

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

March 17, 2008

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Board of Education of Erie Community Unit School District No. 1 met in regular session on March 17, 2008, at 6:30 P.M. in the Administrative Center. The following members answered roll call: Charles Brown, Shelley DeShane, Mike Heun, Rhonda Pannier, Patrick Ryan, Tammy Tegeler, and Gail Young.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA – None.

MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, PAYMENT OF BILLS

President Weaver asked for approval of the finance committee for the payment of bills. The finance committee gave their approval of the payment of bills as presented.

Member Tegeler, seconded by Member Pannier made the motion to approve the February 25, 2008, regular and closed; to accept the treasurer's report; to accept the bills for payment; to deposit Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax; and, to accept the activity fund accounts.

FUND

EDUCATION	\$1,470,628.16
BUILDING	189,642.85
TRANSPORTATION	409,917.80
IMRF	258,222.70
BOND & INTEREST	1,624.00
TOTAL	<hr/> \$2,330,035.51

Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax in the amount of \$246,751.13 deposited in the Education Fund.

Roll Call: Brown, yea; DeShane, yea; Heun, yea; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea, Young, yea.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: President Ryan welcomed the public. Scott Miner representing the Erie Ball Association addressed the Board asking for the Board's consideration on three projects. The projects are: fencing of the pony league field, irrigation of the intermediate field, and a concession/restroom complex. The Association is asking the Board to pay 75% of the cost for

the fencing and irrigation and 80% of the cost for the concession/restroom. Mr. Miner indicated that the Association would help with labor as much as they could to help to keep the cost down. They have roughly estimated that the concession/restroom project would cost approximately \$25,000 and the other two projects together would be approximately \$8,800. Superintendent Ryan asked why not the standard 50/50 split like it usually has been. Mr. Bruce Brooks indicated that the revenue to the Ball Association has been cut in half from the change in the way the United Way distributes its funding. President Ryan stated that the Board would take this under advisement and would act on the requests at the April Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Closed Session to Discuss Personnel. Member Young, seconded by Member Heun made the motion to go into Closed Session for the stated reasons.

Time: 6:45 P.M.

Roll Call: DeShane, yea; Heun, yea; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea, Young, yea; Brown, yea.

Member Young, seconded by Member Tegeler made the motion to come out of Closed Session. All members voted in agreement. Time: 9:18 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Action Items Coming Out of Closed Session.

1. Resignations.

Approval of Resignation of Asst. Football Coach. Member Brown, seconded by Member Young made the motion to approve the resignation of Mr. Ryan Winckler as Asst. Football Coach with regrets.

Roll Call: Heun, yea; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea, Young, yea; Brown, yea; DeShane, yea.

Approval of Resignation of Freshman Girls Basketball Coach. Member Brown, seconded by Member DeShane made the motion to approve the resignation of Mrs. Kali Livengood as Freshman Girls Basketball Coach with regrets.

Roll Call: Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea, Young, yea; Brown, yea; DeShane, yea; Heun, yea.

Approval of Resignation of Elementary Playground Supervisor. Member Brown, seconded by Member Heun made the motion to approve the resignation of Mrs. Alberta Decker as Elementary Playground Supervisor with regrets.

Roll Call: Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea, Young, yea; Brown, yea; DeShane, yea; Heun, yea; Pannier, yea.

2. Employment.

Member Pannier, seconded by Member Brown made the motion to approve the initial contract goals and standards of Mrs. Margaret Carey and approve a three-year contract extension as Elementary Principal starting in 2008-2009 through 2010-2011.

Roll Call: Tegeler, yea, Young, yea; Brown, yea; DeShane, yea; Heun, yea; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea.

3. Personnel Issues

Member Brown, seconded by Member Young made the motion to approve the reduction in force for all the preschool staff excluding Mrs. Gayle Green and Ms. Rachael Buck, due to the uncertainty of the preschool grant.

Roll Call: Young, yea; Brown, yea; DeShane, yea; Heun, yea; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea.

Reassignment of Teacher. Member Brown, seconded by Member Tegeler made the motion to approve the section and teacher reassignments at the elementary for the 2008-2009 academic year as recommended.

Roll Call: Brown, yea; DeShane, yea; Heun, yea; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea; Young, yea.

Approval of the CLASS Program. Member Brown, seconded by Member Heun made the motion to approve the CLASS Program at the Middle School with teachers receiving \$25/day stipend for participation and funding associated with program as presented.

Roll Call: DeShane, yea; Heun, yea; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea; Young, yea; Brown, yea.

