

A budget hearing was held at 6:25 p.m. prior to the regular board meeting. Members present were Benson, Forret, Shoemaker, Hank, Ball, and Tucker. Supt. Boucher highlighted the changes including the transfer of \$70,000 into the building fund and budgeting \$9645 more in the IMRF fund. Receiving no public comment, the hearing was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

**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, June 16, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

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

	<b>NO.11</b>	<b>NO.12</b>	<b>NO.13</b>	<b>NO.14</b>	<b>NO.15</b>	<b>NO.16</b>	<b>NO.17</b>	<b>NO.18</b>	<b>NO.19</b>	<b>NO.20</b>
<b>Benson</b>		Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
<b>Forret</b>		Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	Aye
<b>Speer</b>										
<b>Shoemaker</b>		Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	Aye
<b>Hank</b>		Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	Aye
<b>Ball</b>		Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
<b>Tucker</b>		Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

	<b>NO.21</b>									
<b>Benson</b>										
<b>Forret</b>										
<b>Speer</b>										
<b>Shoemaker</b>										
<b>Hank</b>										
<b>Ball</b>										
<b>Tucker</b>										

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

Absent: Speer

Also present: Supt. Alan Boucher; Principals Fleurette, Albert, and Nelson; faculty members Britt Hagens, Kay Huckle, Brian Dennison; no reporters; also, Kyle Lloyd, Bob Vickrey, Mike Bowns, Chastity Jackson, and secretary Connie Hillgoss.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. There was a motion by Ball, seconded by Forret, to approve the following items from the consent agenda:
  - a. Approve minutes of May 12, 2008 (Regular Meeting) and June 2, 2008 (Special Meeting).
  - b. Approve financial report, treasurer's report, and bill list.
  - c. Ratify May Paid Bill List.
  - d. Approve prevailing wage resolution.
  - e. Authorize payment to fiscal year-end vendors by adding to current bill list.
  - f. Authorize superintendent to seek bids on bread, milk, and petroleum products for the 2008/09 school year.

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

**WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT**

2. There was a motion by Forret, seconded by Benson, to accept the recommendations from the Wellness committee as presented regarding student nutrition for the 2008/09 school year. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

**ROOF ON HS WRESTLING BLDG.**

3. There was a motion by Ball, seconded by Hank, to approve the bid from Riddell Roofing (\$18,890) to roof coat the high school wrestling building. Roll call: 4 Ayes, 2 Nays. Motion carried.

**SEAL COAT HS PARKING LOTS**

4. There was a motion by Shoemaker, seconded by Ball, to approve applying a seal coat to all high school parking areas with the exception of the north lot and lot above the Vo-Tech building at a cost of \$10,650 to be applied by the County workers. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

**ADOPT AMENDED BUDGET**

5. There was a motion by Benson, seconded by Hank, to adopt the amended 2007/08 fiscal year budget as presented. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

**UNIT OFFICE LEASE**

6. There was a motion by Shoemaker, seconded by Hank, to approve the one year unit office lease with 1<sup>st</sup> Farm Credit Services at a monthly rate of \$900 effective July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

**JH HANDBOOK CHANGES**

7. There was a motion by Hank, seconded by Benson, to approve the 2008/09 junior high school handbook changes as presented. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

**WEIGHTED GRADES**

8. There was a motion by Forret, seconded by Hank, to authorize the superintendent to secure information regarding weighted grades and report back to the board with findings. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

**INVESTMENTS**

9. There was a motion by Ball, seconded by Benson, to approve the following certificate of deposit investments: 90 day certificate in the amount of \$410,000 at a rate of 3.11% invested June 16, 2008 at Midwest Bank – Mercer County Banking Center and a 180 day certificate in the amount of \$610,000 at a rate of 3.31% invested June 16, 2008 at Midwest Bank – Mercer County Banking Center. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

**INTO CLOSED SESSION**

10. There was a motion by Ball, seconded by Hank, to go into closed session to discuss personnel, a student issue, negotiations, and litigation. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

