

**ROCK ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

May 13, 2008

The regular meeting and committee of the whole of the Board of Education of the Rock Island School District was held Tuesday, May 13, 2008 in the Library at Rock Island High School. President Earl Strupp called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Mr. Steve Clark, Mr. Earl Strupp, Ms. Linda Dothard (arrived at 6:10 p.m.), Mr. Russ Kennel, Mr. Dave Rockwell, Mr. Jerry Tutskey and Mr. Jim Veasey and Student Members Spencer Brooks (arrived at 6:10 p.m.) and Ashley Dean (arrived at 6:10 p.m.)

Member Absent: Student Member Shaneeka Evans

Staff Present: Mr. Rick Loy, Mr. Jim Andrews, Ms. Kay Ingham, Mr. Ken Jaeke, Mr. Mike Oberhaus and Mr. Bill Osborne

Updates from the Superintendent

Mr. Loy provided a letter from Steve Clark regarding his resignation and thanking Board members for the garden stone. He also provided a copy of the school board travel plans and asked everyone to please review as we will have open discussion on this on May 27th. Mr. Loy reminded Board members of the upcoming events including the Chamber Dinner, District Retirement Tea, Head Start Banquet, and Rocky graduation.

Mr. Loy reported that he has done a quick analysis of enrollment of this year vs. the past year and past years. Enrollment numbers are about the same as they were last year at this time. He has reviewed the preliminary results of the district survey of staff, parents and students. Tentatively the scores made a jump in the right direction. The preliminary results show that the numbers will be going up on our scorecard. Lastly, Mr. Loy shared an addendum that includes Bills for Payment dated May 16, 2008.

Agenda Addition

A motion was made by Mr. Jerry Tutskey and seconded by Mr. Jim Veasey to add the Bills for Payment dated May 16, 2008 to the agenda. A voice vote was called showing all members present voting "Aye." No "Nay" votes being cast, the President declared the motion carried.

Blanket Motion

It was moved by Mr. Jim Veasey, seconded by Mr. Russ Kennel and unanimously carried by a roll call vote that the following items be approved as a blanket motion:

V. D. That the Board of Education approve Student Expulsion No's. 03/06/07, 02/04/02, 03/13/06, 00/14/3 and 03/11/13.

- VI. A. 2. That the Board of Education award a contract to Iowa-Illinois Taylor Insulation, Davenport, Iowa, in the amount of \$52,690.00 for pipe insulation replacement at the Rock Island Primary Academy.
- VI. A. 3. That the Board of Education award a contract to W.F. Scott Decorating, Rock Island, Illinois, in the amount of \$16,588.00 for patching and painting classrooms at Frances Willard Elementary School.
- VI. A. 4. That the Board of Education award a contact to Bartels & Company, Durango, Iowa, in the amount of \$5,636.00 for locker painting at Denkmann Elementary School.
- VI. A. 5. That the Board of Education award a contract to Northwest Restoration, Seaton, Illinois, in the amount of \$162,866.06 for exterior wall surface restoration at Edison Jr. High School.
- VI. A. 6. That the Board of Education award a contract to Northwest Restoration, Seaton, Illinois, in the amount of \$83,940.00 for exterior wall surface restoration at Rock Island High School.
- VI. B. That the Board of Education authorize Bills for Payment dated May 2, 2008 in the amount of \$2,206,123.64 and May 16, 2008 in the amount of \$2,000,760.26.

Asbestos Abatement at the Rock Island Primary Academy

Mr. Kennel noticed that the bids ranged from \$10,000 to \$38,000. He asked if the low bidder was reputable. Mr. Oberhaus responded that the bid is correct and they are a reputable company.

A motion was made by Mr. Russ Kennel and seconded by Mr. Jim Veasey to award a contract to Iowa-Illinois Taylor Insulation, Davenport, Iowa, in the amount of \$10,690.00 for Asbestos Abatement at the Rock Island Primary Academy. A roll call vote was called showing all members present voting "Aye." No "Nay" votes being cast, the President declared the motion carried.

Appointment of New Board Member

A motion was made by Mr. Jim Veasey and seconded by Mr. Jerry Tutskey to appoint Mr. Bill Cleaver to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Steve Clark. A voice vote was called showing all members present voting "Aye." No "Nay" votes being cast, the President declared the motion carried.

BHASED Representative

Mr. Jerry Tutskey volunteered to represent the Board on the BHASED Board of Directors.

Parent Involvement Report

Sheila Sheer and Annette Moreno presented a report on the Parent Involvement Program in District 41. Volunteers Sue Spurgetis, Deb DePaepe, Rachelle Madagan and Isabel Pena were recognized for their efforts with the Read a Bunch Book Club. Student Nick Gust spoke about the benefits of the Book Club at Denkmann Elementary School. *A copy of the presentation is kept on file with the official minutes at the Administration Center.*

Vocational Education Report

Mal Austin and Ed Veasey presented a binder with an update on the vocational education program. Peggy Hallas and Holly Sparkman presented the marketing aspect of the program. Perry Bentsen presented information on section 13 of the binder. *A copy of the report is kept on file with the official minutes at the Administration Center.*

New School Naming

Ruth Ann Tobey-Brown presented names from the committee to name the new school. Ed Hanna was present with Mrs. Brown. They will hold 4-6 community forums where ballots will be solicited. They will work with Holly Sparkman to develop a pamphlet to talk about the new building and what it will entail. Mr. Hanna spoke about the naming process of getting as many members of the district involved as possible. They will follow the same structure of our restructuring forums as we did last year. We may face a problem of getting people to come to the meetings. They will come up with a final list and come back in August for Board approval. They are also looking for ways to involve students. Mr. Rockwell suggested coming up with names ahead of time and present them at the forums. Mr. Hanna stated that they plan to work with the district website. They have also come up with guidelines for naming the school.

Technology Proposals

Mike Breidenstein provided an update on the technology proposals from teachers in District 41. He received 172 proposals. There were a lot of requests for interactive white boards or smart boards, laptop computers, iPods, document cameras or Elmos. Fifty-three teachers have been selected for funding their technology proposal and will be notified tomorrow.

Building Excellence

Mike Oberhaus shared a timeline of construction projects under the Building Excellence plan. He will use same codes as the strategic plan in the red, yellow and blue shades. The stadium project has begun. The bids for the new elementary school were received at a higher rate than what was planned. Shive Hattery will provide details of why the bids were so high. He and Mr. Loy met this afternoon with Bruce Harding who will investigate the problem further. He will hopefully have more details in two weeks. We are moving forward and we will overcome this hurdle. The projects at Eugene Field, Longfellow and Primary Academy are moving forward and will have bids in June to begin construction immediately. The remaining schools are staggered out further.

Mr. Oberhaus stated that we are waiting to get more breakdown in detail and analysis from Shive Hattery. Right now the cost would be \$200 per square foot. Bruce Harding spoke about the increase in masonry and electrical costs. He stated that the increase is a combination of many things. He will have more information at the May 27th Board of Education meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Jim Veasey and seconded by Mr. Dave Rockwell to adjourn the meeting. All members voting "Aye," the President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Earl L. Strupp, Jr., President

Michael Oberhaus, Clerk