

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101, BATAVIA, KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HELD ON JULY 26, 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 7:06 p.m.

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

Gregg Hodge	Jayne Resek
Jack Hinterlong	Kathleen Roberts
Ronald Link	

Absent:              Cathy Dremel  
                            Joseph Purpura

Also present:              Superintendent Barshinger  
                                    Associate Superintendent Romaneck  
                                    Assistant Superintendent Monn  
                                    Chief Information Officer Inglese  
                                    Chief Academic Officer Newkirk  
                                    Principal Hichens  
                                    Principal Wright  
                                    Principal Webster  
                                    Principal Kaczkowski  
                                    Student Ambassador Kelly  
                                    Recording Secretary Walker

VISITORS:              30

MOMENT OF SILENCE      President Link called for a Moment of Silence for those who lost their lives due to the tragedy in Norway.

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

**RECOGNITION  
OF VISITORS**

J. B. Nelson Principal Kaczkowski congratulated Special Education teacher Laura Feldt. For the past two years Laura was the recipient of two very competitive Illinois Council Reading Grants. Laura stated that one of the grants will be used to develop a reading club for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys “who can read but don’t want to”. The second grant will be used for staff professional development. Laura is a children’s literacy expert and provides a “Book Talk Breakfasts” for teachers each quarter.

Sue Sokolinski, 3074 Secretariat Ct. Aurora: Ms. Sokolinski stated that she was representing her AGS colleagues and advocating for the children entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade. She thanked the Board for their effort “to promote and sustain educational excellence during these trying times”. She noted that every class presents itself with needs. This group of incoming 4<sup>th</sup> graders has exceptional needs and many educational requirements due to academic, behavioral and health issues.

Last year, in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, these students were divided into three sections with three paraprofessionals. The district’s intention this year is to combine those students into two very large classrooms. Based on a combined 85 years and nine months of teaching experience, Ms. Solinski and her colleagues believe this group of students should remain in three sections with three paraprofessionals. She is asking the Board to reconsider and hire one additional teacher for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class at AGS.

Ellen Knautz, 707 Houston: Mrs. Knautz addressed the Board regarding the changes to the half-day and full day kindergarten classes. Due to budget cuts the district is no longer providing “specials” art, music and P. E. teachers, for the half day kindergarten classes. These subjects will be taught by the classroom teachers. Mrs. Knautz is concerned with the potential inequity of instruction. She feels those students in full day classes with enrichment will find that class more like first grade; she equated the half-day classes to preschool. She also questioned the monthly fees for the enrichment program and the decrease of the half-day program by 15 minutes.

Kristina Hunecke, 850 Ryan Court: Ms. Hunecke asked the Board to reconsider the cuts to the half day kindergarten classes and asked why the specials are eliminated for some students. “Don’t eliminate services for a portion of the students.”

Karen Kosky, 23 S. Jackson: Ms. Kosky thanked the Board and administration for the hard work on the budget process. She was also representing the 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents at Alice Gustafson and asked the Board to consider keeping the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class at three sections rather than two. “There are a disproportionate number of special needs students which will put added pressure on teachers. I have a tremendous respect for all teachers in elementary schools. I hate to see teachers stressed and leave the district. Give them the resources they need.”

REPRESENTATIVES BEA President Tony Malay noted that the NEA Representative Assembly was held in Chicago this year. He stated, “The climate was interesting. There is a lot of anger with public education employees and the direction public education has taken.” He added that the assembly is hopeful there will be changes to the No Child Left Behind legislation after the election. There is also frustration with the Race to the Top competitive grants. The NEA agreed to throw its support to President Obama for the 2012 election, “The other alternative is devastating to public education.” Mr. Malay stated that one of the largest contributors to the NEA is our own union employees. He thanked Jane Kramer for her help with the payroll deductions.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Superintendent Barshinger presented the Consent Agenda for Board of Education approval. Board Member Resek asked for the removal of item 12 under Personnel and Board Member Roberts asked for the removal of item 8 under Personnel.

