

**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, July 14, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Absent: Speer and Tucker

Also present: Supt. Alan Boucher; faculty member Marge Seiver; no reporters; also secretary Connie Hilligoss.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. There was a motion by Benson, seconded by Hank, to approve the following items from the consent agenda:
 - a. Approve minutes of June 16, 2008 (Regular Meeting).
 - b. Approve financial report, treasurer’s report, and bill list.
 - c. Ratify June paid bill list.
 - d. Approve district depositories: The National Bank (Aledo), Country Bank (Aledo), 1st Community Bank (Aledo), Mercer County Banking Center (Aledo), Farmer’s State Bank (Aledo), Freedom Bank (Seaton), and Joy State Bank (Joy).

Roll call: 5 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

APOLLO FENCE

2. There was a motion by Forret, seconded by Hank, to authorize the superintendent to proceed with the Apollo fencing project by negotiating with the bottom two bidders and not to exceed the high end of \$4800. Roll call: 5 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

INTO CLOSED SESSION

3. There was a motion by Benson, seconded by Hank, to go into closed session to discuss personnel and litigation. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

INTO OPEN SESSION

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

RESIGNATION

5. There was a motion by Hank, seconded by Forret, to accept with regrets the resignation from Derek Durbin (high school math teacher) for the 2008/09 school year. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

- SALARY INCREASE** 6. There was a motion by Shoemaker, seconded by Forret, to approve the \$5000 salary increase for district computer systems operator Geff Long beginning July 1, 2008 for the 2008/09 school year. Roll call: 5 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.
- HS MATH TEACHER** 7. There was a motion by Hank, seconded by Benson, to approve changing Cullen Welter's teaching assignment for 2008/09 to high school math teacher. Roll call: 5 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.
- ADJOURN** 8. There was a motion by Shoemaker, seconded by Benson, to adjourn. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.
- OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:**
- BOARD COMMENT** 1. Board member Benson shared information regarding the Rural Economic Development Conference she recently attended. She learned we need youth entrepreneurs to keep rural America alive. Education needs to provide students with tools for a "real world" application. Other topics highlighted were the "green" theme and TIF. In summation, experience itself is no longer enough. We must be able to unlearn and relearn new tools, trades, technologies, etc.
- STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE** 2. Guarantee Trust Life Ins. Company will provide student accident insurance coverage for 2008/09 at the parent's request and payment of premium. Catastrophic insurance is paid by the district and will help cover any parental incurred costs over the \$25,000 deductible.
- END OF YEAR FINANCIAL STATUS** 3. Supt. Boucher reporter we ended the year \$158,000 in the black. We received \$23,984 more in revenue than anticipated and spent \$86,000 less than budgeted.
- APOLLO FENCING** 4. Supt. Boucher received three bids for the Apollo fencing project (\$5800, \$4800, and a verbal bid of \$4000). If given permission by the board, he will negotiate between the bottom two bids. The fencing will be four-foot heavy gauge wire. The board would like it completed before school starts.
- BOARD POLICY HANDOUTS** 5. The following board policies were handed out for review before adoption at the August board meeting: numbers 2:105, 2:120, 4:20, 4:50, 4:55, 4:55 AP, 4:55 E, 4:80, 4:80 AP, 4:90, 4:170 AP7, 4:170 AP7 E1, 4:170 AP7 E2, 4:170 AP7 E3, 4:170, 4:170 AP6, 4:170AP6 E1, 4:170 AP6 E2, 6:20, 6:235 AP2, 6:235 E3, 7:190 AP5, 7:280 AP, 7:280 E2, 7:280 E3, 7:340 E3, and 7:340 E4.
- SUPT. REPORT** 6. Besides his written report, Supt. Boucher highlighted progress on the joint effort wind turbine project and Apollo's bathroom renovation. The board posed questions regarding the school resource officer and his official capacity at the schools. The officer's main duty is to build a positive relationship with the students. He does not do any disciplining and only investigates any criminal activities on campus.

Douglas E Ball, Vice-President, Board of Education

Laurie Benson, Secretary, Board of Education

Approved: _____