

**Union School District #81  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OPEN SESSION  
Regular Meeting  
September 20, 2006**

**I. Call to order**

Motion by AH, 2<sup>nd</sup> by DB called the September board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Mr. David Butterfield, Mrs. Cindy DelSasso, Mrs. Nancy Lamb, Mr. John LaRocca, and Mr. Adam Hauert. Others present: Mrs. Barbara Littlejohn. Members absent: Mr. Tim Mayo and Mr. Keith Kuzma.

**II. Closed Session**

Motion by JL, 2<sup>nd</sup> by DB to go into closed session. Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Roll Call: David Butterfield, Cindy DelSasso, Nancy Lamb, John LaRocca and Adam Hauert. Members absent: Tim Mayo and Keith Kuzma.

Motion by JL, 2<sup>nd</sup> by AH to end closed session at 7:16 p.m. Voice Vote: All Ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

**III. Call to Order**

Mr. Hauert led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: David Butterfield, Cindy DelSasso, Nancy Lamb, John LaRocca and Adam Hauert. Member Absent: Tim Mayo and Keith Kuzma.

**IV. Budget Hearing**

Mrs. Littlejohn began the Budget Hearing. Mrs. Littlejohn stated that there is a budget deficit in the OM Fund. The other funds have a surplus. Mrs. Littlejohn stated that the local assessors are behind in the new property assessments that are in the Union School District boundaries.

**V. Consent Agenda A**

Motion by AH, 2<sup>nd</sup> by NL to approve the Consent Agenda A of September 20, 2006. Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

- a. Open and closed session minutes from August 16, 2006
- b. Destroy verbatim recording of closed session February 2005

**VI. Consent Agenda B**

Motion by JL, 2<sup>nd</sup> by DB to approve the consent agenda B of September 20, 2006. Roll Call Vote: JL, DB, CD, NL, AH. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

- a. Treasurer's Report
- b. Balance sheet of August 31, 2006
- c. Budget Comparison of August 31, 2006

Mrs. Lamb stated the hope that the transportation budget will be in better shape for FY07. Mrs. Lamb added that the CD.

Mr. Butterfield questioned the DeGues & Klasters Legal E.O. invoice. Mrs. Littlejohn stated that this was Workers Compensation and Bond insurance. Mrs. Littlejohn added

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that the building insurance coverage will change in February as well as Transportation Insurance.

Mrs. Littlejohn noted to the board that the expenditures this month included the P.D.M. plumbing bill for restroom renovations.

Payroll & Bills

- d. August 2006 Payroll in the amount of \$49,202.48
- e. Payment of vouchers for September 2006 in the amount of \$165,454.57

**VII. Communication/Freedom of Information**

No comments were made.

**VIII. Hinshaw and Culbertson LLP**

Mrs. Littlejohn stated that Scott Nemanich was to discuss with the board possibilities of grant funds but was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Mr. LaRocca added that he has compiled several repairs and upgrades that need to be done at the school. The items include roof repair, HVAC, new energy efficient windows, gym floor replacement and sump pumps. Mr. LaRocca asked the board members to forward any thoughts or ideas to him to add to the list.

