

**Oglesby Public School District #125
Board of Education, Regular Meeting
December 21, 2011, 5:30 p.m.**

Call to Order/Roll Call

Jim Knoblauch, President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present: Jim Clinard, Bob Etzenbach, Doug Kramarsic, Roger Miskell, Mike Porter, Marc Strand, and Jim Knoblauch. Others present: Michael Pillion, Superintendent, Cindy Pozzi, Principal, and Traci Tomasson, Secretary to the Board of Education.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Jim Clinard, seconded by Marc Strand, to approve the board meeting agenda for December 21, 2011. Voting aye: Jim Clinard, Marc Strand, Bob Etzenbach, Doug Kramarsic, Roger Miskell, Mike Porter, and Jim Knoblauch. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Consent Agenda

MOTION by Marc Strand, seconded by Roger Miskell, to approve the consent agenda. Voting aye: Marc Strand, Roger Miskell, Jim Clinard, Bob Etzenbach, Doug Kramarsic, Mike Porter, and Jim Knoblauch. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Communications

Cavaletter

Mr. Pillion presented the December, 2011, issue of Cavaletter, a publication from LaSalle-Peru Township High School, which often features graduates of Oglesby Schools. There were several former students listed in this month's issue, including: Nick Mertes, Vincent Walker, Vanessa Pelka, and Ashlee Heider.

Thank You Notes

Mr. Pillion read a note from the Red Cross thanking the district for participating in the cards for Heroes program.

Mr. Pillion read a note from Oglesby faculty and staff thanking the Administration and Board for the holiday ham.

Information in Regards to the Triple I Conference

Board members, Bob Etzenbach and Marc Strand discussed several workshops they attended at this year's Triple I Conference.

First Reading of Updated/New Board Policy

Mr. Pillion discussed the following board policy updates:

- 4:80 – Accounting and Audits – updates on wording and accounting standards
- 5:90 – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting – update in wording
- 5:100 – Staff Development Program – updates to include CPR training
- 7:305 – Student Athlete Concussion and Head Injuries – new policy, information has already been sent to coaches/parents and procedures in place at district

Approval of Renewal Agreement of Bus Bid

Mr. Pillion said the rate increase for bus service for the 2012-2013 school year will be 1.4%. **MOTION** by Bob Etzenbach, seconded by Jim Clinard, to approve the renewal agreement for 2012-2013 with Illinois Central School Bus, LLC, as presented. Voting aye: Bob Etzenbach, Jim Clinard, Doug Kramarsic, Roger Miskell, Mike Porter, Marc Strand, and Jim Knoblauch. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of 403b Plan 3rd Party Provider

Mr. Pillion said the 3rd Party Provider for the 403b Plan will be Penserv Plan Services. Joe Suarez was in attendance at the meeting to answer questions regarding the 403b 3rd Party Provider. **MOTION** by Mike Porter, seconded by Marc Strand to approve the 3rd Party Provider for the 403b Plan as presented. Voting aye: Mike Porter, Marc Strand, Jim Clinard, Bob Etzenbach, Doug Kramarsic, Roger Miskell, and Jim Knoblauch. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Presentation of the Recommended 2011 Levy

Mr. Pillion summarized the following in regards to the 2011 levy:

- The total increase is below 5%
- The district will not need a truth in taxation hearing
- The preliminary numbers show an increase in the total EAV of about 1.03% which is close to a million dollars.
- Adjusted Valuation is taxable value after the exemptions have been taken away including homestead, senior citizens, and veterans.
- This is a tentative levy based on information received and historical guesswork from what is perceived as the trend for a given year.
- Looking at lowering IMRF and Social Security and using some reserves there in order to keep the rate lower overall
- Difference from last year's projection is 25K

Approval of Levy as Submitted

MOTION by Jim Clinard, seconded by Marc Strand, to approve the Levy as submitted. Voting aye: Jim Clinard, Marc Strand, Bob Etzenbach, Doug Kramarsic, Roger Miskell, Mike Porter, and Jim Knoblauch. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Resolution for Direct Abatement of Taxes

MOTION by Jim Clinard, seconded by Doug Kramarsic to approve the resolution for direct abatement of taxes. Voting aye: Jim Clinard, Doug Kramarsic, Bob Etzenbach, Roger Miskell, Mike Porter, Marc Strand, and Jim Knoblauch. **The motion carried 7-0.**

New Information Regarding Joint Committee Meeting held November 18, 2011

Mr. Pillion said due to changes coming from Senate Bill 7 Education Reform Act, a joint committee meeting was held with the union rep and administration. It was agreed that no changes would be made until the current Collective Bargaining Agreement expires in 2013.

