

Aviston Elementary School District #21

Board of Education Meeting

August 19, 2009

President Joe Strubhart called the regular meeting to order of the Aviston Elementary School District #21 Board of Education on August 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Others present were

Tami Kampwerth, Superintendent

Phil Pingsterhaus, Vice President

Teresa Sudholt, Secretary

Lee Thole, Member

Tricia Weis, Member

Kelly Kampwerth, Member

Guests were: Marie Niemeyer and Sarah Winkeler. Dan Mondt, member arrived at 7:30.

1. Public Comment/Good News Report

The good news is that we will only lost 10% of our PreK grant due to a state budget adjustment.

2. Minutes

A motion by Phil Pingsterhaus, second by Kelly Kampwerth to dispense with the reading of the regular and closed session minutes from July 2009 and approve them as presented.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

3. Amendment to agenda

A motion by Teresa Sudholt, and second by Tricia Weis to add Concert Times/Dates and Standardized Testing to the agenda as items 6g and 6h.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

4. Superintendent's Report

There are new students at just about every grade level! Here are the class sizes as of 8/12/09

▪ PreK	40	▪ 4 th	31
▪ Cross Cat	5	▪ 5 th	41
▪ K	38	▪ 6 th	38
▪ 1 st	40	▪ 7 th	33
▪ 2 nd	40	▪ 8 th	34
▪ 3 rd	40	▪ Total	381

We ended last year with 362

- a. Summer projects
 - i. ALLSTARS (Aviston Literacy Language Strategic Team and Reading Support) meeting—Tammy Gramlich, a reading teacher from Union School in Belleville was here on 8/12/09 to inservice teachers on reading interventions. ALL of the K-4 teachers and aides were here. This is a great example of the dedication of this faculty and their willingness to come in to prepare for this new program.
 - ii. Speaking of dedication—Both 4th grade teachers, Kim Haukap, and office staff met with Barb Voss, diabetes educator from St. Joseph’s Hospital.
 - iii. Spot painting done throughout the building by Rick Hegger.
 - iv. Fire alarms, HVAC controls, etc all reviewed.
- b. State budget issues
 - i. Our GSA payments are coming from ARRA money for at least 5 more payments. We received \$6119 in Foundation Level funding based on last year’s enrollment.
 - ii. Pre K cuts of 10% resulted in removing most of the 0-3 Preschool and Parents Program (P3). I, also, cut heavily into the supply budget. As of 8/12 the amended PreK budget hasn’t been approved by ISBE.
 - iii. Reading improvement block grant—cut 10%--lost about \$2,000
 - iv. Average Daily Attendance Safety Block Grant—lost 75%--about \$8000.
- c. Late tax payments for 2008 property taxes
 - i. September and November payments are expected. This is better than last year. EAV increase right at 5%. The EAV is right at \$40 million as of 8/12/09.
- d. Audit—unofficial report
 - i. The auditor was here on July 27 & 28. It was the easiest year ever. Karla is to be commended for her work.
5. Financial report and approval of bills and salaries

A review was held of the Financial Report. A motion was made by Lee Thole, and second by Kelly Kampwerth to approve the Financial Report and all bills and salaries as presented, and to pay all bills and salaries for August as presented.

Roll Call 5 Yeas 0 Nays Motion Carried

6. New Business

a. ARRA and Title 1 funding for FY2010

Our ARRA Title 1 grant budget was approved. We have enough money to hire a .33 teacher + benefits, pay for summer school, and have a little left over to buy books for a teacher study group.

b. Special Education update

Parents of K-4 special education students have been informed via letter that their children will be served by a qualified special education teacher in the regular education classroom for up to 30 minutes of their IEP time. Amanda Koch is handling the learning disabled resource duties. Shelley Kenow has the cross categorical children with more severe disabilities.

c. Tentative FY 2009 budget discussion

- i. Motion by Teresa Sudholt, and second by Lee Thole to set a special budget hearing for September 16, 2009, 7:00 PM

Roll Call 6 Yeas 0 Nays Motion Carried

The Board reviewed a tentative budget. A final budget will be ready for the September 16 meeting.

- d. Employment of part time cook, Preschool for All aide, & part time Title 1 teacher, 5/6 basketball coach

Moved to Closed Session

e. Letter of agreement for counseling services

Kris Grawitch has prepared a letter of agreement for her services this year. \$2,500 of her services will be offset by the United Way grant we received for our anti-bullying program. Kris completed her licensure requirements and is now an LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Worker).

Motion by Dan Mondt, second by Phil Pingsterhaus to approve the letter of agreement with Kris Grawitch for contracted counseling services.

Roll Call 6 Yeas 0 Nays Motion Carried

f. Workmen's Compensation

Moved to Closed Session

g. Dates for Christmas Concert and Program

Due to the demand and availability of the gym for the 2009 Christmas Program, it was discussed and decided to hold the Christmas Concert on a Sunday afternoon (Dec 13) and the Christmas Program (k-5th) on Monday Dec 14. This will save a lot of time not having to prepare the gym twice for these programs.

h. Standardized Testing (5th-8th)

We will be using a one year pilot, Think Link, a universal screening tool taken 3 times a year for 5th-8th grade. All 8th grade students will be given the Explorer Test in the spring to help determine proper high school class placement. It was decided to discontinue the ITBS (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) for this year due to all the time already devoted to the other testing.

A motion was made at 8:15 by Phil Pingsterhaus, and second by Lee Thole to leave open session and go into Closed Session.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

A Motion was made at 8:46 by Phil Pingsterhaus, and second by Dan Mondt to end Closed Session and re-enter Open Session.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

7. Action taken on items discussed in Closed Session

(6d) Motion was made by Teresa Sudholt, and second by Dan Mondt to hire the following:

Debra Beckman, part time .33 Title 1 teacher

Mary Santel, part time cafeteria

Lynn Fuhler, Preschool for All aide

Brandon Koelz, 5/6 boys basketball coach

Kyle O'Brien, 7/8 boys asst basketball coach

Roll Call 6 Yeas 0 Nays Motion Carried

8. Adjournment

Motion was made by Dan Mondt, and second by Phil Pingsterhaus to adjourn the meeting at 8:47.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Strubhart, President

Teresa Sudholt, Secretary

Closed Session Minutes

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A discussion was held on hiring for the open positions at AGS and future hiring needs.

Superintendent Kampwerth informed the Board of a final settlement agreement reached by our insurance company regarding a 2008 claim.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Strubhart, President

Teresa Sudholt, Secretary