

Germantown S.D. #60
Board of Education

Minutes

April 10, 2013

Meeting called to order by President Kathleen Reynolds at 7:04 p.m. with the following members present: Kathleen Reynolds, Denise Haake, Jeff Lampe, Charly Hemker, Mark Kohlen and Gail Theising. Also in attendance: Superintendent Robin Becker, Teacher/Administrative Assistant Cindy Zurliene, Teacher Representatives Karla Scheer and Brandy Hempen, and newly elected School members Matt Korte and Mark Freund. Board Member Darin Johnson was absent from the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Motion (2012/13-146) to approve the Agenda was made by Mrs. Haake with a second by Mrs. Theising. Motion carried (6-0).

The Student Council members, spelling bee participants, and volleyball athletes and their coaches were recognized by Superintendent Becker and the Board of Education. President Kathleen Reynolds presented each member with a certificate of participation. They are as follows: Student Council members - Blake Markus, Tessa Beckmann, MaKenna Langernhorst, Trevor Huegen, Sam Kuhl, Caroline Kenow, Tyler Malone, Mikaela Kues, Hannah Timmermann, Keely Voss, Sophie Kuhl, Margo Lampe, Erica Hitpas, and Logan Albers. Spelling Bee – Margo Lampe, Caroline Kenow, Boyd Crist, Zach Honer, Sophie Kuhl, and Emily Hemker. Volleyball – Trista Beer, Nicole Diesen, Morgan Huelsmann, Ally Hunter, Shannon Lampe, Jaydan Lowe, Kaitlynn Markus, Madison Toennies, Jillian Tonnies, Kaitlyn Wuebbels, Chloe Albers, Samantha Eversgerd, MaKenna Langenhorst, Alexa Hoelscher, Rylie Johnson, Caroline Kenow, Mikaela Kues, Nicole Leonard, Makenzie Loepker, Alyssa Robke, Olyvia Schroeder, Hannah Schulte, Hannah Timmermann, Britney Toennies, Abby Hellmann, Erica Hitpas, Sara Kniepmann, Sophie Kuhl, Margo Lampe, Valerie Tebbe, and Alexis Wuebbels.

Reports:

Superintendent Becker reported on the following:

- End of Year Activities – The end of year activity dates have been finalized with Graduation scheduled for May 14 and report card day scheduled for May 23.
- Fees - The district is considering an increase in a few fee areas while holding many others steady. The final decision on fee amounts will be made at the May meeting.
- PTELL Town Hall Meeting – An overview was provided on the PTELL town hall meeting held at Governor's Run on April 2.
- Kaskaskia Division Governing Committee Meeting - The purpose of the meeting is to schedule professional development opportunities for the upcoming school year. Charly Hemker and Denise Haake plan to attend.
- Advanced Learning Program - Due to drastic decreases in state funding, the district is considering the elimination of the program. During this discussion, Superintendent Becker showcased the increase in difficulty level associated with the new English Language Arts Common Core Standards. Next month, the focus will shift to the increase in difficulty level associated with the Common Core Math

Standards. It was agreed that a letter will be mailed to all families with students currently involved in the program to inform them of the situation surrounding the Advanced Learning Program.

- Extra-Curricular Transportation - With the state proposing drastic cuts to transportation for the 2013-14 school year, the district is considering placing limitations on extra-curricular transportation. This topic will be discussed further at the May meeting.
- Pre-K Tuition-Based Program - The district is confirming enrollment numbers to decide the feasibility of continuing the program.
- Homework Help/Reading Lab - Area community colleges and universities have been contacted in an attempt to establish a partnership with their education program to secure volunteers to assist with Homework Help and Reading Lab. At this time, no one has expressed interest in teaming up with the district. Without volunteers to assist with the programs, the district will be forced to consider whether or not the programs are sustainable given the cuts being made to school funding.

Motion (2012/13-147) to approve the Items of Consent as follows was made by Mrs. Haake with a second by Mr. Kohnen. Roll call showed the following: Reynolds, aye; Haake, aye; Lampe, aye; Hemker, aye; Kohnen, aye and Theising, aye.

1. Approve Minutes of March 13, 2013
2. Approve Bills/Payroll for April 2013
3. Review of Closed Session Minutes for Public Release – September 2012
4. Approve Destruction of Verbatim Recording of September 2011
5. Approve Financial Reports for March 2013
 - a. Budget
 - b. Balance Sheet
 - c. Fund Balance
 - d. Bulldog Activity
6. Approve prevailing Wage

New Business:

Motion (2012/13-148) to set a special board meeting for Tuesday, April 30, at 7:30 P.M. was made by Mrs. Hemker, with a second by Mr. Lampe. Motion carried (6-0).

Motion (2012/13-149) to approve the classroom flooring bid from Interiors on Main, was made by Mrs. Hemker with a second by Mr. Kohnen. Roll call vote showed the following: Haake, aye; Lampe, aye; Hemker, aye; Kohnen, aye; Theising, aye and Reynolds, aye.

Motion (2012/13-150) to approve the amended 2012-13 school calendar was made by Mr. Lampe with a second by Mrs. Theising. Motion carried (6-0).

Motion (2012/13-151) to approve the purchase of the McGraw Hill K-8 math series was made by Mr. Lampe with a second by Mrs. Haake. Roll call vote showed the following: Lampe, aye; Hemker, aye; Kohnen, aye; Theising, aye; Reynolds, aye and Haake, aye.

Motion (2012/13-152) to forego offering a summer school program this year was made by Mrs. Haake with a second by Mrs. Hemker. Roll call vote showed the following: Hemker, aye; Kohnen, aye; Theising, aye; Reynolds, aye Haake, aye and Lampe, aye.

Motion (2012/13-153) to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Sherry Deien was made by Mr. Lampe with a second by Mrs. Theising. Roll call vote showed the following: Kohnen, aye; Theising, aye; Reynolds, aye Haake, aye, Lampe, aye and Hemker, aye.

Motion (2012/13-154) to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. was made by Mr. Lampe with a second by Mrs. Haake Motion carried (6-0).

Kathleen Reynolds

Kathleen Reynolds, Board President

Denise Haake

Denise Haake, Acting Secretary