- INTO OPEN SESSION** 11. There was a motion by Benson, seconded by Hank, to go into open session. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.
- HIRE BROOKE FLEUETTE** 12. There was a motion by Ball, seconded by Hank, to hire Brooke Fleuette as Aledo High School librarian for the 2008/09 school year pending yearly progress in attaining a certified librarian endorsement. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE PAULA RIDDELL** 13. There was a motion by Forret, seconded by Ball, to hire Paula Riddell as junior high school language arts teacher for the 2008/09 school year. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE KATHY OLSON** 14. There was a motion by Hank, seconded by Forret, to hire Kathy Olson as junior high school language arts teacher for the 2008/09 school year. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.
- COACH RESIGNATION** 15. There was a motion by Forret, seconded by Hank, to accept the resignation from David Stroud as high school girl's varsity basketball coach for the 2008/09 school year. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE COACH** 16. There was a motion by Shoemaker, seconded by Tucker, to hire Jessie Harrison as high school assistant baseball coach for the 2008/09 school year. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.
- COACHING ASSIGNMENTS** 17. There was a motion by Ball, seconded by Benson, to approve the coaching assignments as presented with the exception of high school varsity girls and boys basketball coaches. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.
- COACH** 18. There was a motion by Ball, seconded by Tucker, to approve hiring Hank Gordon as high school varsity boy's basketball coach for the 2008/09 school year. Roll call: 3 Ayes, 3 Nays. Motion failed.
- HS MATH TEACHER PART-TIME INCREASE** 19. There was a motion by Shoemaker, seconded by Hank, to approve increasing high school math teacher Sarah Hall's part-time position to .65% time in 2008/09. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.
- STUDENT RE-ENTRY FROM PASS PROG.** 20. There was a motion by Ball, seconded by Hank, to approve re-admitting expelled student 07A into our district for the 2008/09 school year with a written agreement with the principal to abide by all rules in the contract. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.
- ADJOURN** 21. There was a motion by Shoemaker, seconded by Tucker, to adjourn. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

**OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:**

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** 1. Supt. Boucher added the following items to the agenda: 12.A (open session) – Investments, 14.11 (closed session) – Student issue, and 14.12 (closed session) - Personnel discussion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE**

2. Several thank you cards have been sent by employees for the gift certificates presented to them at the staff breakfast (Mike Chausse, Cheryl Beale, Pat Newswander, and Bev Wildermuth). Bob Vickrey extended an invitation from his church to the whole community for a Helping Hand project to all the flood victims in Keithsburg.

**BOARD COMMENT**

3. Board member Ball commended the administration and staff for their watchful eyes in keeping the budget on target.

**WELLNESS REPORT**

4. Kyle Lloyd from the Mercer County Health Department chaired the Wellness Committee. She has met with the administrators to discuss recommendations. The wellness plan needs to be updated annually. For the upcoming school year, there are twelve recommendations the district will strive to maintain. Those recommendations are included in a handout. The main desire is to encourage healthy food choices by our students, staff, and parents.

**ROOF COATING**

5. There were only two bids for the roof coating on the high school wrestling building. One was a local bidder whose bid was \$891 higher. Some members felt it was the board's responsibility to choose the lower bid but others felt the difference was not a significant factor especially if there were problems we could quickly have the local company on site and fix the problem.

**WEIGHTED GRADES**

6. There was discussion regarding weighted grades at the high school. Board member Shoemaker would like to get information from other districts. Others felt colleges took other things (ACT scores) into consideration besides class rank. Weighted grades are not a universal system with all schools so emphasis on one course in one school may not be of equal value at another school.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

7. The Regional Office of Education will be holding a public hearing on June 18, 2008, 7:00 p.m. in the Aledo High School auditorium for the purpose of reviewing a petition to consolidate Aledo and Westmer School districts, levy taxes, and elect board members at large. This is another step toward putting the proposal on the November ballot for the public to vote on.

**ADM. REPORTS**

8. Supt. Boucher reported on the following: (1) he will send out an email regarding dates in August to visit a company in the suburbs to see various gym floors on display; (2) he wanted to get approval that the board is still in support of the wind turbine exploration and will be willing to spend another \$700; and, (3) the Apollo courtyard sliding doors will require flashing to fix the leaking problem so the architect will get us a bid to do the work. According to preliminary ISAT test results reviewed by principals Fleurette and Nelson, Apollo and the junior high appear to meet AYP (annual yearly progress). The test results are not back from the high school yet.

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Marta Tucker, President, Board of Education

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Laurie Benson, Secretary, Board of Education

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