

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
July 28, 2009

The Board of Education met in executive session at 9:02 p.m., Tuesday, July 28, 2009 to discuss personnel.

Members Present: Dr. Jim Bishop, Mr. Bill Cleaver, Ms. Linda Dothard, Mr. Earl Strupp, and Mr. Jim Veasey

Others Present: Rick Loy, Jim Andrews, and Mike Oberhaus

Personnel

Ms. Linda Dothard asked how the Administration determined that Ms. Loy was to be hired as a consultant to the Rock Island Center for Math & Science (RICMS). Mr. Loy stated that Dr. Ruth Ann Tobey-Brown, Principal of the school, and Mr. Andrews brought the recommendation to him. He understood that as her spouse he needed to remain out of the decision process.

Mr. Loy briefly reviewed that as the RICMS and Longfellow were implementing their new curriculum during the first year. It was the plan to have specialists to assist in development, training and implementation. Originally, it was to be full time staff, but due to budget restraints, these positions were diminished. He stated that Longfellow will work with professors at Augustana College in a partnership.

Mr. Andrews stated that Ms. Loy has been serving as a consultant and facilitator for the training of the RICMS staff while employed with the school district. It was a natural fit to have Ms. Loy continue in the role as a part-time consultant (100 days). He shared that Teri Sheddan and Carol Loy have received extensive training for implementation of the new math curriculum. Per Mr. Andrews, Mr. Osborne, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, recommended Ms. Loy citing her training and experience. Also, the contract is substantially less cost than a full time staff member.

Ms. Dothard asked Mr. Loy if he was involved in the contract process. He stated that he was not. She then asked to clarify that only Carol Loy and Terri Sheddan were trained and able to provide training to staff. Mr. Andrews said that was the case. Ms. Dothard shared that she felt it important to provide an explanation to the public when voting on the contract sharing the rationale that Ms. Loy was the most qualified, best selection for the job. Mr. Andrews agreed and would provide some comments prior to the vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be conducted, the Board adjourned from Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.