

**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, March 9, 2009 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	Aye
<b>Forret</b>	Aye	Aye	Aye		Aye		Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
<b>Speer</b>	Aye	Aye	Aye		Aye		Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
<b>Shoemaker</b>	Aye	Aye	Aye		Aye		Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
<b>Hank</b>	Aye	Aye	Aye		Aye		Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
<b>Ball</b>	Aye	Aye	Aye		Aye		Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
<b>Tucker</b>	Aye	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
<b>Forret</b>	Aye					Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
<b>Speer</b>	Aye					Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
<b>Shoemaker</b>	Aye					Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
<b>Hank</b>	Aye					Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
<b>Ball</b>	Aye					Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
<b>Tucker</b>	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, Speer, Hank, Ball, and Tucker.

Absent: Shoemaker (arrived at 6:35 p.m.)

Also present: Supt. Alan Boucher; Principals Fleurette, Nelson, and Albert; faculty member Marge Seiver; also, Architect Bill Hawkinson, and secretary Connie Hilligoss.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. There was a motion by Ball, seconded by Speer, to approve the following items from the consent agenda:
  - a. Approve minutes of February 9, 2009 (Regular Meeting), minutes of February 17, 2009 (Expulsion Hearing), and minutes of February 24, 2009 (Special Meeting).
  - b. Approve financial report, treasurer's report, and bill list.
  - c. Ratify February paid bill list.

Roll call: 7 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

**APOLLO ROOF**

2. There was a motion by Shoemaker, seconded by Ball, to approve the bid from Millard Roofing (Burlington, IA) to replace the roof sections at Apollo in the total amount of \$68,356. Roll call: 7 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

**HS BLEACHER  
COLORS**

3. There was a motion by Shoemaker, seconded by Benson, to approve spending up to \$1800 for custom colors to be painted on the new bleachers at the high school and to allow Trisha Hank to make the final color decision. Roll call: 7 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

**JH PROMOTION  
DATE**

4. There was a motion by Benson, seconded by Speer, to set the junior high promotion date for May 29, 2009, 1:00 p.m. in the junior high gym. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

**APOLLO DOOR  
OPENER**

5. There was a motion by Ball, seconded by Hank, to approve the \$1650 bid for parts to create a handicap accessible automatic door opener at Apollo. Roll call: 7 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

**QUAD CITY  
TRI-COUNTY  
PARTNERSHIP  
RESOLUTION**

6. There was a motion by Hank, seconded by Forret, to approve membership in the newly formed Quad City/Tri-County Partnership for College and Career Success. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

**PAYMENT OF DIST.  
#404 BILLS**

7. There was a motion by Benson, seconded by Hank, to approve paying invoices presented by Mercer County School District #404 until the end of June 2009 and include payment to the interim superintendent Bill Rees up to \$5000 in payroll submission so far. Roll call: 7 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

**PAYROLL FOR  
INTERIM SUPT.**

8. There was a motion by Shoemaker, seconded by Forret, to approve making payment of regular payroll submission by interim superintendent Bill Rees and to review his payroll at the next board meeting and each board meeting thereafter for ratification of already paid payroll. Roll call: 7 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

**WRESTLING MAT**

9. There was a motion by Forret, seconded by Ball, to approve the \$3,965 bid from Crown Gym Mats, Inc. to recondition the 40 foot by 40 foot high school wrestling mat with different colors and lettering for the 2009/10 school year. Roll call: 7 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

**INTO CLOSED  
SESSION**

10. There was a motion by Speer, seconded by Hank, to go into closed session to discuss personnel and expulsion hearing update. Roll call: 7 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

**INTO OPEN SESSION**

11. There was a motion by Forret, seconded by Benson, to go into open session. Roll call: 7 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

