

MINUTES
DAMIANSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 62
DAMIANSVILLE, ILLINOIS
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tuesday, February 20, 2018
Superintendent's Office

President Mike Caraker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members present at roll call were: Donna Goebel, Monica Koch, Tara Horstmann, Lacey Aretsen, & Chris Brandmeyer. Also in attendance were Mark Heuring, Superintendent, Erin Korte, Recording Secretary, Monica Venhaus, Faculty Member.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Koch & seconded by Aretsen to approve the agenda.

Introduction of Guests/Guest Comments: Mrs. Venhaus brought up the attention of safety to the students & to make sure all doors are locked when school starts.

Approval of Items on Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2018
- Approval of Treasurer's Report
- Approval of Payment of Bills
- Approval of Misc. Consent Items

Questions were answered on the following bills: 1) Toennies Service- needs investigation- old, 2) Damiansville Office Fund-June 2017-Feb 2018. Brandmeyer approved & Horstmann seconded. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

- **Enrollment:** Mr. Heuring stated that we it stayed the same.
- **School Improvement Review:** Mr. Heuring said that on Feb 2, the teachers worked to review all forms of technology. He asked each group (K-4 & 5-8) to investigate what would be best.
- **REAP Update:** Mr. Heuring stated that the REAP grant application has been released & that the process is now open for us to apply.
- **ESSA:** Mr. Heuring said that was approved in late summer of 2017. He attended a workshop last week that discussed the new indicators for a school district. The workshop had similarities to NCLB.
- **State Science Assessment Scores:** Mr. Heuring said ISBE announced last week that the 2017 Science Assessment scores would be released to the public the week of Feb 12. We achieved high scores in 8th grade & did well in 5th grade.
- **Directed Observation Students:** Mr. Heuring stated that we are currently scheduled to have 2 directed observation students from McKendree during the spring. One student will be assigned to Mrs. Rossel & the other to Mrs. Venhaus. They will be in the classroom for 1 day per week for 3 hours a day over the course of 4 weeks.
- **Gym Bathrooms:** Mr. Heuring said that Ed is currently working on the ladies bathroom in the gym. There was a leak under one of the stools. Ed removed it & is retro-fitting the wax ring to complete the process & change out the valves & other items due to age & corrosion of some plumbing items.
- **Sean Fuller Concert/Assembly:** Mr. Heuring said that we will be hosting an assembly, for Wed, March 7, on positive character traits & faith for our students. We have invited Albers to the assembly & the Damiansville PTO & Albers Booster Club will sponsor the event.
- **Evidence Based Funding Model:** Mr. Heuring said that we will receive a small amount of new funding. This has not been confirmed & could even increase or decrease.

Committee Reports

Negotiation Committee needs to start getting together to talk about changes from a board side, then get together with the teachers.

Unfinished Business

Concrete Proposal- Spring Project

Waiting on the weather to break for this project.

Gym Rental Application

No changes done yet.

New Business

Bus Bidding Process:

Start process of bidding on a bus. Possibly used with 48,000-58,000 miles.

FY 19 Staffing Recommendations

Anticipate enrollment to stay the same. Would like to keep one teacher per grade & keep 2 days a week for band & music.

4th Grade Position Posting & Timelines

Mr. Heuring said that he would like to post for the 4th grade position. Per contract, would need to give in house candidate 2 weeks.

Community Out-Reach- Winter Walking

Looking at possibly opening up gym to residents of Damiansville to walk indoors on cold & hot days. During school hours would be 8:30-9:50 in the morning before milk break.

Graduation Date & Misc. Items

Graduation is set for Wed, May 16 at 7 pm. Tenure of 5, 10, & 15 years being checked out for school employees as well.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Arentsen and seconded by Horstmann to adjourn to closed session at 8:18 p.m. to discuss the hiring, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Upon roll call, the following members voted Yeas: Caraker, Goebel, Arentsen, Horstmann, Koch, and Brandmeyer. Nays: None. Motion carried

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:55 p.m.

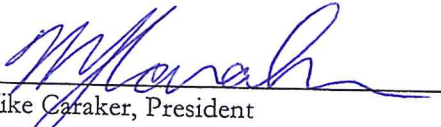
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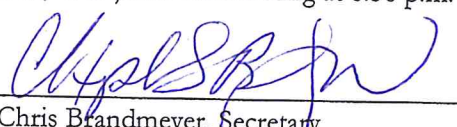
Job Search

A motion was made by Brandmeyer & seconded by Koch to start the search of a new 4th grade teacher. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Arentsen, and seconded by Horstmann, to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Motion carried.


Mike Caraker, President


Chris Brandmeyer, Secretary