

Prior to the meeting, Reverend Pauley provided a meaningful prayer.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #201,
MERCER COUNTY, ILLINOIS.**

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #201, Mercer County, Illinois, convened at a regular meeting at the Unit Office in the Administrative Center, 402 East Main Street, Aledo, IL, on Monday, August 11, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

	NO. 1	NO. 2	NO. 3	NO.4	NO.5	NO.6	NO.7	NO.8	NO.9	NO.10
Benson	Aye	Aye		Aye				Aye		Aye
Forret	Aye	Aye		Aye				Aye		Aye
Speer	Aye	Aye		Aye				Aye		Aye
Shoemaker	Aye	Aye		Aye				Aye		Aye
Hank	Aye	Aye		Aye				Aye		Aye
Ball	Aye	Aye		Aye				Aye		Aye
Tucker										

	NO.11	NO.12	NO.13	NO.14	NO.15	NO.16	NO.17	NO.18	NO.19	
Benson	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye			Aye		
Forret	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye			Aye		
Speer	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye			Aye		
Shoemaker	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye			Aye		
Hank	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye			Aye		
Ball	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye			Aye		
Tucker										

On roll call, the following members answered present: Benson, Forret, Speer, Shoemaker, Hank, and Ball.

Absent: Tucker

Also present: Supt. Alan Boucher; Principals Fleurette and Nelson; no faculty members; no reporters; and, secretary Connie Hilligoss.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. There was a motion by Benson, seconded by Speer, to approve the following items from the consent agenda:
 - a. Approve minutes of July 14, 2008 (Regular Meeting).
 - b. Approve financial report, treasurer's report, and bill list.
 - c. Ratify July paid bill list.

Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

APPROVE TENTATIVE BUDGET

2. There was a motion by Benson, seconded by Forret, to approve the tentative budget as presented and place it on file for 30 days before its adoption at the September board meeting. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

CHANGE SEPT. BD. MTG. DATE

3. There was a motion by Forret, seconded by Speer, to change the September board meeting date to September 15, 2008 with the budget hearing to begin at 6:15 p.m. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

**CHANGE OCT. BD.
MTG. DATE**

4. There was a motion by Benson, seconded by Forret, to change the October board meeting date to October 20, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

**BIDS FOR BAKERY,
DAIRY, & GASOLINE**

5. There was a motion by Forret, seconded by Speer, to approve Jerry's Dairy, IBC Wonder Bread, and Blick & Blick Oil to meet our needs for the 2008/09 school year. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

**APOLLO HANDBOOK
CHANGES**

6. There was a motion by Speer, seconded by Hank, to approve the Apollo hand-book changes as presented. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

**CURRICULUM
SHARING**

7. There was a motion by Shoemaker, seconded by Forret, to approve chemistry curriculum sharing with Westmer for the 2008/09 school year with a few Westmer students coming to Aledo for classes. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

**INTO CLOSED
SESSION**

8. There was a motion by Benson, seconded by Forret, to go into closed session to discuss personnel, negotiations, and litigation. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

INTO OPEN SESSION

9. There was a motion by Hank, seconded by Speer, to go into open session. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

**REHIRE SPEECH
THERAPIST**

10. There was a motion by Benson, seconded by Speer, to rehire Patricia Mayo as district speech pathologist for the 2008/09 school year. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

**REINSTATE 4
TEACHER'S AIDES**

11. There was a motion by Forret, seconded by Hank, to reinstate Patricia Diaz, Kay Hedrick, Deb VanderHeyden, and Angie Baker as teacher's aides for the 2008/09 school year. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

**HIRE SOCIAL STUDIES
TEACHER**

12. There was a motion by Hank, seconded by Speer, to hire Adam Link as high school social studies teacher for the 2008/09 school year. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

**HIRE JR. HIGH
TEACHER'S AIDE**

13. There was a motion by Hank, seconded by Speer, to hire Sara Blaser as junior high school special education aide for the 2008/09 school year. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

**HIRE HS VARSITY
BOYS BASKETBALL
COACH**

14. There was a motion by Forret, seconded by Speer, to hire Brad Jackson as high school varsity boys basketball coach for the 2008/09 school year. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

**HIRE HS VARSITY
GIRLS BASKETBALL
COACH**

15. There was a motion by Speer, seconded by Benson, to hire Adam Link as high school varsity girls basketball coach for the 2008/09 school year. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

**RESIGNATION OF
JH GIRLS BASKET-
BALL COACH**

16. There was a motion by Speer, seconded by Forret, to accept with regrets the resignation from Deb VanderHeyden as junior high girls basketball coach for the 2008/09 school year. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

**RESIGNATION OF
ASST. HS TRACK
COACH**

17. There was a motion by Speer, seconded by Hank, to accept with regrets the resignation from Tom Hasson as assistant high school track coach for the 2008/09 school year. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

