

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

**I. Call to order**

Motion by AH, 2<sup>nd</sup> by JL called the December board meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. Members present were: Mr. David Butterfield, Mrs. Cindy DelSasso, Mr. John LaRocca, Mrs. Nancy Lamb and Mr. Adam Hauert. Others present: Dr. Richard Dombrowski, Mrs. Barbara Littlejohn. Members absent: Mr. Tim Mayo and Mr. Keith Kuzma.

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

**II. Student Recognition**

Mrs. Littlejohn introduced a fine group of students. The students attended the Providence Academic Bowl and the Union School Geography Bee. Recognized this evening were Spencer Hauert (5<sup>th</sup> place at the Providence Academic Bowl), Xzyon Abbott, Kyle Evans, Lizette Gonzalez, Jessica Salas, Justin Butterfield, Jamie Gordon, Tyler Hauert, Daniel Salas, Faith Jackson, Brittany Pinkney. Aaron Wallace placed first in the Geography Bee. Mrs. Littlejohn stated to the board that these students devoted a day of their weekend to participate in the Academic Bowl. Each student received a certificate and was congratulated by the board members.

**III. Consent Agenda A**

Motion by AH, 2<sup>nd</sup> by JL Agenda A

Roll Call Vote: AH, JL, DB, NL, CD. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

- a. Open and Closed session minutes of November 15, 2006
- b. Destroy verbatim recorded minutes of May 2005

**IV. Consent Agenda B**

Motion by AH, 2<sup>nd</sup> by JL to approve the consent agenda B of December 20, 2006.

Roll Call Vote: AH, JL, DB, NL, CD. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

- a. Treasurer's Report
- b. Balance sheet of November 30, 2006
- c. Budget Comparison of November 30, 2006
- Payroll & Bills
- d. November 2006 Payroll in the amount of \$54,180.67
- e. Payment of vouchers for December 2006 in the amount of \$65,735.58

**V. Communication/Freedom of Information**

Mrs. Littlejohn reported two items for communication. First is a letter to Senator Wilhelmi for some funding for building work that needs to be completed. The letter is included in the board packet. The second item is a Thank You note to the board members for the Christmas party hosted by the School Board. The Thank You note was from Mrs. O'Connell and Mrs. Michalak.

**VI. Superintendent's Report**

- **The FY2006 Levy Hearing-** After discussion, it was decided to keep the 2006 Levy at 9.8%.
- **JTHS Bussing Agreement-**Mrs. Littlejohn stated that an agreement needs to be approved for yearly physicals and random drug testing of school bus drivers. The agreement will be found in your board packets.
- **Asbestos Inspection-**Mrs. Littlejohn stated that the six month asbestos inspection has passed.
- **Debt Certificates-**Mrs. Littlejohn stated that action is needed tonight to approve the debt certificates. It is Mrs. Littlejohn's recommendation to apply for the twenty year loan and stated that the debt may be paid off early.
- **Building Updates-**Mrs. Littlejohn asked the board for their input on the need for new windows and doors. Mrs. Littlejohn suggests a bid process soon as the windows need to be ordered several months prior to installation.
- **2007 Board Meeting Dates-**After some discussion, it was decided to keep the school board meeting dates as the third Wednesday of each month.
- **Unit 2 Cherry Hill Business Park-**A hearing was held today for the Unit 2 Cherry Hill Business Park. Mrs. Littlejohn stated that she will forward any information when it is received.
- **City Sewer and Water-**Mrs. Littlejohn stated that the valves need to be flushed and the school will be approved for the sewer hook up. Mrs. Littlejohn stated that earlier today, the staff washroom was not draining properly and that PDM. will be here tomorrow to do plumbing work.
- **III Convention-**Mrs. Littlejohn reported to the board some information gained at the Annual School Board Convention. The school report card will be available soon but Union School did make AYP. This year, Pearson Education will be conducting the scoring for ISAT. Mrs. Littlejohn learned about Alternate Assessments for our Special Education Department.
- **Other-**Mr. Hauert asked Dr. Dombrowski if the new industrial building has been taxed yet. Dr. Dombrowski stated that no, the building has not hit the tax roll yet and added that when it does get taxed, the tax rate will be reduced. Mr. Hauert stated that he anticipates a large sum of new property next year. Mrs. Littlejohn added that Mr. Longstreet of Robbins Law Firm interveined on behalf of Union School Board for the Northern Builders Board of Review Hearing. Mr. Longstreet suggest written review as the property was sold in 2005 however the sale price was different.
- **After School Program-**Mrs. Littlejohn stated that she would like approval for an after school program to be in place rather than a summer school. Mrs. Littlejohn stated that the potential to install new windows and doors would make summer school quite a distraction to the students.
- **Improvements-**Mr. Butterfield reminded the board that any work that needs to be completed should follow ADA and fire codes. Mr. Butterfield suggested the use of an architect to see if the kitchen and store room can be enlarged. Mr. LaRocca added that he would like to see locker rooms for the athletes.

Dr. Dombrowski stated that he and Mr. LaRocca would get some information and inform the board members about some ideas for that area of the building.

Motion by JL, 2<sup>nd</sup> by AH to enter closed session at 8:11 p.m. 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 AH, 2<sup>nd</sup> by JL to end closed session at 8:14 p.m. Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

## **VII. Action**

Motion by AH, 2<sup>nd</sup> by DB to adopt 2006 Levy at 9.8%. Roll Call Vote: AH, DB, NL, JL, CD. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by AH, 2<sup>nd</sup> by JL to approve resolution authorizing and providing for an Installment Purchase Agreement for the purpose of paying the cost of purchasing real or personal property, or both, in and for School District Number 81, Will County, Illinois, and authorizing and providing for the issue of not to exceed \$1,300,000 General Obligation Debt Certificates, Series 2007, of said School District evidencing the rights to payment under such Agreement, prescribing the details of the Agreement and Certificates, and providing for the security for and means of payment under the Agreement of the Certificates. Roll Call Vote: AH, JL, DB, NL, CD. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by JL, 2<sup>nd</sup> by CD to approve notification to the public to bid on replacement windows and doors and HVAC units. Sealed bids should be received by January 12, 2007 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call Vote: JL, CD, DB, NL, AH. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by JL, 2<sup>nd</sup> by AH to approve the third Wednesday of each month as regular board meeting dates. Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by JL, 2<sup>nd</sup> by DB to approve After School Program not to exceed \$40,000.00. Roll Call Vote: JL, DB, NL, CD, AH. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by JL, 2<sup>nd</sup> by DB to approve Holiday Staff and Board Party. Roll Call Vote: JL, DB, NL, CD, AH. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Motion by AH, 2<sup>nd</sup> by CD to adjourn the December 2006 Board Meeting at 8:35 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