

MINUTES
CARLISLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, December 14, 2009, 7:00 p.m. after Public Hearing
Carlisle Middle School Media Center (note change of location)

Public Hearing for Continued Innovative School Calendar 2010-2011

The public hearing for continued innovative school calendar for the 2010-2011 school year was called to order by President Judisch at 7:02 p.m.

The attendance was noted as follows:

Directors Present: John Judisch, President
 Rob Joiner, Vice President
 Mark Cowan
 Susan James

Directors Absent: Michelle Tish

Also Present: Dr. Tom Lane, Superintendent
 Jean Flaws, Board Secretary/Business Manager

The innovative calendar has allowed the district to hold parent-teacher conferences at different times for the different buildings/grade levels. This has made for more meaningful and better attended conferences so therefore the district would like to continue this practice. There were no public comments received, written or oral, regarding the innovative school calendar for 2010-2011.

Motion by Joiner to close the public hearing. Seconded by Cowan. Motion carried unanimously.

The hearing ended at 7:05 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

President Judisch called the regular board meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

The attendance was noted as follows:

Directors Present: John Judisch, President
 Rob Joiner, Vice President
 Mark Cowan
 Susan James

Directors Absent: Michelle Tish

Also Present: Dr. Tom Lane, Superintendent
 Jean Flaws, Board Secretary/Business Manager

Motion by Joiner to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by James. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by James to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2009 regular board meeting. Seconded by Cowan. Motion carried unanimously.

Visitors – Jenny and Kevin Sinclair, Scott Henderson and Marty Berg attended the board meeting to speak to the board about discretionary transportation. They live in the Danamere Farms addition off Scotch Ridge Road. The visitors are concerned that there is no safe way for their children to walk to school without any sidewalks. The only access is Scotch Ridge Road. This makes their location different from anywhere else in Carlisle. Concern was also expressed about the cost of the program in light of their unique situation. They have had some conversations with the city and school previously but they didn't seem to lead anywhere. They would like to attend a city council meeting with representation from the school at the same meeting to talk about the construction of a sidewalk and providing a safe route to school for their children. Board members acknowledged

their concerns and situation. They also want to be fair and equitable to all those participating in the discretionary transportation program. Directors Joiner and Cowan said they would be interested in attending a city council meeting.

Board Communication –Rob Joiner reported on his attendance at the Warren County Conference Board meetings. They are still looking for a new county assessor.

Rob Joiner has also been approached by several patrons inquiring about displaying the sports banners up in the high school gym. The state competition banners are displayed in the gym. Other honors are noted on a plaque by the office in the gym. A Wall of Fame will possibly be considered once the high school commons area is complete.

An email was read from Michelle Tish, in her absence, informing the board members of her attendance at the Finance Boot Camp and the Delegate Assembly on November 18.

IASB Communication - None

Construction Update

High School - The office area is about ready for paint and installation of the flooring. It will be ready for occupancy mid to late January. The tie in from the commons to the gym and the boy's restroom will soon be ready for use. The auditorium is the next big project at the high school.

Hartford – The gym work will begin over the winter break. The new addition will be ready for use at second semester. Then work will begin on remodeling the current kitchen area and music room.

Site Visit Review Update

Julie Melcher will be the lead consultant for the site review. She began on Monday with the curriculum review. The other consultants will join her Dec. 15 – 17. There will also be an equity audit checking to make sure the district is following federal and state laws in its policies and procedures.

Review of Board Policy Gift Codes Information

The board reviewed policy code 704.4. There doesn't seem to be a plan in place when students die and when memorials are requested. Consideration also needs to be given when adults in the community die and memorials are requested. Outside memorials are nice but there can be problems with upkeep and when changes are made to the land. The board would like to have a list of ideas for memorials that patrons can choose from. Dr. Lane will proceed with some ideas to bring back to the board.

Business/Action Items

A. Approval for 2010-2011 Modified Allowable Growth

Craig Calhoun presented to the board for their approval the 2010-2011 modified allowable growth application for at-risk programs. The total budget (based on enrollment and per pupil state reimbursement) is \$515,880.00 with the district pledging to fund \$128,970 (25%) of the total amount. This money will fund programs such as salaries and benefits for staff working with at-risk students and alternative education opportunities.

Motion by Cowan to approve the application for modified allowable growth as proposed for the 2010-2011 school year. Seconded by James. Motion carried unanimously.

B. First Reading of Board Policy Code 103, 103.R1, 103.E1

The policy code is being changed to include the correct protective classes for the areas of employment and program.

Motion by Joiner to approve the changes for board policy code 103, 103.R1, and 103.E1 and to waive the second reading. Seconded by Cowan. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Ballot for IASB Board of Education District #8

Motion by Joiner to cast the vote for Steve Hoch, District #8 IASB Board and submit the ballot. Seconded by James. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Review class size and open enrollment for 2010-2011

Dr. Lane reviewed the history of open enrollment and how the decision has been made to open or close open enrollment. The board reviewed the enrollment numbers for each grade and discussed potential class sizes for next year in consideration of budget implications for 2010-2011. Concern was expressed how an increased number of open enrolled students could affect class sizes and at what point would a section be added if class sizes became too large. Dr. Lane will monitor class size numbers and the board can review open enrollment again, if needed.

Motion by Cowan to have open enrollment open for all grades for the 2010-2011 school year. Seconded by James. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Joiner to approve the bills in the amount of \$989,307.40. Seconded by Cowan. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Joiner to approve the November 2009 financial reports. Seconded by James. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Lane's Report

>The administrators have chosen Lori Candee as the Friend of Education for this year. She will be honored at the Annual Chamber Dinner. Lori is in charge of the Kids Hope Program at the school.

>Dr. Lane complimented the transportation and custodial/maintenance staff on the good job they did during the recent week of bad weather.

>The district applied for money that was unclaimed from the Microsoft lawsuit. The high school will receive \$102,000 and Hartford will receive \$44,000. This will be used to fund professional development and Iowa Core Curriculum activities.

>Dr. Lane will be applying for grants to update the shop and art area at the high school, fire safety concerns noted by the fire marshall and to possibly help fund a new roof for the elementary building.

>In January, work will begin on the budget process for 2010-2011. Also, work will begin on developing a three-year plan to present to the board.

>The last day of school will now be June 7, 2010, due to missed school days because of the weather.

>The recent bad weather has presented some transportation issues. The school does have a main roads only plan. Two of the buses were equipped with chains and had two transportation staff on board during the recent difficult travel.

>The board reviewed the earlier discussion on discretionary transportation. The board members understand the dilemma of the patrons. The district installing a sidewalk on its property will not solve the problem though as it would lead to nowhere. Dr. Lane will work with the parents regarding payment and two of the board members are willing to attend the city council meeting when the sidewalk issue is on the agenda.

The next Regular School Board Meeting is Monday, January 11, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at Carlisle District Board Room.

Motion by Joiner to adjourn the December 2009 regular board meeting. Seconded by James. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

John Judisch, President
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Attest: Jean Flaws, Board Secretary

The minutes have not been approved by the Carlisle Community School Board.