Moved by Hinterlong and seconded by Resek the remainder of the Consent Agenda was approved as presented. Ayes: Hinterlong, Resek, Roberts, Hodge and Link, Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

The Consent Agenda included:

- Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 28, 2011 and the Special Meetings of June 8, 2011, June 15, 2011 and June 27, 2011.
- Approval of the net payrolls in the amount of \$1,222,830.59 for June 30, 2011 and July 15, 2011 in the amount of \$1,160,517.94.

Education Fund	\$817,785.34
Food Service	\$46,519.88
Drivers Ed	\$167.74
Summer School	\$2,247.90
Foundation	\$14,369.69
Grants	\$13,233.67
Special Education	\$447,205.20
Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$454,292.36
Debt Service Fund	\$10,871.57
Transportation Fund	\$291,678.92
I.M.R. Fund	\$74,300.62
FICA	\$67,403.38
Capital Projects Fund	\$867,787.47
Tort Fund	\$0.00
Fire Prevention & Safety	\$0.00
 Total of above:	 \$3,107,863.74

- The June 2011 Treasurer's Report will be presented to the Board in September when the 2011 Fiscal year is closed out and the balances finalized.
- Personnel
  - Employment-Administrative Article
  - JoAnne Smith
  - Resignation-Certified
  - Jamie Masitti
  - Andrew McDaniel
  - Employment-Certified
  - Theresa Aidikonis
  - Monica Buckner
  - Katie Crosby

April Duda  
Allison Jordan  
Cheryl Koll  
Timothy Kauffmann  
Adam Michels  
Lindsay Misun  
Caryn Paolini  
Lindsay Pollastrini  
Jennifer Reinert  
Katherine Wallis  
Re-Employment-Certified  
Aimee Elftmann  
Crystal Louden  
Increase in Contract-Certified  
Jennifer Torgerson  
Resignation-Classified Staff  
Anita Psaute  
Dismissal-Classified  
John Hubbard  
Request Leave of Absence  
Laura Starzec  
Denial of Leave of Absence Request  
Andrew McDaniel  
Administrative Vacation Requests

- Approval of the Superintendent's vacation request from December 15, 2011 – January 6, 2012.
- Approval of the Superintendent's request for non-compensation carry-over of 18 vacation days.
- Approval of the Superintendent's contract revision regarding the scheduling of vacation days as presented.
- Approval of the destruction of the audio tape of the Closed Session Meeting of January 26, 2010.
- Approval of the following Closed Session Minutes and further recommend these minutes remain closed: June 8, 2011 and June 28, 2011.
- Freedom of Information Act Requests

On July 1, 2011, the district received a request from Patrick Ryan of Baum, Sigman, Auerbach & Neuman, LTD. requesting a copy of any payment and performance bonds posted for the Batavia High School Phase 2 Project along with a copy of any contract that the district entered into with a general contractor or construction manager for the Phase 2 Project.

On July 20, 2011, the district received a request from Ellen Knautz asking for a list of specials scheduled for kindergarten students for 2010-11 and 2011-12.

On July 20, 2011, the district received a request from Pat Noonan of Carpenters Local 1185 requesting copies of certified payroll documents for Specialty Floors, Inc. and a copy of their contract with the school district.

- Approval of the Classroom Use Agreement with the Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative (MVSEC) as presented.
- Approval of the facility use fee table as presented and approval to immediately implement the fees as presented.

Moved by Hinterlong and seconded by Resek to approve Section 8, Employment Classified, under Personnel in the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: Hinterlong, Resek, Hodge and Link, Four (4). Nays: None (0). Abstain: Roberts, One (1). Motion carried.

Employment-Classified

Caroline Baty-Barr

Carrie Eike

Christina Kovarik

Kathy Krella

Wren Roberts

Kelli Robinson

Gregory Schroeder

2011-12  
BUDGET

Associate Superintendent Monn presented an update on the 2011-12 Budget. He noted that the administration is still experiencing some difficulty pulling salary information since some of the accounts conflict with projections. Salaries and benefits make up for 76% of the operating budget. The remainder of the budget is from real data loaded into the financial software. Mr. Monn reviewed the tentative amounts and noted that the combined operating funds are currently projected to have a deficit of \$2,398,813 with revenues projected at nearly \$64 million and expenses about \$66 million.