SALARY INCREASES

18. There was a motion by Ball, seconded by Forret, to approve a 3.4% increase for the non-certified employees (secretaries and aides) for the 2008/09 school year; approve an increase of \$2,500 for each principal for the 2008/09 school year; approve an increase of \$3,500 for the superintendent for the 2008/09 school year; and, approve the hourly rates for other personnel as presented. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

19. There was a motion by Benson, seconded by Forret, to adjourn. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

**ADDITIONS/DELE-
TIONS TO AGENDA**

1. Supt. Boucher added the following agenda item for discussion: replacing high school phone system.

**TENTATIVE BUDGET
DISCUSSION**

2. Supt. Boucher presented the tentative budget that shows \$7,676,093 in revenue and \$8,100,263 in expenses for the 2008/09 school year. There will be no new money from the state so we will probably need to levy at least the 105% or maybe more to create more revenue. Over the next thirty days before the final adoption at the September meeting, the budget expenses will be viewed with scrutiny to possibly get the deficit lower. The plan is to spend down the health-life safety fund for the Apollo roof and part of the working cash money is earmarked for a new high school gym floor.

BOARD POLICIES

3. The board policies that were to be adopted at this meeting will be held over until the September meeting for final adoption.

**APOLLO HANDBOOK
CHANGES**

4. Principal Fleurette highlighted the areas of change in the Apollo handbook. Some of the changes include: no restaurant food, no homemade treats, a milk break will be added, clarification of hairstyles and colors, and the possibility of opening up the library for use at 7:45 in the mornings.

**CONSOLIDTION
UPDATE**

5. Now that the R.O.E. and state board of education have approved the consolidation paperwork and will be sending it to the county clerk(s) for ballot placement, the Committee of Ten is asking Westmer and Aledo Boards of Education to submit letters to the Times Record with viewpoints regarding consolidation of the two districts. Westmer will submit their letter and the following week, Aledo's letter will appear in the paper. The Committee of Ten will use these letters as reference when they make presentations to both communities.

**WINDOW SCREENS
AT HS**

6. After talking with the board, Supt. Boucher will get quotes for window screens at the high school in order to help alleviate heat retention in the building.

HS PHONE SYSTEM

7. Since the high school phone system was hit by lightning, the “mother” board needs to be replaced. The systems are old in every building but to replace them all with the same type system would take more time and money than we can afford at this time. The quick fix is to replace the mother board from Frontier for around \$3,500. The board was in agreement.

ADM. REPORT

8. Supt. Boucher reported on the recent visit to the gym floor showroom he and Brian toured recently. We will need to commit early since it is an 8 week installation process. The cost will be around \$250,000. Principal Nelson reported the junior high has purchased two smart boards that will be used in Hagen’s and Johnson’s rooms; and, the garden behind the junior high has been quite a successful project that science teacher Michelle Reusch has started. Principal Fleurette commented on the following: the bathroom renovation project is completed, the old bushes by the south entryway have been removed, the entry doors have been repainted, and the new fence has been installed.

Doug Ball, Vice-President, Board of Education

Laurie Benson, Secretary, Board of Education

Approved: _____

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #201,
MERCER COUNTY, ILLINOIS.**

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #201, Mercer County, Illinois, convened at a special meeting at the Unit Office in the Administrative Center, 402 East Main Street, Aledo, IL, on Thursday, September 4, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

	NO. 1	NO. 2								
Benson	Aye									
Forret	Aye									
Speer	Aye									
Shoemaker	Aye									
Hank										
Ball	Aye									
Tucker	Aye									

On roll call the following members answered present: Benson, Forret, Speer, Shoemaker, and Tucker.

Absent: Hank and Ball (arrived at 6:05 p.m.).

Also present: Supt. Boucher and secretary Hilligoss.

**AEA/BOARD
CONTRACT**

1. There was a motion by Forret, seconded by Speer, to approve the one year contract (2008/09) between the Aledo Education Association and the Aledo Board of Education as presented. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

2. There was a motion by Speer, seconded by Benson, to adjourn. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

AGREEMENT

1. The contract has been reviewed by our attorney Art Eggers and the attorney for the association. The AEA has already ratified the contract. Supt. Boucher reviewed the following language changes in the contract: (1) Natl. Bd. Certification; (2) retirement clause regarding 6% overage; (3) stipends for FFA advisor, weight room coordinator, prom advisor, graduation advisor, and key club advisor; (4) tuition reimbursement from \$1000 to \$2000 annually; and, (5) added \$675 to base in salary schedule. The total package including salary and insurance benefits is \$52,000.

Marta Tucker, President, Board of Education

Laurie Benson, Secretary, Board of Education

Approved: _____