

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

**I. Call to order**

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

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

**II. Closed Session**

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

Motion by AH, 2<sup>nd</sup> by TM to close executive session at 7:09 p.m. Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

**III. Consent Agenda A**

Motion by TM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by JL Agenda A of March 21, 2007  
Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

- a. Open and Closed session minutes of February 21, 2007
- b. Destroy verbatim recorded minutes of August 2005.

**IV. Consent Agenda B**

Mr. Hauert asked the board members if they had any questions on the treasurer's report or the list of bills. Mrs. Lamb stated that it is nice to see check numbers on the bill list. Mrs. Littlejohn stated that the transportation bill is a partial year bill.

Mrs. Lamb asked Mrs. Littlejohn when the teacher contract ends. Mrs. Littlejohn stated that the teacher's contract ends on June 30, 2007. The board members in attendance discussed a negotiation committee. Mr. Hauert stated that he would talk to the absent members to see if they are interested in being part of the committee.

Motion by JL, 2<sup>nd</sup> by TM to approve the consent agenda B for March 21, 2007.  
Roll Call Vote: JL, TM, NL, AH. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

- a. Treasurer's Report
- b. Balance sheet of February 28, 2007
- c. Budget Comparison of February 28, 2007
- Payroll & Bills
- d. February 2007 Payroll in the amount of \$62,659.17
- e. Payment of vouchers for March 2007 in the amount of \$95,735.27

**V. Communication/Freedom of Information**

No comments were made.

**VI. Superintendent's Report**

**2006 School Report Card**-Mrs. Littlejohn reported the 2006 Report Card Data. Included in the data are the revenue by source, expenditures by fund, Teacher and

Administrator salaries, racial/ethnic background and average class sizes. Mrs. Littlejohn reported the overall student performance from the ISAT testing. The conclusion of the 2006 School Report Card is the Planned Improvement for the School and District. Mr. Mayo added that the school report card is not always a good sample as our school district is so small and several students included have an I.E.P.

**Calendar FY 2007-**Mrs. Littlejohn asked for approval at tonight's meeting for the 2007-2008 school calendar. Mrs. Littlejohn added that the two feeder High School's finally match and this helps the Union School families tremendously.

**Senator Wilhelmi Correspondence-**Mrs. Littlejohn stated she had received an undeliverable letter written to Senator Wilhelmi dated several weeks earlier. It was a letter thanking Senator Wilhelmi for his time touring the school and his consideration for funding some of the building projects that need to be completed.

**Debt Certificates-**Mrs. Littlejohn stated that she has copies of the signed contracts. The school district has paid the related cost for the Debt Certificates.

**Voss Development-**Mrs. Littlejohn stated that she had attended a New Lenox Village Planning meeting on February 26, 2007. The meeting was in regards to the Voss development. Mrs. Littlejohn stated that there were many area residents there to voice concern of flooding and a few voiced concerns over the fire department's inability to get into the subdivision that is planned. Currently New Lenox S.D. is planning on using 18 acres of Union School District boundary land for their needs. Mrs. Littlejohn spoke at the meeting that the Union School Board is concerned with the tax base for Union School if New Lenox S.D. 122 builds a school in our boundaries. Mrs. Littlejohn added that there have not been any negotiations thus far between Union School District 81 Board of Education and New Lenox School District 122 Board of Education. Mr. Hauert stated that New Lenox Village cannot annex any property 90 days prior to an election. Mr. Hauert added that New Lenox School District could build a non-attendance center in our boundaries and then detach. If New Lenox School District built in Union School boundaries, Mr. Hauert stated that Union School would be out EAV from homes that would be built in the same space New Lenox would like to build. To this, Mrs. Littlejohn added that the current plans include multi-family homes in Union School boundaries. No single family homes are planned for Union School boundaries at this time.

**Lewis University AMA Program-**Mrs. Littlejohn stated that Lewis has offered a great program to us again for next year. The program sends Union School a certified teacher that also have sub certificates. Miss Franz is currently participating in the interview process. Mrs. Lamb asked Mrs. Littlejohn how many of our teachers currently have a Masters Degrees. Mrs. Littlejohn answered that two current teachers have Masters Degrees. Mr. Hauert added that this is a successful program and these Lewis students will be learning from the best. Mrs. Paul and Miss Franz will be getting two of these Lewis students.

**Lewis Math & Science Grant-**Mrs. Littlejohn stated that included in the board's packet is a partnership from Lewis University for a math and science grant. This grant is for 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades and the teachers have been advised.

**Wellness Policy-**Action is needed tonight to approve the school district's Wellness Policy.

**S.O.W.I.C. Resolution-**Mrs. Littlejohn stated that the special education cooperative is going to change their administrative district. Action is needed tonight on the included resolution. Reed Custer School District will be the administrative district for three years.

**Eighth Grade Activities**-Mrs. Littlejohn read the request from Mrs. Mickey Grygiel, the Eighth Grade Teacher. Mrs. Grygiel would like to have the 8<sup>th</sup> grade picture day on April 17<sup>th</sup>. On May 31, 2007, Mrs. Grygiel would like to have the eighth graders go to Chicago by train. They would like to take have a cruise on Mystic Blue, take a trolley from Navy Pier and visit the Sears Observation Deck along with other stops. A full itinerary will be developed.

*Discussion:* Mr. LaRocca asked the board members if they approved of the removal of the large evergreen tree that is outside Room 113 and the Superintendent's office. After much discussion, it was thought to be a good idea to have the tree removed.

### **VII. Action**

Motion by AH, 2<sup>nd</sup> by TM to approve the 2007-2008 school year calendar. Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by JL, 2<sup>nd</sup> by NL to approve Union School District 81's participation in the Lewis University AMA Program. Voice Vote: All Ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by JL, 2<sup>nd</sup> by AH to approve Union School District 81's partnership in the Lewis University Math and Science Grant. Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by JL, 2<sup>nd</sup> by TM to approve the adoption of the Union School Wellness Policy. Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by JL, 2<sup>nd</sup> by NL to approve the resolution to amend the S.O.W.I.C. Articles of Agreement. Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by JL, 2<sup>nd</sup> by TM to hire Miss Katie LaRocca as after school hours custodian, four hours daily. Roll Call Vote: NL, TM, AH all ayes. No nays. Abstain: JL. Motion Carried.

Motion by JL, 2<sup>nd</sup> by AH to accept, with regret, the resignation of Mrs. Elizabeth Schwartz. Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by TM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by AH to approve tenure to Miss Christina Franz. Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

Motion by NL, 2<sup>nd</sup> by AH to adjourn the March 2007 Board Meeting at 8:15 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