

**Union School District #81
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPEN SESSION
Regular Meeting
February 21, 2007**

I. Call to order

Motion by AH, 2nd by JL called the February board meeting to order at 6:52 p.m. Members present were: Mrs. Cindy DelSasso, Mr. John LaRocca, Mrs. Nancy Lamb and Mr. Adam Hauert. Others present: Mrs. Barbara Littlejohn. Members absent: Mr. David Butterfield, Mr. Tim Mayo and Mr. Keith Kuzma.

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

II. Closed Session

Motion by JL, 2nd by AH to enter closed session at 6:52 p.m. Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by AH, 2nd by CD to close executive session at 6:57 p.m. Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

III. Consent Agenda A

Motion by AH, 2nd by JL Agenda A of February 21, 2007
Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

- a. Open and Closed session minutes of January 17, 2007
- b. Destroy verbatim recorded minutes of July 2005.

IV. Consent Agenda B

Motion by JL, 2nd by AH to approve the consent agenda B for February 21, 2007.
Roll Call Vote: JL, AH, CD, NL. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

- a. Treasurer's Report
- b. Balance sheet of January 31, 2007
- c. Budget Comparison of January 31, 2007
Payroll & Bills
- d. January 2007 Payroll in the amount of \$55,877.48
- e. Payment of vouchers for February 2007 in the amount of \$211,111.59

V. Communication/Freedom of Information

No comments were made.

VI. Superintendent's Report

- A. Northern Builders Assessment Appeal- Mrs. Littlejohn reported to the board that no meeting was held as an agreement was made between Northern and the Assessors Office. Mrs. Littlejohn stated that she is in contact with Mr. Scott Nemanich in regards to this matter.
- B. Debt Certificate/Bank Issues-The debt certificate funds have been wired to Peoples 1st Bank. It is Mrs. Littlejohn's recommendation to move General Checking, Imprest Checking, Activity Account and Payroll Checking to Harris Bank.

- C. City Water/Sewer Hook up- Mrs. Littlejohn stated that the well has been capped on January 17, 2007.
- D. Terra Nova Results- Mrs. Littlejohn included in the board packet the results from grades 3-7. Mrs. Littlejohn stated that the results are given with special education students and without special education students. Mrs. Lamb asked Mrs. Littlejohn about the accuracy of the 7th grade language arts results. Mrs. Littlejohn assured Mrs. Lamb that the 7th grade scored show an 11th grade level.
- E. Parent Teacher Conferences- Mrs. Littlejohn stated that we had a 98.5% turn out for conference.
- F. Snow Day February 13, 2007- Mrs. Littlejohn stated that the fourth emergency day was used on February 13, 2007 due to snow accumulation. At the December board meeting, the board approved an attendance day for March 2, 2007. Mrs. Littlejohn would like approval for an attendance day for April 9, 2007. Mrs. Littlejohn added that she had trouble with WJOL and included a letter to the station manager. Mrs. DelSasso asked Mrs. Littlejohn about the Channel 5, NBC display of school closing the evening of February 13, 2007. Mrs. Littlejohn stated that NBC displayed the morning closing as well as the planned schools for the next morning. Mrs. Littlejohn stated that a few students believed school was closed but after a phone call from the school they came in to school.
- G. 2007-2008 Calendar- Mrs. Littlejohn stated that the board packet includes a tentative 2007-2008 calendar. It is Mrs. Littlejohn's recommendation to consider President's Day off and Lincoln's Birthday a school attendance day. Mrs. DelSasso asked Mrs. Littlejohn for a tentative 2007 graduation date. Mrs. Littlejohn stated that she is hoping for June 4, 2007. New Life Church will be notifying the school very soon.
- H. Personnel-Discussed in closed session.
- I. Other Information-S.O.W.I.C. has asked the school board to consider use of one of their classrooms for the 2007-2008 school year. The classroom would be used for early childhood class for three and four year olds. Mrs. Lamb asked if the school needed to provide tables and desks. Mrs. Littlejohn was assured that the program would provide all the supplies. Mr. LaRocca added that there are plenty of table that could be used. Mrs. Lamb asked about the total number of students and Mrs. Littlejohn stated that this year there are ten students in a classroom.

Mrs. Littlejohn reminded the board about the meeting on February 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. for the Voss subdivision. The meeting will be held at the New Lenox Village Hall.

Mr. LaRocca asked for approval for building improvement work for public notice. The work that needs to be placed for bid are gymnasium floor, gymnasium bleachers, carpet, paint, generator, shelves. Previously, Mr. LaRocca has received estimates.

Mrs. Littlejohn stated that she, Mr. Hauert, and Mr. Nemanich met with Representative McGuire on February 9, 2007. Mrs. Littlejohn added that she will keep the school board informed of any information that arises.

VII. Action

Motion by JL, 2nd by CD to approve Imprest, Activity, Payroll and General Checking accounts to Harris Bank. Roll Call Vote: JL, CD, NL, AH. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by JL, 2nd by CD to approve an attendance day for April 9, 2007. Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by AH, 2nd by CD to approve Mrs. Grygiel and Mr. Caamano as 2006-2007 track coach. Roll Call Vote: AH, CD, NL, JL. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by AH, 2nd by JL, to approve Early Childhood Program the use of one classroom for the 2007-2008 school year. Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by AH, 2nd by JL to begin waiver process for 2007-2008 school year, Abraham Lincolns Birthday. Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by JL, 2nd by AH to place public bids for the following building improvements:

- Gymnasium floors
- Carpet
- Paint
- Generator
- Classroom shelves

Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by AH, 2nd by JL to adjourn the February 2007 Board Meeting at 7:36 p.m. Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Mr. Adam Hauert, President

Mr. John LaRocca, Secretary