

**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, November 10, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Absent: Ball (arrived at 7:00 p.m.)

Also present: Supt. Alan Boucher; Principals Fleurette and Albert; faculty member Marge Seiver; no reporters; also, school nurse Becky Hyett and secretary Connie Hilligoss.

Additions/Deletions: Supt. Boucher added another agenda item to act upon. # 4.5 CD investment – AHS Band Fund (Looser Estate), \$20,790.61 invested 91 days at First Community Bank, rate of 3.00%, matures February 9, 2009.

Public Comment/Board Comments/Correspondence: Susie Marston sent a thank you card for the flowers she received after her recent heart surgery. Board member Speer congratulated the winners of the recent school board election of the consolidated district. He stated he had some concerns regarding the recommendation of housing 5th and 6th grade students in the Aledo Jr. High; and, the new board may want to reconsider closing the Joy building.

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 October 20, 2008 (Regular Meeting) and October 30, 2008 (Expulsion Hearing).
 - b. Approve financial report, treasurer’s report, and bill list.
 - c. Ratify October paid bill list.
 - d. Accept School Library Media Program Guidelines written report submitted by librarian Marge Seiver.
 - e. Approve the following certificate of deposit investment: AHS Band Fund (Looser Estate), \$20,790.61 invested 91 days at First Community Bank, rate of 3.00%, matures February 9, 2009.

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

**CONVENTION
DELEGATE**

2. There was a motion by Hank, seconded by Benson, to appoint Marta Tucker as the delegate to represent our district at the annual school board convention. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

INTO CLOSED SESSION 3. There was a motion by Ball, seconded by Speer, to go into closed session to discuss personnel and litigation. Roll call: 7 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

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

HIRE AIDE 5. There was a motion by Forret, seconded by Speer, to hire Charlotte Hartman as one on one teacher's aide at Apollo for the 2008/09 school year to begin duties November 17, 2008. Roll call: 7 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

REVIEW CLOSED SESSION MINUTES 6. There was a motion by Ball, seconded by Hank, to declare all closed session minutes from July 2007 through June 2008 open to the public with the exception of all other closed session minutes previously deemed closed. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

ADJOURN 7. There was a motion by Hank, seconded by Ball, to adjourn. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

RESOLUTIONS 1. Some of the topics in the packet of resolutions that will be presented at the board convention included tax abatements, lengthening the school year, and English as a Second Language. The board did not have any input to give to board member Tucker regarding voting on issues.

FOUNDATION DISCUSSION 2. Board member Benson updated the board on the status of the foundation. It is now incorporated but still waiting on tax exempt status from the state. The bylaws are established and there are seven standing board members who are Todd Baldwin, Kay Hucke, Ann Meminger, Dan Lloyd, Mike Shull, Pat Conway, and Laurie Benson. School board member Hank suggested that the public be made aware of the foundation by putting an article in the newspaper and posting information on the district website.

LEVY UPDATE 3. There was a discussion regarding the levy. Since the consolidated district would be receiving the levy, the new board would certify the amount for the new district. The public voted at the November 4th election for the maximum tax rate of 4.31 plus any indebtedness. Board member Shoemaker was questioning whether Aledo and Westmer needed to file individual tax levies. If so, he felt that 103.5% was enough for Aledo. Supt. Boucher will check with the state regarding the levy and whether each district needed to file.

HS GYM FLOOR & BLEACHERS 4. The board discussed replacing the high school gym floor and bleachers. According to the floor installers, it would take thirteen weeks to install the floor plus getting our name on the schedule will take time so the project needs to be started soon. Our architect would like to get started on the bidding process. They have been working on a health/life safety amendment to use for the project. The board gave a directive to the superintendent to let the architect know to bid the floor and bleachers separately. Board member Shoemaker was concerned that the high school roofs may need more repairs so by bidding the gym floor and bleachers separately, a choice could be made in case money was needed for the roofs.

**BOARD POLICY
HANDOUTS**

5. The following board polices can be reviewed for a month and then discussed for possible adoption at the December board meeting: 2:80E, 2:220, 4:60, 4:60AP1, 4:70, 4:70AP, 4:160, 4:160AP, 5:90, 5:100, 5:150, 5:150AP, 5:240, 5:250, 5:290, 5:330, 6:10, 6:60, 6:60AP, 6:120, 6:120AP, 6:160, 6:230, 6:300, 6:320, 7:10, 7:20, 7:50, 7:100, 7:210, 7:230, 7:240, 7:290, 7:300, and 7:340.

SUPT. REPORT

6. Besides his written report Supt. Boucher highlighted the following. The architect looked at the high school music rooms and determined the wall separating two rooms could be removed to allow more space. Also, the architect will be providing a menu of options regarding an elevator at the high school and possibly adding handrails to the stairs on the home side of the high school gym. Now that consolidation has been approved, more discussion could be resumed regarding the high school outdoor field renovation. The boosters are already committed to the lighting project.

HS PRIN. REPORT

7. Principal Albert talked about the high school’s state report card. They are currently making AYP. Things they are working on are inclusion, promoting upper level core subjects, tutoring after school, encouraging teachers to advance their degrees, and promoting time management at home.

JH PRIN. REPORT

8. Although Principal Nelson was not there due to supervising a home sporting event, Supt. Boucher indicated their ISAT testing scores were quite high compared to the state. They are currently making annual yearly progress. He felt progress was due to the teachers’ goals.

**APOLLO PRIN.
REPORT**

9. Apollo Principal Fleurette reported the ISAT scores were up 3.4% from last year. He credits this to the teachers, students, and use of MAP testing. Hopefully, the newly purchased Compass Odyssey will continue to contribute to higher learning standards. Since the 6th day enrollment figures were presented at the beginning of the school year, Apollo has increased their enrollment by 15 students.

Marta Tucker, President, Board of Education

Laurie Benson, Secretary, Board of Education

Approved: _____