Approval of Additional High School PE Teacher. Member Brown, seconded by Member DeShane made the motion to approve the employment of an additional physical education teacher at the high school for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Roll Call: Heun, yea; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea; Young, yea; Brown, yea; DeShane, yea.

Approval of Middle School Library Aide. Member Brown, seconded by Member Tegeler made the motion to approve the employment of a Middle School Library Aide as requested.

Roll Call: Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea; Young, yea; Brown, yea; DeShane, yea; Heun, yea.

Approval of Membership in the IESA for Wrestling. Member Brown, seconded by Member DeShane made the motion to approve the membership in the IESA for Wrestling in 2008-2009 as requested.

Roll Call: Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea; Young, yea; Brown, yea; DeShane, yea; Heun, yea; Pannier, yea.

4. Hiring.

Approval of Employment of Part-time Choral Teacher. Member Pannier, seconded by Member Young made the motion to approve the employment of Ms. Kate Dillman as 5/6 Choral Teacher for the 2008-2009 academic year at Step 4 and salary w/ three stipends of \$37,125.00.

Roll Call: Tegeler, yea; Young, yea; Brown, yea; DeShane, yea; Heun, yea; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea.

Approval of Employment of Elementary Asst. Cook. Member Pannier, seconded by Member Heun made the motion to approve the employment of Mrs. Bonnie Howell as Elementary Asst. Cook for the 2008-2009 academic year at Step 0 and salary of \$8.73/hour.

Roll Call: Young, nay; Brown, nay; DeShane, yea; Heun, yea; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea.

5. Reemployment

Reemployment of Principals.

Member Pannier, seconded by Member Tegeler made the motion to approve the reemployment of Mr. Keith Morgan as Middle School Principal for the 2008-2009 academic year with salary to be determined at a later date.

Roll Call: Brown, yea; DeShane, yea; Heun, yea; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea; Young, yea.

Reemployment of Confidential Employees, Treasurer, and Technology Director.

Member Pannier, seconded by Member Heun made the motion to approve the reemployment of Mrs. Sue Williams as Superintendent Secretary for the 2008-2009 academic year with salary to be determined at a later date.

Roll Call: DeShane, yea; Heun, yea; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea; Young, yea; Brown, yea.

Member Pannier, seconded by Member Brown made the motion to approve the reemployment of Mrs. Deb Carpenter as District Bookkeeper for the 2008-2009 academic year with salary to be determined at a later date.

Roll Call: Heun, yea; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea; Young, yea; Brown, yea; DeShane, yea.

Member Pannier, seconded by Member Brown made the motion to approve the reemployment of Mrs. Jessica Johnson as District Treasurer for the 2008-2009 academic year with salary to be determined at a later date.

Roll Call: Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea; Young, yea; Brown, yea; DeShane, yea; Heun, yea.

Appointment of Tenure Teachers

Member Brown, seconded by Member Tegeler made the motion to reappoint fourth year teacher, Mr. Brian Howell and grant tenure for the 2008-2009 school year.

Roll Call: Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea; Young, yea; Brown, yea; DeShane, yea; Heun, yea; Pannier, yea.

Reappointment of 3rd Year Teacher

Member Brown, seconded by Member DeShane made the motion to reappoint third year teacher Mrs. Stephanie Holland for the 2008-2009 school year.

Roll Call: Tegeler, yea; Young, yea; Brown, yea; DeShane, yea; Heun, yea; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea.

Reappointment of 2nd Year Teachers

Member Brown, seconded by Member Tegeler made the motion to reappoint second year teacher Mrs. Kali Livengood for the 2008-2009 school year.

Roll Call: Young, yea; Brown, yea; DeShane, yea; Heun, yea; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea.

Member Brown, seconded by Member Pannier made the motion to reappoint second year teacher Mrs. Janine Stickler for the 2008-2009 school year.

Roll Call: Brown, yea; DeShane, yea; Heun, yea; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea; Young, yea.

Member Pannier, seconded by Member Tegeler made the motion to reappoint second year teacher Mr. Tom Unruh for the 2008-2009 school year.

Roll Call: DeShane, yea; Heun, abstain; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea; Young, nay; Brown, nay.

Reappointment of 1st Year Teachers

Member Pannier, seconded by Member DeShane made the motion to reappoint first year teacher Mrs. Jan Unruh for the 2008-2009 school year.

Roll Call: Heun, yea; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea; Young, yea; Brown, yea; DeShane, yea.

Member Pannier, seconded by Member Young made the motion to reappoint first year teacher Mrs. Julie Russell for the 2008-2009 school year.

Roll Call: Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea; Young, yea; Brown, yea; DeShane, yea; Heun, yea.