**IX. Superintendent's Report**

- Water in the Building-discussed in closed session
- Bus accident – Mrs. DelSasso asked Mrs. Littlejohn the results of the bus accident on September . Mrs. Littlejohn stated that the blood tests were negative for the bus driver. No official cause was determined. The bus driver was removed from our route. Mrs. Littlejohn interviewed and documented all the students that were on the bus during that route and sent a copy to JTHS Transportation.
- 2006-2007 Budget- Budget Hearing held earlier this evening.
- Washroom Renovations- Mrs. Littlejohn stated that the only item not complete in the project is one washroom stall panel to be replaced. The original one sent was the wrong color. This should be taken care of this week.
- 2006 47 passenger bus-The new bus failed to start after an away volleyball game. Apparently there was a problem with the solenoid. Volunteer parents and Mrs. Littlejohn transported all the athletes home. The bus will be repaired at the expense of Midwest Transit.
- **Girl Scouts**-Mrs. Littlejohn stated that the Girl Scouts of America would like to use the school building to host girl scout meetings for our students. After much discussion it was decided that the Girl Scouts of America could use a classroom twice a month from 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mr. Butterfield asked if there were facility use fees for Girl Scouts and Mrs. Littlejohn stated that typically the board waives fees for Not-for-Profit groups.
- **Open House** – Mrs. Littlejohn reported 60% participation.
- **IASB, IASBO, IASA Convention**- Mrs. Littlejohn reported that rooms have been reserved for the Convention in November. Mrs. Littlejohn added that per diem checks would be issued at the November Board Meeting.
- **Staff & Board Member Flu Shots**- Mrs. Littlejohn asked the board if they would consider offering flu shots again this year. Last year the board generously offered 100% towards flu shots. After discussion, it was agreed to offer flu shots with the board paying 100%. Mr. Butterfield added that per day sub rate is much more costly.
- **2006-07 Recognition of Schools**- Recognition of schools needs to be approved at tonight's meeting and sent to the State Board of Education.
- **Health Department**= Mrs. Littlejohn stated that the day school was closed due to flooding, the Will County Health Department did an inspection. The report is included in the board packet. The school received 98%.
- **Wrestling Co-Op**-Mrs. Littlejohn reported that Joliet School District 86 has agreed to the wrestling co-op. Union School would transport the athletes to Gompers in Joliet and the parents need to pick up their child from Gompers. Mr. Butterfield asked Mrs. Littlejohn about uniforms, as the athletes would be wrestling for Gompers. Mrs. Littlejohn stated the athletes would use Joliet 86 uniforms.
- **Personnel** – Discussed in Closed Session.

- **Other** – Mrs. Littlejohn reported to the board Morning Star Mission is hosting a program for low-income families. Mrs. Littlejohn stated that the board's policy is to keep family names and address confidential.
- **Other** – Mrs. Lamb asked Mrs. Littlejohn about the timeframe for the Vancena Development. Mr. LaRocca answered that the developer is waiting for the City of Joliet. Mrs. Littlejohn stated that the water would be diverted under Spencer road rather down the schools property line. Mr. LaRocca added that the developer has offered landscape or playground equipment donation for the water line.
- **Other** - Mrs. DelSasso asked Mrs. Littlejohn to look into student I.D. Cards. Mrs. Littlejohn stated she would get information to the board by the October Board Meeting.

#### **X. Action**

Motion by AH, 2<sup>nd</sup> by CD to adopt the 2006-2007 Budge. Roll Call Vote: AH, CD, DB, NL, JL. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by AH, 2<sup>nd</sup> by DB to approve Request for Building Use to the Girl Scouts of America, as recommended, with proof of insurance. Roll Call Vote: AH, DB, CD, NL, JL. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by AH, 2<sup>nd</sup> by DB to approve 100% paid influenza immunization for staff and board members. Roll Call Vote: AH, DB, CD, NL, JL. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by DB, 2<sup>nd</sup> by JL to approve the 2006-2007 Recognition of Schools. Roll Call Vote: DB, JL, CD, NL, AH. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by AH, 2<sup>nd</sup> by DB to approve the formation of a Wrestling Cooperative with Gompers and Washington Junior High with Joliet School District 86. Roll Call Vote: AH, DB, CD, NL, JL. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

*Discussion ensued about the Vancenia Development. Mr. Butterfield stated that he would like to see plans from the City of Joliet and the Vancenia Development in regards to the easement for water along the West and South property lines. Mr. Butterfield added that schools couldn't sell pieces of land, that the school would have to publish a public bid. The Union School District taxpayers should not have to pay additional expenses for any of these types of projects. Mr. Butterfield stated that the board needs to find out if they have to create a public easement. If an agreement is developed, the board needs to be sure to include a "if necessary" clause.*

#### **XI. Adjournment**

Motion by AH, 2<sup>nd</sup> by CD to adjourn the September 2006 Board Meeting at 8:23 p.m. Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

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Mr. Adam Hauert, President

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Mr. John LaRocca, Secretary