- RESIGNATION** 12. There was a motion by Hank, seconded by Benson, to accept with regrets the resignation from high school teacher's aide Phyllis Bewley effective February 16, 2009. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.
- RETIREMENT** 13. There was a motion by Speer, seconded by Hank, to accept with regrets the retirement request from Anne Rogers effective the end of the 2012-2013 school year. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.
- RETIREMENT** 14. There was a motion by Benson, seconded by Forret, to accept with regrets the retirement request from Sarah L. Hall effective the end of the 2012-2013 school year. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.
- RETIREMENT** 15. There was a motion by Speer, seconded by Forret, to accept with regrets the retirement request from Michele Henry effective the end of the 2012-2013 school year. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.
- REDUCTION IN FORCE** 16. There was a motion by Forret, seconded by Ball, to adopt a resolution for reduction in force for the 2009/10 school year to high school Spanish teacher Cara Guenther. Roll call: 7 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.
- REDUCTION IN FORCE** 17. There was a motion by Forret, seconded by Benson, to adopt a resolution for reduction in force for the 2009/10 school year to high school consumer education teacher Valerie Garrison. Roll call: 7 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.
- REDUCTION IN FORCE** 18. There was a motion by Hank, seconded by Ball, to adopt a resolution for reduction in force for the 2009/10 school year to high school science teacher April Todd. Roll call: 7 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.
- REDUCTION IN FORCE** 19. There was a motion by Ball, seconded by Hank, to adopt a resolution for reduction in force for the 2009/10 school year to speech teacher Patricia Mayo. Roll call: 7 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.
- EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION** 20. There was a motion by Speer, seconded by Benson, to authorize payment of \$8,887 to Superintendent Boucher regarding contractual provisions pertaining to vacation days that will not be transferred to the Mercer County School District #404. Roll call: 7 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.
- ADJOURNMENT** 21. There was a motion by Speer, seconded by Benson, to adjourn. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

**OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:**

- ADDITIONS/DELETIONS** 1. Supt. Boucher indicated to move number 10 on the agenda to the number 5 position because it deals with painting the new gym bleachers. The architect would like to leave after his presentation regarding the roof bids and gym bleachers.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/  
BOARD COMMENT/  
& CORRESPONDENCE**

2. Board president Tucker has had some calls from parents in the Seaton area requesting another bus stop. Supt. Boucher said that he would investigate this possibility with Johannes. Ms. Tucker also suggested that District #404 might consider adding security systems in the buildings. A thank you note was received from the Westmer Board of Education for the help from our bookkeeper after theirs resigned.

**ROOF DISCUSSION**

3. There was a discussion regarding roofs on our buildings. After the current roof sections replacement (kitchen/storage area & music area) at Apollo, there will be 3 sections remaining. There were a total of 11 contractors who took specs with only 5 actually bidding. Two types of roofs were bid: TPO and PVC. The architect showed a comparison of the two low bids (Millard and Riddell) who had two different types of roofs. Both companies were comparable in their installation, seams, solar reflectance, and warranties. The Riddell bid was \$21,000 more. There was also some discussion regarding leaks in roof areas at the high school. Architect Bill Hawkinson will take another look at the high school.

**HANDICAP DOOR  
DEVICE AT APOLLO**

4. The cost of a handicap door device at Apollo is \$1650. The district has \$1400 in grant money so the district would have to fund the remainder.

**BOARD POLICY  
HANDOUTS**

5. Handouts of the following board policies were given to the board members with possible adoption at the April board meeting: numbers 2:220-E1, 4:55, 4:55-AP, 4:120, 4:120-AP, 4:130, 4:170, 4:170-AP1, 4:170-AP6, 5:35, 5:35-AP1, 5:35-AP2, 5:35-AP4, 5:35-E, 5:120, 5:185, 5:185-AP, 5:310, 5:310-E, 6:60-AP, 6:120-AP1, E2, 7:40-AP, 7:60, 7:60-AP2, E1, 7:60-AP2, E2, 7:60-AP2,E3, 7:170, 7:190, 7:190-E2, and 7:250-AP2.

**ADM. REPORT**

6. Supt. Boucher reported on the following: (1) Walmart is asking for their property tax to be lowered. A different appraiser could be contacted to see if there was a significant property value loss; (2) an update on an expulsion hearing and a bus situation will be discussed in closed session; and, (3) there are many advantages of having a curriculum director who would quickly respond to necessary changes in teaching to properly educate each student.

**ADM. REPORT**

7. Principal Albert reported there are some roof leaks when there is a windy rain but they call immediately and the roofer makes repairs. She also reported the Lincoln Trail Conference will probably not vote to include the Olympic Conference Schools in the LTC conference. A question was raised regarding scores from the same students who do well on ISAT and then scores fall when taking ACT testing at the high school level. Mrs. Albert explained the two tests are not testing the same areas so should not be used for comparison purposes.

**ADM. REPORT**

8. Principal Nelson reported nine wrestlers were advancing to state which is quite admirable. Also, the school set a record for raising \$1561 for Pennies for Patients. A question arose involving the junior high curriculum for the new school district and what courses are being offered. As of now, the electives will be music, agriculture, art, critical thinking, and foreign language.

**ADM. REPORT**

9. Principal Fleurette indicated the Donkey Basketball fundraiser was very enjoyable and successful and netted three \$950 donations to local groups.

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Marta Tucker, President, Board of Education

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Laurie Benson, Secretary, Board of Education

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