

Prior to the meeting, Pastor Dietmeier spoke a prayer of encouragement and appreciation.

**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, January 12, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Absent: Forret

Also present: Supt. Alan Boucher; Principals Fleurette, Nelson, and Albert; faculty members Peggy Johnson, Sharon Chandler, and Marge Seiver; no reporters; also, secretary Connie Hilligoss.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. There was a motion by Speer, seconded by Benson, to approve the following items from the consent agenda:
 - a. Approve minutes of December 8, 2008 (Regular Meeting).
 - b. Approve financial report, treasurer's report, and bill list.
 - c. Ratify December paid bill list.
 - d. Approve 92 day, \$1,250,000 CD investment at The National Bank at a rate of 2.75% due March 17, 2009.

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

APPRECIATION RESOLUTIONS

2. There was a motion by Hank, seconded by Speer, to approve mailing the Appreciation Resolutions from the board of education to the PTO, Music, and Athletic Boosters for their past, present, and future contributions to our schools. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

INTO CLOSED SESSION

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

INTO OPEN SESSION

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

COOK RESIGNATION

5. There was a motion by Speer, seconded by Hank, to accept with regrets the resignation from Apollo cook Mary Vipond at the end of the 2008/09 school year. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

LITIGATION

6. There was a motion by Hank, seconded by Benson, to resolve (as presented in the attachment) the litigation conflict with a district employee pending teachers' retirement system's approval. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

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

OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

BUILDING PROJECTS

8. Architect Bill Hawkinson will be advertising for bids and making preparations for upcoming building projects. He will be in the district on January 15th to show the superintendent a prototype of a handrail for the high school gym. He will also review gym floor bid specifications, revamping the wall between the high school choral and band rooms, and Apollo roof bid specs.

SUMMER PAY

9. The board discussed the possibility of paying all employees their final check with the last June paycheck. Since the district will no longer exist after the fiscal year ends June 30, 3009, this may be something we need to do. Supt. Boucher will check with various sources and this topic will be revisited next month.

EARLY DISMISSALS

10. There is a lot of work needing to be done by the staff of both districts regarding consolidation. It would be helpful to have several early dismissals for the purpose of working on these tasks. The staff would request the board's permission to approve the development of a plan for early dismissals for the remaining part of the school year by amending the current school calendar. The board agreed this was necessary.

ADM. REPORT

11. Supt. Boucher commented on the ACT prep course offered by the regional office of education and how the 9 Saturday sessions have seemed to help the students' scores. Kathy Olson (JH L.A. teacher) researched the mentoring program and has submitted two working notebooks for the mentor and new teacher as guidelines.

ADM. REPORT

12. High school principal Albert commented on the controversy and scheduling problems with schools who co-op in the Lincoln Trail Conference and would like to co-op in the West Prairie Trail Conference.

ADM. REPORT

13. Jr. high principal Nelson reported the wrestlers recently placed third at a tournament in Geneseo. The food drive competition between the junior high and high school will kick-off January 20th.

ADM. REPORT

14. Apollo principal Fleuette reported the Health Dept. is sponsoring the Biggest Loser contest and many Apollo staff are participating. Upcoming events are plans to celebrate Lincoln's birthday, the pint-size heroes blood drive, and the spelling bee for 5th graders.

Marta Tucker, President, Bd. of Education

Laurie Benson, Secretary, Bd. of Education

APPROVED: _____