

**Union School District #81
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPEN SESSION
Regular Meeting
April 18, 2007**

I. Call to order

Motion by AH, 2nd by NL called the April board meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Members present were: Mrs. Nancy Lamb, Mr. John LaRocca, Mrs. Cindy DelSasso and Mr. Adam Hauert. Others present: Mrs. Barbara Littlejohn. Members absent: Mr. David Butterfield, Mr. Keith Kuzma and Mr. Tim Mayo.

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

II. Closed Session

Closed Session was not conducted.

III. Consent Agenda A

Motion by JL, 2nd by AH Agenda A of April 17, 2007. Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

- a. Open and Closed session minutes of March 21, 2007
- b. Waiver Hearing minutes for Abraham Lincoln's Birthday 2007-2008
- c. Destroy verbatim recorded minutes of September 2005.

IV. Consent Agenda B

Mrs. Littlejohn explained to the board members about the early withdrawal of a CD that was held at People First Bank. The difference between the penalty for early withdraw and the interest earned was -.01 (one cent). The money was used to pay bills for construction work done during the spring break.

Mrs. Lamb reminded the board that real estate tax money will be coming in soon.

Mr. Hauert asked the board if they had questions on the list of bills.

Mr. LaRocca asked the school to approve two additional bills that did not get listed on the April list of bills. One bill is for the painting done by Scaccia Decorating for \$12,700.00. This company patched, primed and painted all the hallways and doorways during the spring break. The other additional bill was for Mr. Dave DelSasso for the installation of the K-4th grade lockers.

Mr. Hauert stated he thought the lockers were already paid in full. Mr. LaRocca stated that the lockers cost \$13,000.00 and the installation is \$800.00 for a total of \$13,800.00.

Motion by JL, 2nd by NL to approve the consent agenda B for April 18, 2007.

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

- a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. Balance sheet of March 31, 2007
 - c. Budget Comparison of March 31, 2007
- Payroll & Bills
- d. March 2007 Payroll in the amount of \$58,703.80
 - e. Payment of vouchers for April 2007 in the amount of \$166,502.96
 - f. CD at People First Bank for \$200,000.00 deposited in Harris Bank General Checking. Withdrawn early; interest earned 1,003.55.

V. Communication/Freedom of Information

No comments were made.

VI. Superintendent's Report

Levy & Extension Report-Mrs. Littlejohn reported the Levy and Extension Report. The 2006 Limiting Rate is 2.3444. The EAV has increased. The extension Limit is 834,191.93 which is the Limiting Rate times the Net EAV.

The funding bonds have decreased. Mrs. Lamb stated that the real estate taxes will be lower for the taxpayers.

Mr. Hauert asked Mrs. Littlejohn if the Andrew Corporation building is on the tax rolls yet and Mrs. Littlejohn replied that she does not believe they are on the books yet. Mrs. Littlejohn added that she will contact New Lenox Tax Assessor in regards to this matter.

Tentative Budget-Mrs. Littlejohn stated that she would like approval to work on amending the 2006-2007 budget to reflect the debt certificates. Mrs. Littlejohn stated that she would like to present the tentative budget at the May board meeting and it will be placed on display for thirty days. The budget hearing should be held at the June board meeting before the regular scheduled meeting.

Eagle Ridge Subdivision-Mrs. Littlejohn stated that a meeting was held on April 13, 2007 in regards to the Eagle Ridge Subdivision. Prior to August of 2006, New Lenox school district had made an agreement with Frankfort School District 157-C to move the school boundaries east so that Huguelet Construction could be a school entirely in New Lenox School District. This agreement was made with a \$150,000 donation to the school district Technology Department.

Mrs. Littlejohn reported the Resolution for the Fair Market Value of an Improved Acre. The resolution was signed on August 30, 2006 which indicated Union School District 81 with a per acre valuation at 58,500 and New Lenox School District 122 with a per acre valuation of 130,000.

Building Updates-Mrs. Littlejohn stated that in the boards packet is a proposal for boring program. The purpose of this testing would be for an ideal place to make building additions. The cost of the testing would not exceed \$4250.00. Approval will be needed during the action items.

2006-2007 Calendar-Mrs. Littlejohn would like to amend the calendar due to the emergency days used earlier in the year. The teacher institute day will be June 7 and the last day will be June 8 at 10:00 a.m. Graduation will be June 4, 2007 at New Life Church.

Lewis University AMA Program-Mrs. Littlejohn stated that we have a student teacher in first grade for the remainder of the school year. Union will be getting two new student teachers next year. These teachers are certified subs as well and they are working on their Masters Degree.

Board Meeting Dates-Mrs. Littlejohn asked the board about the May board meeting. Mrs. Littlejohn stated that she was advised to still canvass votes from the April 17, 2007 election. In order to meet the deadline the School Code issued, Union will need to hold their canvass by May 8, 2007. The Will County Clerk's office will have their canvass ready by 2:00 on May 8, 2007. Mrs. Littlejohn would like to move the June board meeting to June 12, 2007. Action is needed later this evening.

Other-Mrs. Littlejohn stated that the 8th graders would like to hold a fundraiser. The profits would be for the 8th grade trip on May 31, 2007.

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Mrs. Littlejohn asked the school board members to begin thinking about the replacement for Dave Butterfield as he has won the New Lenox Township Trustee position.

Mr. Hauert asked present board members if they would like to be on the negotiation committee. Mrs. Nancy Lamb, Mr. Adam Hauert and Mrs. Cindy DelSasso will be on the committee with John LaRocca as an alternate.

VII. Action

Discussion: Mr. Hauert asked Mrs. Littlejohn to find out how long test results are good for Testing Service Corporation.

Motion by JL, 2nd by CD to approve the work to be completed by Testing Service Corporation. Roll Call Vote: JL, CD, NL, AH. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by AH, 2nd by JL to approve the change in regular schedule board meetings. May 8, 2007 and June 12, 2007. Voice Vote: All Ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by AH, 2nd by JL to approve the 8th grade fundraisers as presented. Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Lamb asked if a final calendar is ready for approval. Mrs. Littlejohn replied that it should be ready at the May board meeting.

Adjournment

Motion by JL, 2nd by AH to adjourn the April 2007 Board Meeting at 7:34 p.m.
Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Mr. Adam Hauert, President

Mr. Jose Gonzalez, Secretary