

January 13, 2010

The Board of Education, Rochelle Elementary District #231, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, in the middle school media center. President Tess called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM with the following members in attendance: D. Casey, R. Burke, D. Kessen, S. Reif, S. Pfeiffer. Also in attendance: T. Prusator, Supt. Absent: T. Winebaugh.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – S. Pfeiffer made and R. Burke seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: 6; No: 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – R. Burke made a motion that was seconded by D. Casey to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2009, meeting as presented.

Yes: 6; No: 0

COMMUNICATIONS – D. Kessen acknowledged thank you notes from RMS staff, Mary Kay and Steve Merema, and May School teachers/staff for food trays provided by the Board in December.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Accepted for study.

LINCOLN SCHOOL PRESENTATION – Tina Horner, Lincoln principal, and many of her teachers gave a presentation to the Board on the PAWS/PBIS program. The principals of the program are to promote positive behavior school-wide.

FOIA REQUESTS – Mr. Prusator reported to the Board that he has received and responded to one Freedom of Information Act request in regards to cafeteria manager wages.

CONSENT AGENDA – R. Burke made and D. Kessen seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented which includes the following:

**Personnel (10-01-1477)**

Employ

Jason Harvath	Lincoln School resource aide effective 1-4-2010
Lori Reish	Lincoln School lunchroom supervisor effective 1-4-2010
Heather Willis	Lincoln School playground supervisor effective 1-4-2010

Resignation

Tiffany Capps	Lincoln School resource aide effective December 15, 2009
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**Proposed Budget Calendar for FY11 (10-01-1478)** – Adopted as presented.

Yes: Burke, Kessen, Tess, Reif, Pfeiffer, Casey; No: 0

PAYMENT OF BILLS (10-01-1479) – S. Pfeiffer made and S. Reif seconded a motion to approve the current bills for payment.

Yes: Pfeiffer, Reif, Tess, Kessen, Burke, Casey; No: 0

SIX MONTH REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES (10-01-1480) – No action was taken. Stay till the February meeting.

REVIEW/APPROVE ABATEMENT PROJECT NORTH POLE (10-01-1481) – D. Casey made a motion that was seconded by S. Reif to approve the abatement, a copy of which attached to these minutes.

Yes: Casey, Reif, Pfeiffer, Burke, Kessen, Tess; No: 0

REVIEW/APPROVE MOU RACE TO THE TOP GRANT (10-01-1482) – S. Reif made and R. Burke seconded a motion to approve applying for the Race to the Top grant. Specifics of grant requirements are still unclear but the District's application to participate in the grant must be in by January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Yes: Reif, Burke, Casey, Pfeiffer, Tess; No: Kessen

DESIGNATE FOIA(FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT) OFFICERS (10-01-1483) – The new FOIA laws require District's to appoint freedom of information act officers to ensure that timely and appropriate responses to FOIA requests. The information will be made available on the District's website as well as in the District office. S. Pfeiffer made and R. Burke seconded a motion to appoint the superintendent, Todd Prusator, and the Director of Instructional Service, Joanna Sharp, as the District's FOIA officers.

Yes: Pfeiffer, Burke, Kessen, Tess, Reif, Casey; No: 0

FY11 BUDGET REVIEW AND POTENTIAL REDUCTION OPTIONS –Supt. Prusator made a presentation on several scenarios to weather the current/future financial state of the District (a copy of the power point presentation is attached to these minute). A Lincoln parent in the audience had concerns that Lincoln School would be the most affected by any reductions/cuts. Mr. Prusator stated that nothing was written in stone and any suggestions would be considered.

TENTATIVE FY11 CALENDAR REVIEW – Three calendar options were presented for review. The options are being reviewed by the REEA and a final calendar recommendation will be made for the February Board meeting.

REVIEW OF TAX APPEALS FOR THE BOARD OF REVIEW – There are several tax appeals greater than \$100,000 of EAV. District 231, along with the High School and the Park District, have met with Spencer Hayden and communicated with the County assessor to review these appeals and to consider whether contesting the appeals are warranted.

CAPITAL CONTRUCTION GRANT UPDATE - Supt. Prusator informed the Board that the state and capital development board are reviewing applications from the FY03 grant process. The District has been working with GreenAssociates, who were consulted in 2002 for the original application, to consider and update the application as necessary.

FIRST READING FOIA REVISED POLICY AND PROCEDURES – First reading of the Freedom of Information Act revised policy. The policy will be on the February agenda for approval.

AJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – S. Reif made a motion at 9:19 PM to adjourn to closed session to consider and discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees and litigation. D. Casey seconded the motion.

Yes: Reif, Casey, Burke, Kessen, Tess, Pfeiffer; No: 0

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION – S. Reif made and R. Burke seconded a motion to reconvene at 9:49 PM.

Yes: Reif, Burke, Kessen, Tess, Pfeiffer, Casey; No: 0

ADJOURNMENT – D. Casey made a motion at 9:50 PM to adjourn. The motion was seconded by D. Kessen.

Yes: 6; No: 0

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