Superintendent Reports/Information

Finance Update

Mr. Pillion said the state is behind by \$342,154.99, and the district has not received any categorical or preschool payments this year.

Enrollment Report

Mr. Pillion said there has been an increase in preschool enrollment and there are still openings available.

Transportation Update

Mr. Pillion said the governor wants to cut out all transportation payments to schools as well as the mandate of transporting students by schools. He said this decision has many ramifications, including attendance issues. He said he will keep the board informed about the issue.

GSA Audit Overview

Mr. Pillion said he was very pleased with the GSA Audit Overview and thanked Mrs. Kutz, Mrs. Tomasson and Mrs. Naumann.

Excel Banquet Date Change to April 24

Mr. Pillion said the Excel Banquet Date will change from April 17 to April 24, 2011. He said the date change will be posted on the website and in the monthly calendar.

Psychologist Services

Mr. Pillion said the district is currently in an umbrella with 5 other districts for psych services. Due to an increase in need for additional psych services, he said it is necessary to have 2 umbrellas. Mr. Pillion contacted L.E.A.S.E. to see if there are incentive funds to have a secondary umbrella and volunteered to spearhead the secondary umbrella.

Donation

Mr. Pillion thanked Carolyn Schultz and Gloria Alvarado for making donations to Oglesby Public Schools.

Principal Reports/Information

Discipline Report

Mrs. Pozzi asked if there were any questions pertaining to the discipline report.

Overtime/Absence Reports

Mrs. Pozzi asked if there were any questions pertaining to the overtime/absence reports.

Updates

- Mrs. Pozzi said the Holiday Programs were a great success with standing room only each night. She said the students and directors, Mrs. Malcolm and Miss Backus, put on a great show. She said band and chorus tours were conducted Dec. 9 with concerts at Washington, Lincoln and Holy Family.
- Mrs. Pozzi said fifty-one K-5 girls attended the Li'l Kickers camp 2 days during the week of November 26 and held a performance at the December 1, home

basketball game. The event was sponsored by the cheerleaders and cheer sponsor, Miss Delvallee. She said there was great attendance at the game.

- Mrs. Pozzi said the 7th grade girls' basketball team won their Regional Championship in class 2A and the 7th grade boys' basketball team finished second in the Marseilles Tournament. She said 6th grade boys finished 2nd and 5th grade boys 1st in the Bulldog Classic.
- Mrs. Pozzi said the student council food pantry drive was successful with 536 pounds collected at Washington School and 1153 pounds collected at Lincoln School.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mr. Knoblauch wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Delegations

None

Closed Session

MOTION by Mike Porter, seconded by Doug Kramarsic to enter into closed session at 5:54 p.m. to discuss:

1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Voting aye: Mike Porter, Doug Kramarsic, Jim Clinard, Bob Etzenbach, Roger Miskell, Marc Strand, and Jim Knoblauch. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Jim Knoblauch left the meeting at 5:59.

MOTION by Marc Strand, seconded by Doug Kramarsic, to return to regular session at 6:09 p.m. Voting aye: Marc Strand, Doug Kramarsic, Jim Clinard, Bob Etzenbach, Roger Miskell, and Mike Porter. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Anticipated Action Items After Closed Session

Leave Requests

MOTION by Jim Clinard, seconded by Marc Strand, to approve 3 leave requests. Voting aye: Jim Clinard, Marc Strand, Bob Etzenbach, Doug Kramarsic, Roger Miskell, and Mike Porter. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Hiring of Personnel

MOTION by Bob Etzenbach, seconded by Roger Miskell, to hire Jennie McKey, to teach kindergarten for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year. Voting aye: Bob

Etzenbach, Roger Miskell, Jim Clinard, Doug Kramarsic, Mike Porter, and Marc Strand.
The motion carried 6-0.

Adjourn

MOTION by Marc Strand, seconded by Jim Clinard to adjourn. All in favor, aye. **The motion carried 6-0.** Time: 6:11 p.m.

Jim Knoblauch, President

Traci Tomasson, Board Secretary