A public hearing on the 2011-12 Budget is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup>. Board Members could then vote on final approval of the budget that evening or postpone the adoption until the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Education.

Moved by Hodge and seconded by Roberts to put the draft of the 2011-12 Budget on public display as presented. Ayes: Hodge, Hinterlong, Resek, Roberts and Link, Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Roberts and seconded by Hodge to set the public hearing for the 2011-12 Budget for September 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rosalie M. Jones Administrative Center. Ayes: Roberts, Hodge, Hinterlong, Resek, and Link, Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

STUDENT  
AMBASSADOR  
COMMENTS

Student Ambassador Kelly stated that all students should come to Batavia High School on August 9<sup>th</sup>, between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to pick up schedules and have their yearbook photos taken. Tours will also be available for freshmen and new students. Students who are enrolled in AP/Honors classes will find their assignments posted on the website.

SUPERINTENDENT  
COMMENTS

Superintendent Barshinger stated, "Cutbacks are difficult. The budget has been cut \$2.5 million, which still leaves a deficit of \$2.4 million. A copy of the budget will be on the website. All staff was invited to work on the budget through the BEPR process. We appreciate your comments. I have never seen it this difficult in 37 years. Please advocate, that is your job as a parent, teacher,

union leader. The Board has a great reputation for listening. There are no easy decisions. Class sizes are going to take an impact. Continue with your input as we continue to wrestle with the issues in front of us.”

PRESIDENT’S  
COMMENTS

President Link stated, “The issue with the federal government will be bleeding down to the state government. Variables are unknown, which makes it increasingly difficult to do our job. We have never faced some of the issues we are facing now. We are in uncharted waters and nobody has any idea where this is headed.”

He also congratulated Barb Mabbs. Barb was presented with BATV’s first *Volunteer of the Year* award for her work with BATV, the city’s public access channel.

BOARD  
MEMBER  
COMMENTS

Board Member Hinterlong expressed his concern regarding the situation with the 4th grade class at Alice Gustafson and asked for more data regarding the students’ needs and the cost of adding another section. Board Members Hodge and Resek concurred.

Board Member Resek stated, “I came on this Board 10 years ago advocating for an issue. It is very important to hear your feedback and how the work we do relates to you.” She also spoke about the kindergarten issues and noted that she was on the Board when All Day Kindergarten was approved. One of the principles was that equity was maintained between full day and half-day classes. “We don’t want to put any child at a disadvantage going into first grade.”

ADJOURN  
TO CLOSED  
SESSION

Moved by Hinterlong and seconded by Roberts to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:04 p.m. to hear information on Personnel. Ayes: Hinterlong, Resek, Roberts, Hodge and Link, Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

RETURN  
TO OPEN  
SESSION

Moved by Hinterlong and seconded by Roberts to return to Open Session at 10:32 p.m. Ayes: Hinterlong, Resek, Roberts, Hodge and Link, Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

ACT ON  
CLOSED  
SESSION

Moved by Roberts and seconded by Hinterlong to approve the following administrative contracts as presented. Ayes: Roberts, Hodge, Hinterlong, Resek and Link, Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Barshinger, Jack	June 30, 2014
Romanek, Greg	June 30, 2013
Monn, Kris	June 30, 2015
Inglese, Anton	June 30, 2015
Browne, Patrick	June 30, 2015
Hichens, Lisa	June 30, 2015
Maciejewski, Stephen	June 30, 2014
Sikorski, Cynthia	June 30, 2013
Skomer, Kevin	June 30, 2014
Kaczkowski, Melissa	June 30, 2014
Girmscheid, Lew	June 30, 2014
Wright, Jan	June 30, 2014
Anderson, Mark	June 30, 2014
Seawall, Don	June 30, 2014
Polowy, Dan	June 30, 2014
O'Connor, Ron	June 30, 2014
Jones, Dave	June 30, 2014
Janca, Erin	June 30, 2012
Karnick, Kelly	June 30, 2012
Webster, Kristine	June 30, 2012

ADJOURN

Moved by Roberts and seconded by Hodge to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Education at 10:35 p.m.

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Jack K. Barshinger

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Ronald A. Link

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Secretary

President