

A budget hearing was held September 15, 2008, 6:15 p.m., at the district unit office prior to the regular meeting. Those in attendance were board members Benson, Forret, Ball, and Tucker; administrators Boucher, Fleurette, and Nelson; faculty member Seiver; also Victor Johnson and secretary Connie Hilligoss. Board member Speer arrived at 6:25 p.m. and board member Hank arrived at 6:29 p.m. Supt. Boucher made comments about different areas of the budget. The projected revenue is \$364,568 below the projected expenditures. We will only be receiving \$22,000 more this year compared to last year. Our corporate personal property replacement tax is down \$16,000. We are far below maxing out our tax rate and declining enrollment lessens our state aid so revenue sources are declining. The supply line items at the schools are holding at the same amount or lower and hopefully the legal issues from last year will go down. Some areas that are projecting higher are in special education, Title 1, vocational, speech, technology, and library. The food service will be a little greater due to serving extra milk other than lunchtime. The Operations and Maintenance Fund projection is up \$117,000 due to the Apollo bathroom renovation project where the whole amount will be paid this fiscal year but was partially budgeted in last year's budget. Board member Ball commented he had concerns with the \$200,000 deficit in the Education Fund. After hearing no more remarks, the budget hearing was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Prior to the regular meeting, Pastor Dietmeier provided a meaningful prayer.

**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, September 15, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

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

	NO.11	NO.12	NO.13	NO.14						
Benson	Aye	Aye								
Forret	Aye	Aye								
Speer	Aye	Aye								
Shoemaker										
Hank	Aye	Aye								
Ball	Aye	Aye								
Tucker	Aye	Aye								

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

Absent: Shoemaker

Also present: Supt. Alan Boucher; Principals Fleurette, Nelson, and Albert (arrived at 6:35 p.m.); faculty member Marge Seiver; no reporters; also, Victor Johnson and, secretary Connie Hilligoss.

Additions/Deletions: Supt. Boucher added the following to the agenda items: 4.4 CD Investment; 4.5 Transfer from Ed. Fund to Tort Fund; 11.B Handicap Bleacher Area; 13.6 Student Issue; and, 13.7 Staff Pay Issue

Public Comment/Board Comments/Correspondence: Victor Johnson, co-chair of the Committee of Ten, gave a report on the marketing progress for the consolidation. He indicated that donations are still needed and can be taken to Farmer’s State Bank. The Westmer teacher’s union has contributed along with individual and organizations’ donations so far. On October 14th, 7:00 p.m., at Aledo High School, WRMJ will be holding a “Meet the Candidate” debate night for prospective school board candidates. There are twelve running for seven positions. Trisha Hank is developing a marketing brochure to be placed in public areas and given out at speaking engagements. Vic said there will be yard signs displayed, public meetings, and a bulk mailing to registered voters.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. There was a motion by Hank, seconded by Speer, to approve the following items from the consent agenda:
 - a. Approve minutes of August 11, 2008 (Regular Meeting) and Minutes of September 4, 2008 (Special Meeting).
 - b. Approve financial report, treasurer’s report, and bill list.
 - c. Ratify August paid bill list.
 - d. Approve 92 day \$1,125,000 CD investment at The National Bank at a rate of 2.98%
 - e. Approve the transfer of \$38,271 from the Education Fund to the newly established Tort Fund per auditor’s request.

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

ADOPT DISTRICT BUDGET 2008/09

2. There was a motion by Benson, seconded by Hank, to approve the 2008/09 district budget as presented with \$7,820,796 in revenues and \$8,185,364 in expenditures. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

CHANGE APRIL 2009 BD. MTG.

3. There was a motion by Ball, seconded by Forret, to change the April 2009 board meeting date to April 20th due to a scheduled school vacation day on April 13th. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

ADOPT BOARD POLICIES

4. There was a motion by Forret, seconded by Speer to approve the following board policies: numbers 2:105, 2:120, 4:20, 4:50, 4:55, 4:55 AP, 4:55E, 4:80, 4:80AP, 4:90, 4:170 AP7, 4:170 AP7 E1, 4:170 AP7 E2, 4:170 AP7 E3, 4:170, 4:170 AP6, 4:170 AP6 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, 7:340 E4. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

ANNUAL RECOGNITION OF SCHOOLS

5. There was a motion by Ball, seconded by Speer, to approve the annual Recognition of Schools reports in our district for the 2008/09 school year to the IL State Board of Education. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

BHASED BUDGET 2008/09

6. There was a motion by Benson, seconded by Hank, to approve the 2008/09 Black Hawk Area Special Education District SEJA #865 budget as presented. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

INTO CLOSED SESSION

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

INTO OPEN SESSION 8. There was a motion by Hank, seconded by Speer, to go into open session. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

RETIREMENT REQUEST 9. There was a motion by Forret, seconded by Hank, to accept with regrets the retirement request from Apollo teacher Vicki Gladfelter at the end of the 2012/2013 school year. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

HIRE JH ASST. FOOTBALL COACH 10. There was a motion by Ball, seconded by Speer, to hire Darin Blaser as assistant junior high football coach for the 2008/09 school year. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE 7TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH 11. There was a motion by Forret, seconded by Speer, to hire Jennifer Trego as 7th grade girls basketball coach for the 2008/09 school year. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE HS JV GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH 12. There was a motion by Ball, seconded by Forret, to hire Amy Attig as high school junior varsity girls basketball coach for the 2008/09 school year. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

COACHING RESIGNATION 13. There was a motion by Benson seconded by Forret, to accept with regrets the resignation from Mark Bartman as 8th grade boys basketball coach for the 2008/09 school year. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

ADJOURN 14. There was a motion by Benson, seconded by Hank, to adjourn. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL CO-OP DISCUSSION 1. The board discussed sports co-ops involving baseball and softball. Most of the time it is advantageous but in the case of softball, only one Westmer athlete participated so with the combined high school enrollments, this bumped us up to IHSA Division 2A. Maybe to increase more participation, we should invite Westmer to summer camps to help build our sports programs. The board decided to “put on hold” any decision regarding co-ops until after the consolidation vote.

BOARD POLICY REVIEW 2. Supt. Boucher reviewed some of the board policies that are to be adopted. Number 4:20 deals with board control over maintaining fund balances. Number 4:55 is P-card compliance. Number 4:170 refers to use of AED devices outdoors. Another policy states 7 steps to follow regarding threats. This will be used in our Crisis Plan.

HANDICAP BLEACHER AREA 3. After many years of observing the lack of handicap accessibility in the outdoor bleacher area, Mike Chausse would like to renovate an area of the bleacher section to accommodate handicap accessibility. The Exchange Club and FFA would fund the project so this would not cost the district. The vocational classes would construct the project under Chausse’s supervision. It would involve extending the top section of the existing bleachers to form a handicap area. Supt. Boucher consulted with the architect and the plan met with his approval. A straw poll of the board resulted in support of proceeding with the project.

ADM. REPORTS

4. Besides their written reports, the administrators added more comments. Supt. Boucher stated the architect strongly recommended we repair two roof areas at Apollo next summer. Principal Albert commented the high school is meeting annual yearly progress. Principal Fleurette said the newly implemented recess before school is working well and the “extra milk” program is successful.

Marta Tucker, President, Bd. of Education

Laurie Benson, Secretary, Bd. of Education

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