

**Oglesby Public School District #125
Board of Education, Regular Meeting
November 16, 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, and Jim Knoblauch. Absent: Marc Strand. 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 Mike Porter, to approve the board meeting agenda for November 16, 2011. Voting aye: Jim Clinard, Mike Porter, Bob Etzenbach, Doug Kramarsic, Roger Miskell, and Jim Knoblauch. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Consent Agenda

MOTION by Bob Etzenbach, seconded by Doug Kramarsic, to approve the consent agenda, keeping the October 19, 2011 closed minutes closed. Voting aye: Bob Etzenbach, Doug Kramarsic, Jim Clinard, Roger Miskell, Mike Porter, and Jim Knoblauch. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Communications

Cavaletter

Mr. Pillion presented the November, 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: Virginia Covarrubias, Chandler Lourie, Joseph Hines, April Kutz, Alex Pearson, Mary Durham, Joe Hines, Kelsey Sweger, Jacob Meiners, Erika Villalovos, Bri Splittstoesser, Allison Kutz, Rachel Agostino, Hunter Bowie, and Ashley Matuszewski.

Committee Report – Finance Committee

Finance Chair, Mike Porter, summarized the following regarding the November 3, 2011 Finance Committee meeting:

- The working cash bonds are up in 2013
- Working cash bonds provide liquidity and may be transferred to the ed fund
- Typically issued for a 5 year period
- Need a public hearing and the process can take up to 4 months
- Not looking to increase levy rate

Presentation of the Tentative Levy

Mr. Pillion summarized the following information regarding the 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

Consideration and Action on a Resolution Declaring the Intent of the School District to Issue Working Cash Fund Bonds

Board President, Jim Knoblauch read the following: "In view of the current financial condition of the District, the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution declaring its intention to issue working cash fund bonds pursuant to Article 20 of the School Code and directing that notice of such intention be published."

Board Secretary, Traci Tomasson, read the following: "Resolution declaring the intention to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and to issue Working Cash Fund Bonds of School District Number 125, LaSalle County, Illinois, and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law."

MOTION by Jim Clinard, seconded by Mike Porter, to approve the resolution declaring the intent of the school district to issue working cash fund bonds. Voting aye: Jim Clinard, Mike Porter, Bob Etzenbach, Doug Kramarsic, Roger Miskell, and Jim Knoblauch. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Discussion and Approval of Contractual Agreement to be entered with Architect for the Preschool Construction Grant

Mr. Pillion said he would like to enter into a contractual agreement with the architect to go along with the preschool construction grant. He said if the district does not get the grant, the agreement can be terminated. Jim Clinard said he would like to be involved in the agreement process. **MOTION** by Doug Kramarsic, seconded by Roger Miskell, to allow Administration and board member, Jim Clinard, to go into negotiations with the architect for a contractual agreement. Voting aye: Doug Kramarsic, Roger Miskell, Jim Clinard, Bob Etzenbach, Mike Porter, and Jim Knoblauch. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the Library Grant

MOTION by Mike Porter, seconded by Roger Miskell, to approve the Library Grant for the 2011-12 school year. Voting aye: Mike Porter, Roger Miskell, Jim Clinard, Bob Etzenbach, Doug Kramarsic, and Jim Knoblauch. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the 2nd Reading of Board Policies

Mr. Pillion said 2 of the policies were updated since the last meeting, including 2:250, Access to District Public Records, and 6:150, Home and Hospital Instruction. **MOTION** by Bob Etzenbach, seconded by Mike Porter to approve the second reading of board policies 1:10, 1:20, 2:10, 2:130, 2:20, 2:140, 2:250, 3:60, 4:15, 5:40, 5:150, 6:150, 6:160, 6:170, 6:250, 7:260, 7:280, 8:90. Voting aye: Bob Etzenbach, Mike Porter, Jim Clinard, Doug Kramarsic, Roger Miskell, and Jim Knoblauch. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Superintendent Reports/Information

Finance Update

Mr. Pillion said the state is behind by \$299,725.09, and the district has not received any funding for preschool this year.

Update on Preschool Grant

Mr. Pillion stated the preschool construction grant had to be changed to meet IFF requirements. IFF is the group overseeing the grant and working with the state board. He said to comply the district had to change the size of the rooms in the construction design which increased the grant to approximately 1.75 million.

Enrollment Report

Mr. Pillion said enrollment increased from last month and is at 639 students.

Education Job Fund Money

Mr. Pillion said the district will receive education job fund money this year totaling \$2,052.00 which will be used towards salaries and benefits.

Health/Life/Safety Report

Mr. Pillion said the district had 2 minor infractions in the health/life/safety report including posting a certificate and lighting at Washington School. He said one issue has already been resolved.

Breakfast Program Update

Mr. Pillion said the breakfast program at Washington is going well with 15-20 students participating daily.

Bowling Inquiry

Mr. Pillion said a parent inquired about the possibility of the district offering a IESA bowling program. Mr. Knoblauch suggested waiting until a sports survey is completed this year to see if there is any interest in the sport. Mr. Pillion said the survey could be distributed to students right after the holiday break.

Principal Reports/Information

Updates

Mrs. Pozzi discussed the following:

- Student council held their 24th food drive the first two weeks of November with donations going to the Illinois Valley Food Pantry.
- The Book Fair is being held this week and it has been very busy with a lot of business.
- This week is American Education week and there have been many visitors at Lincoln School, and a Veteran's Program will be held at Washington School Thursday, November 17, 2011, at 1:45 p.m.
- The girls' basketball Vermillion Conference Tournament took place at Wallace with 7th grade playing for 1st place and 8th grade playing for 3rd place. The 8th grade won and placed third in the tournament and 7th grade lost placing 2nd.
- The 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball teams took part in the Marseilles Shoot-Out Saturday, November 12. Both teams lost.

- Boys' basketball started its season playing in the Trinity Catholic Academy Fall Tournament.
- The annual History Fair took place today with a reception from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Washington. Students were judged in the afternoon, and 48 out of 76 students received a superior rating and will move on to the Regional History Fair at NIU February 25, 2012.
- Conference Summary – 632 conferences
- PTAC held a meeting and discussed ISAT, Internal Review, the Emergency Plan, AlertNow and PBIS training.

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.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mr. Knoblauch congratulated 7th and 8th grade students for their hard work on the history fair projects and said the district will be well represented in DeKalb.

Delegations

None

Adjourn

MOTION by Mike Porter, seconded by Doug Kramarsic to adjourn. All in favor, aye.
The motion carried 6-0. Time: 6:03 p.m.

Jim Knoblauch, President

Traci Tomasson, Board Secretary