

January 19, 2004

Board Meeting Summary

Regular Meeting . . .

January 14, 2004

The Unit 5 Board of Education, at its regular meeting on January 14, 2004, took the following action and received the following reports:

Action

- The Board approved a military leave for the employee discussed in closed session.
- Enrollment at Grove Elementary School in 2nd and 5th grades was closed for the remainder of the 2003-2004 school year. New students (and their siblings) will be sent to Towanda Elementary School with transportation provided.

Reports

A Focus on Students report was received regarding two Northpoint School students, Kallie Delveaux and Krystal Taylor. These students were recognized for having the winning patch design for the Challenger Learning Center.

The Board received the official first reading of the report on proposed cost containments and revenue enhancements for 2004-2005. Total budget impact of the presented proposals was \$6,087,107. Proposals included closing Eugene Field Elementary School, keeping full-day kindergarten, keeping 5th grade band and strings (with staffing restructure 5-12), keeping 6th grade foreign language, keeping 2.5 FTE elementary assistant principals to be assigned as needed, and keeping up to eight regular education teaching assistants. It was announced that a public meeting on the Board's proposed financial plan for the coming school year would take place on Thursday, January 22, 2004 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Normal Community High School in the Auditorium. Approval of the plan is scheduled for the January 28 regular board meeting.

Also received at the meeting were board representative reports and a report regarding a Freedom of Information request.

Consent Agenda

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

- Minutes of the December 10, 2003 regular session, December 17, 2003 special session, and the January 8, 2004 special session.
- Enrollment update – 11,088 as of 12/19/03.

- Resignations/retirements/terminations for 2 certified and 9 educational support personnel.
- Employment of 2 teachers, 2 noon hour supervisor, 2 teaching assistants, 1 custodian, and 6 bus drivers/assistants.
- Contract revisions for 3 certified personnel.
- Schedule B changes for 12 certified personnel.
- Leave requests for 2 certified personnel.
- Payment of bills and payrolls in the amount of \$6,882,967.34.
- Treasurer's Report of December 31, 2003.
- Overnight trip requests: (1) NCHS and NCWHS selected band, orchestra, choir, and jazz students to attend IMEA All-State Band, Orchestra, Choir in Peoria, Illinois on January 29-31, 2004 (two days of class time will be missed); (2) NCWHS Speech Team to attend Downer's Grove Speech Tournament on January 23-24, 2004 (no class time will be missed); (3) NCWHS drama students to attend Contest Play and Group Interp competition in Harrisburg, Illinois on March 25-27, 2004 (no class time will be missed).

The following items were removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration and were not approved at this time:

- KJHS Guitar and Film Clubs

Public Comments

Three individuals addressed the Board regarding potential reductions at the middle school level and the last board meeting.

Closed Session

The Board met in closed session before the public session to review closed session minutes and to consider the employment of specific individuals.