Member Pannier, seconded by Member Tegeler made the motion to reappoint first year teacher Mr. Matthew Beck for the 2008-2009 school year.

Roll Call: Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea; Young, yea; Brown, yea; DeShane, yea; Heun, yea; Pannier, yea.

Member Pannier, seconded by Member Young made the motion to reappoint first year teacher Mrs. Amy Achs for the 2008-2009 school year.

Roll Call: Tegeler, yea; Young, yea; Brown, yea; DeShane, yea; Heun, yea; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea.

Member Pannier, seconded by Member Tegeler made the motion to reappoint first year teacher Mr. Ben Hollister for the 2008-2009 school year.

Roll Call: Young, yea; Brown, yea; DeShane, yea; Heun, yea; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea.

Reappointment of Part-Time Teachers

Member Brown, seconded by Member Heun made the motion to reappoint part-time teacher Mr. Robert Garcia for the 2008-2009 school year.

Roll Call: Brown, yea; DeShane, yea; Heun, yea; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea; Young, yea.

Member Brown, seconded by Member DeShane made the motion to reappoint part-time teacher Mrs. Sandy Newton for the 2008-2009 school year.

Roll Call: DeShane, yea; Heun, yea; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea; Young, yea; Brown, yea.

6. Purchase of Unused Sick Days

Member Pannier, seconded by Member Young made the motion to approve the purchase up to 17 unused sick days of Superintendent Michael Ryan paid after July 1, 2008.

Roll Call: Heun, nay; Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea; Young, yea; Brown, nay; DeShane, yea.

B. First Reading of New Board Policies. Superintendent Ryan asked if there were any questions and/or concerns with the new board policies that were in their packets. He stated that final approval would come at the April meeting.

C. Cooperative Gas Bidding for 2008-2009. Superintendent Ryan reported that due to the fluctuating prices on diesel and gasoline, that the gas cooperative has decided to go out for bids in April to maybe get ahead of the higher prices. The Board thought this was a good idea.

D. Approval of Renewal of IESA Track Membership. Member Brown, seconded by Member Heun made the motion to approve the renewal of the Middle School membership for track as recommended,

Roll Call: Pannier, yea; Ryan, yea; Tegeler, yea; Young, yea; Brown, yea; DeShane, yea; Heun, yea.

VIII. Additional Items of Consideration. None

IX. Public Comments: Mark Besse questioned the Board on the turbine project and whether the grant money would still be received or if it is one of those that the governor will axe. Superintendent Ryan stated that the grant was not from the state, but from a private foundation. Mr. Besse stated that the project didn't seem to be moving and wondered when the Board was going to start legal action against Johnson Controls. President Ryan stated that until the turbine is up, they couldn't justify what they are losing, so have to wait until turbine is up and running. Member Young stated that they were going to seek damages, but needed to wait to see what those damages were. Mr. Besse asked if they had heard anything on the welds. Superintendent Ryan reported that he has not heard, but Johnson Controls is moving forward with the project, so must feel that the problem can be fixed in the field. Mr. Besse stated that he couldn't figure out why Johnson Controls hasn't walked away from this project with the 90% payment they have already received. Superintendent Ryan stated that Johnson Controls wants this project to be successful and they believe in it.

X. Superintendent's Report.

- A. Construction Update: Superintendent Ryan reported that roof work should start back next week. On the turbine, they are scheduled to dig foundation this week and the rebar and foundation material is scheduled to arrive the week of the 24th. Superintendent Ryan stated that hopefully the welds could be fixed in the field.
- B. Summer Student Worker Applications: Superintendent Ryan reported that summer student workshop applications would be taken until Wednesday, April 23, 2008. He stated that students who are current juniors and seniors are eligible for these summer positions. He stated that there would be one position at elementary, one at middle school and two at high school.

XI. Principals' Reports

Mrs. Carey: Reported that Jump Rope for Heart, due to a generous donation from Erie Foods made their goal of \$10,000. Mr. Lindsay will now have to shave his head.

Mr. Morgan: Reported that the middle school music students did well at the music contest in Morrison. He stated that the handbook committee had met and were looking at possibly changing the requirements from 8th grade to high school.

Mr. McConnell: Thanked Mrs. Proeger for the National Honor Society induction. Stated that the students were getting pumped up for the PSAE and ACT tests that will be taken the end of April. Mr. McConnell reported that grant funds had been received to provide practice tests to the students. Mr. Garcia has volunteered his time to sit in on these practice sessions in the lab.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Member Heun, seconded by Member Pannier made the motion to adjourn. All members voted in agreement. TIME: 9:49 P.M

DATE APPROVED: _____

PRESIDENT: _____

SECRETARY: _____