

**ROCK ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**

**February 10, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rock Island School District was held Tuesday, February 10, 2009 in the Library at Rock Island High School. President Earl Strupp called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Members Present: Mr. Bill Cleaver, Ms. Linda Dothard, Mr. Russ Kennel, Mr. Dave Rockwell, Mr. Earl Strupp, Mr. Jerry Tutskey and Mr. Jim Veasey

Member Absent: Student Members Spencer Brooks, Ashley Dean and Christopher Giles

Staff Present: Mr. Jim Andrews, Ms. Kay Ingham, Mr. Ken Jaeke, Mr. Rick Loy, Dr. Mike Oberhaus and Mr. Bill Osborne

**Updates from the Superintendent**

Mr. Rick Loy recognized Pat Verschoore for his support in receiving funding for “shovel ready” projects. Mr. Loy referred to the naming of the new school and provided a handout with further information. He has heard from many staff and community members that feel we need to get this task done. Former Board member Steve Clark has contacted us regarding the Targeting Achievement through Governance (TAG) program. Board members would like to discuss this at a future meeting. Mr. Loy informed the Board that we will open bids on March 3, 5 and 9, 2009 for projects at Thomas Jefferson, Ridgewood and Denkmann. He anticipates bringing these bids for approval on March 10, 2009.

**Citizens Addressing the Board of Education**

Cynthia Empen, 830 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Rock Island, urged the Board to proceed in naming the new school so it has a true identity.

Julie Hansen, 2223 - 17<sup>th</sup> street, Rock Island, urged the Board to name the new school since teachers are writing grants with no name in the school title on the application. She also asked that they revisit the original name recommendations from the committee.

Megan Moser, 2133 Stadium Drive, Rock Island, urged the Board to name the new school at its next meeting.

**Blanket Motion**

It was moved by Mr. Dave Rockwell, seconded by Mr. Jim Veasey and unanimously carried by a roll call vote that the following items be approved as a blanket motion:

- V. That the Board of Education approve the 2009-10 Calendars for the District and Secondary Schools/SKIP as presented.

- VI. A.2. That the Board of Education contract with Verizon Wireless to provide cell phone and wireless service effective July 1, 2009 at a monthly cost of \$1,491.58 plus taxes and fees.
- VI. A.3. That the Board of Education enter into a 24 month contract extension with AT&T to provide local and long distance phone service effective July 1, 2009 at a cost of \$.0430 per minute for long distance calls and \$14.70 per month for each of the 91 phone lines currently in use.
- VI. C. That the Board of Education approve the Life Safety Amendment for exterior masonry restoration at Rock Island High School for \$134,050.00.
- VI. D. That the Board of Education authorize Bills for Payment dated January 31, 2009 in the amount of \$4,020,419.99.

#### **Business/Finance - 2009 Bond Sale**

Mike Oberhaus and Dave Phillips, Speer Financial, presented information on the 2009A and 2009B series general obligation bonds. The district received a 4.5% interest rate on \$19 million 2009 Series A and 4.6% interest rate on \$12 million Series B bonds. Mr. Phillips' model was initially higher than the market, and the district experienced significant savings due to the lower interest rate.

**A motion was made by Mr. Dave Rockwell and seconded by Mr. Jim Veasey to finalize the resolution providing for the issue of obligation bonds series 2009A and 2009B as presented. A roll call vote was called showing all members present voting "Aye." No "Nay" votes being cast, the President declared the motion carried.**

#### **Business/Finance - Architectural Contract**

Board members discussed a proposed contract with Larrison & Associates, Davenport, Iowa, to provide design services for centralized food production and serving areas for the high school. Additionally, to provide design services for a new school entryway off 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue at an estimated cost of \$560,000.00.

Dr. Oberhaus explained that due to funding, we had to put these two projects on hold. It will cost about \$8 million for these two projects. We now have an opportunity to have this funded under the economic stimulus plan. The architect assures us that the documents can be done within 90 days. Risk is spending \$500,000 and not getting the projects completed. Mr. Loy reminded the board of the possible passing of the one cent sales tax option in April which would provide additional funding for these projects.

Board members had a lengthy discussion weighing the pros and cons of the contract. It will be brought back to the February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting or a special meeting will be called if the stimulus package is approved in the near future.

**School Progress Presentations**

Tori Lindeman and Nicole Schlotfeldt provided school progress presentations for the SKIP/EDR and Head Start/PreK programs. *Copies of the presentations are kept on file with the official minutes at the Administration Center.*

**Policy Revisions**

Jim Andrews, Mike Oberhaus and Bill Osborne presented new Board Policies 4:20 and 4:55, Revised Policies 4:50, 5:150, 5:190, 5:240, 6:60, 6:210 and 7:330 and Rewritten Policy 6:230 as suggested by IASB Policy Services. Board members reviewed the policies and may take action on them at the next meeting.

**Score Card Update**

Cabinet members presented updates to the District Score Card. *A copy of the updated Score Card is kept on file with the official minutes at the Administration Center.*

**Sports Feeder Programs**

Athletic Director Bob Swanson reported on Sports Feeder programs for budding Rock Island-Milan athletes who will eventually compete at the high school level. Currently the high school has 20 competitive sport programs. Twelve of those have feeder programs that allow coaches to work with younger athletes before they reach high school, which reflects a significant increase over the past three years. All of the programs are a healthy addition to the Rock Island School District sports program as the coaches put a lot of time and effort to make the feeder programs successful.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Russ Kennel and seconded by Mr. Jerry Tutskey to adjourn the meeting. All members voting "Aye," the President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Mr. Earl L. Strupp, Jr., President

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Dr. Michael Oberhaus, Clerk