

The Board of Education, Rochelle Elementary District #231, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, in the middle school media center. President Tess called the meeting to order at 7 PM with the following members answering roll call: T. Winebaugh, D. Casey, R. Burke, D. Kessen, S. Reif, S. Pfeiffer. Also in attendance: T. Prusator, supt.

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

Yes: 7; No: 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - R. Burke made a motion that was seconded by D. Kessen to approve the April 13, 2010, minutes as presented.

Yes: 7; No: 0

COMMUNICATIONS – (1) The District retirement reception will be on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, from 3:30 – 5 PM in the Rochelle Middle School cafeteria. (2) Rochelle Middle School graduation will be on Friday, May 28, 2010, at 7 PM in the Rochelle Township High School gymnasium. (3) Report card day is Tuesday, May 25, 2010. (4) Teacher Institute/Staff Luncheon is on Wednesday, May 26, 2010. The luncheon is at 11:30 AM in the middle school cafeteria. Board members are invited to attend. (5) Kim McKenna, president of the Northern IL Reading Council, is the 2010 recipient of the first place Local council Community Service Award. (6) Ms. Duffy’s May School third grade entrants in the “A Celebration of Poets – Spring 2010” were all accepted for publication. (7) D. Kessen acknowledged thank you notes for the District provided fruit/cheese trays from Lincoln School staff, Rochelle Middle School staff, and Katie Queller-Zilis.

FINANCIAL REPORTS – Accepted for study.

MAY SCHOOL LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM – Barb Cantlin, May School principal, introduced Jeanette Tartaglia, OCEC life skills teacher, and Libby Wolfgram, OCEC, who gave a presentation to the Board on how they teach and assess progress in the life skills program. Supt. Prusator thanked Mike Noble, OCEC director, and his staff for the excellent services they provide to the students and staff of the District.

TILTON – BIG BOOKS TO INCREASE READING FLUENCY – Jan Morrissey, Tilton 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, and Noelle Brown, Tilton 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, gave a presentation on how “Big Books” help to increase reading fluency and comprehension.

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

**Personnel (10-05-1502)**

**Employ**

Kellie Dummer                      Playground supervisor May School effective 4/21/10

Resignation

Bea Chaplin                      Speech supervisor effective 4/12/10

Retirement

Juanita Hinkle                  Pre-k aide effective end of 2009-10 school term

Samuel E. Welles                District librarian effective end of 2012-2013 school term

Resignation

Carrie Wiese                      Resource aide Central School effective 5/7/10

**Audio Visual Cooperative Agreement (10-05-1503)** – Annual agreement with the Boone-Winnebago Counties ROE.

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS (10-05-1504)** – R. Burke made and S. Reif seconded a motion to approve the current bills for payment.

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

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL TIF AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF ROCHELLE (10-05-1505)** – Supt. Prusator informed the Board that an agreement has not been finalized with the City. No action was taken.

**DISCONTINUE INTRAMURAL PROGRAM (10-05-1506)** – S. Reif stated that she received a call from Jason Deutsch before the meeting and he wanted to iterate that he hoped if the Board discontinued the program that some other options be looked at (perhaps thru the Park District) to provide a program for those student that may not have the opportunity to participate in the inter-scholastic sports. S. Pfeiffer made and D. Kessen seconded a motion to discontinue the intramural program at the middle school for the 2010-2011 school term.

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

**INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY LIMITS ON ACTIVITY FEES (10-05-1507)** - S. Reif made and D. Casey seconded a motion to accept the superintendent's recommendation that interscholastic sports, cheerleading, poms and scholastic team to be assessed an activity fee. The limit for individuals will be two activities and a total of \$105 per family.

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

**FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE ENRICHMENT INSTRUCTION (10-05-1508)** – D. Casey made and S. Pfeiffer seconded a motion to accept the superintendent's recommendation regarding a change in instructional delivery of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade enrichment program. The gifted instructor will go to the buildings to deliver enrichment instruction to students at the home school. The goal is to be more flexible in the number of students served with coordination with the regular classroom teacher. The focus will be on problem solving and critical thinking.

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

**RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN IL SCHOOL DISTRICT LIQUID ASSET FUND (10-05-1509)** – Howie Crouse from the PMA Financial Network gave a presentation to the Board on services provided to Districts to assist with financial planning. Members of the IL School District Liquid Asset Fund can receive these services at a reduced rate. Non-member rate is \$14,000 initial services/\$11,500 continued yearly services. Member district fees are \$9,500 initial services/\$8,000 continued service. The Board was not comfortable approving the resolution to join the “fund” as presented. S. Pfeiffer made and R. Burke seconded a motion to table the action. Mr. Crouse stated that the District could receive the PMA Financial Network services at the member rates. The Board was in favor of using the PMA Financial Network consulting services for \$9,500.

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

**RESCHEDULE JUNE BOARD MEETING (10-05-1510)** – Several Board members will not be able to attend the regularly scheduled meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Having the Board meeting on June 17, 2010, will allow enough time to have the amended budget on display for the legally required 30 days before approval. R. Burke made and S. Reif seconded a motion to reschedule the June Board meeting for June 17, 2010.

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

**TENTATIVE FY10 AMENDED BUDGET (10-05-1511)** - R. Burke made and D. Kessen seconded a motion to put the proposed FY10 amended budget on display for the legally required 30 days and set a hearing on the amended budget at 6:45 PM on June 17, 2010, in the middle school media center.

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

**“RACE TO THE TOP” PHASE II** – The State of Illinois is in the process of applying for the Phase Two of the “Race to the Top” Federal Grant. One of the major reasons Illinois did not get the grant in the Phase One process was the lack of participation of districts throughout the state. The amount of money for the local districts is not determined and there is a 90 day period for districts to opt out if Illinois is awarded the grant. Many of the requirements of the Race to the Top will be required of all districts whether they participate or not. Timelines for implementation are moved up for districts participating. Some of the requirements center on curriculum alignment, teacher/administrator evaluations, and participation in longitudinal data systems.

**LINCOLN CHOICE** - We received 23 requests for transfers from Lincoln School due to their choice status. Eleven of the requests are incoming kindergarten students. Grades one and three had three requests, and grades two, four and five had two requests each. The district will be finalizing placement in the upcoming week.

**MOVEMENT OF STUDENTS DUE TO SECTION REDUCTIONS** – With the reduction of sections at third grade at May and fifth grade at Lincoln, there would be a need to move some students to balance out class sizes at those grade levels in those buildings. The district is currently reviewing the delivery of ELL services in those buildings and by establishing split grade level instruction for ELL students in third and fourth grade at May and fourth and fifth grade at Lincoln, there may not be a need to transfer any students to balance out class sizes

AJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – S. Reif made a motion at 8:27 PM to adjourn to closed session to consider and discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, negotiations and litigation. D. Kessen seconded the motion.

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

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION – S. Reif made and S. Pfeiffer seconded a motion at 8:40 PM to reconvene in open session.

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

ADJOURNMENT – S. Pfeiffer made a motion at 8:41 PM to adjourn. D. Kessen seconded the motion.

Yes: 7; No: 0

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