing Wage Act.
- Approval to authorize the resolution to transfer the funds from the Capital Projects Fund to the Debt Service Fund.
- Approval of the purchase of the Microsoft Volume License Program through CDW-G in the total amount of \$43,819.20.
- Approval of the purchase of the Harcourt Journeys reading materials to be fully implemented in the fall of 2012.
- Approval of the following policies for first reading and adoption.

3:50 Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent

3:60 Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal

4:15 Identity Protection

5:150 Personnel Records

5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal

5:285 Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers

6:150 Home and Hospital Instruction

6:160 English Language Learners

6:190 Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities

7:60 Residence

8:95 Parent Involvement

AUDITORIUM NAMING

Superintendent Barshinger stated that Auditorium Director Dominic Cattero worked with a number of groups, including the Music Buffs, S.T.A.G.E., Principals, Student Council, Batavia Chamber of Commerce, etc. regarding naming the new auditorium at Batavia High School. The name being recommended for approval is the *Batavia Fine Arts Centre*. Superintendent Barshinger noted that it is Board policy not to name any facility at Batavia High School after a person. Superintendent Barshinger also noted that the auditorium will also be used for a number of community events.

Moved by Roberts and seconded by Hodge to approve the name and logo as presented for the Batavia Fine Arts Centre. Ayes: Roberts, Hodge, Dremel, Resek, Purpura and Link, Six (6). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

2011-2012
BUDGET

Assistant Superintendent Monn addressed the Preliminary 2011-2012 Budget. In January of this year, with no intervention, the district projected a deficit of \$5 Million. Through the BEPR process a number of program modifications were made including reductions in the business office, the elimination of the Elementary Spanish program, the suspension of the Building Trades Program and an increase in hot lunch prices. In addition, the administration recommended that class size targets increase by 2 at each grade level, therefore reducing teaching staff. Administrative, Exempt and technology staff salaries have also been reduced from the original projections. These changes add up to a \$2.8 Million in reductions.

Mr. Monn also noted that Special Education tuition is expected to decrease. Enrollment shifts project a decrease of 4.0 certified teachers. Food service and custodial contracts have been renewed below their projected increase. With energy conservation, the district is also projecting a savings of \$170,000 for 2010-2011. This savings is expected to go forward. Natural Gas should also decrease by 8%. Transportation contracts have been rebid leading to a savings of 17% in regular busing and 50% in the cost of special education buses. These savings enabled the district to reduce the additional \$500,000 requested by the Board without impacting any more personnel.

Mr. Monn spoke about the assumptions in the preliminary budget and outlined the revenue sources. Revenue expectations are \$63,660,284, down from last year's \$64,949,730. The district assumes a flat foundation level for General State Aid. Transportation costs are expected to be funded at the 50% level.

Operating Expenses for 2011-12 are estimated at \$66,066,759, which is almost one million less than last year. This leaves a projected deficit of \$2.4 Million.

President Link stated, “The Board is committed to deficit spending. Other boards are requesting a balanced budget. For us to balance the budget would mean some catastrophic cuts in programming. The downside is that it eventually catches up with us.” He warned, “We are keenly aware of the ramifications if we continue to deficit spend. The Board is taking a risk that things will eventually turn around. This can’t become the norm because we will be out of money.” Board Member Purpura requested that Board Members put together a long range plan to balance the budget.

**STUDENT
AMBASSADOR
COMMENTS** Student Ambassador VanTreeck stated that in talking with BHS students, some are concerned that transportation to extra-curricular events and field trips may be cut. Student Ambassador Kelly thanked the Board for keeping all of the teachers that they could.

**SUPERINTENDENT
COMMENTS** There were no Superintendent’s comments this evening.

**PRESIDENT’S
COMMENTS** President Link stated that it is important that the community “be aware that we are in this budget crisis together”. He thanked the community for its support in the past and encouraged the public to get in touch with Board Members or the administration if they have any questions.

**BOARD
MEMBER
COMMENTS** Board Member Hodge stated that he attended the 5th grade celebration at Louise White School. It was an enjoyable evening hearing the band, orchestra and choir. He wished the students the best of luck as they move on to Rotolo Middle School.

Board Member Roberts stated that in order for teachers to become certified in Illinois they need to take two courses on integrating fine arts and P. E. into the curriculum. She feels comfortable with the half-day kindergarten curriculum.

Board Member Resek apologized for her tardiness. She just got off a plane.

Board Member Dremel thanked Assistant Superintendent Monn for his hard work on the budget. She said, "You are turning over every stone."

ADJOURN
TO CLOSED
SESSION

Moved by Dremel and seconded by Roberts to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:25 p.m. to hear information on Personnel. Ayes: Dremel, Resek, Purpura, Roberts, Hodge and Link, Six (6). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

RETURN
TO OPEN
SESSION

Moved by Dremel and seconded by Resek to return to Open Session at 8:56 p.m. Ayes: Dremel, Resek, Purpura, Roberts, Hodge and Link, Six (6). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Moved by Roberts and seconded by Resek to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Education at 9:00 p.m.

Jack K. Barshinger
Secretary

Ronald A. Link
President