

Lockport School District 91 Board of Education
Lockport, IL
March 8, 2011

The Board of Education of Milne-Kelvin Grove, District #91, Will County, Illinois met in a regular session at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2011. This meeting was held in the library at Kelvin Grove School. Board Secretary, Lynn Krumlinde, took the minutes. Board President, Marge Otis, presided over the meeting.

Call to Order: President Otis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Members present: Otis, Carlock, Trent, Maida, Vasiliades, Lopez-Caneva
Members Absent: Howell
Late Arrivals: none

Also present were: Superintendent Donna Gray, Principal Scott Pritchard, Principal Tracy Carlson, several staff members, parents and community members.

Closed Session

Time 7:31 p.m.

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057.

Motion made by Carlock to enter closed session, seconded by Maida. (no action to be taken)

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Vasiliades, Maida, Lopez-Caneva, Carlock, Otis, Trent
Nays: none
Abstain: none

Motion carried.

Members Present: Vasiliades, Maida, Lopez-Caneva, Carlock, Otis, Trent

Members Absent: Howell

Late Arrivals: none

Motion made by Trent to come out of closed session and resume the regular meeting at 7:46 p.m., seconded by Lopez-Caneva.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Maida, Lopez-Caneva, Carlock, Trent, Otis, Vasiliades
Nays: none
Abstain: none

Motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 7:47 p.m.

Members present: Maida, Lopez-Caneva, Carlock, Trent, Otis, Vasiliades

Members Absent: Howell

Late Arrivals: none

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Approval of Consent Agenda Items. The Consent Agenda is a list of routine non-controversial items which do not require further discussion and which are approved with one motion and one

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roll call vote. It is an effective procedure to handle routine matters on the agenda expeditiously. All Consent items shall be listed with an asterisk (*) and will be enacted with one motion. However, any member of the Board of Education may request that an item be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda and discussed in its' regular order.

- A. Approval of Minutes * February 8, 2011 and February 28, 2011 Workshop
- B. Approval of Financial Reports
 - 1. Payment of Bills *
 - 2. Monthly Financial Reports *
 - 3. Treasurer's Report *
 - 4. Investment Report *
- C. FOIA Report * (none)
- D. Accept Retirement Notices* (Sharp, Sander)
- E. Approve Resignation Notices* (Hunter, Cast, Cankar)
- F. Approve FMLA* (Glasscock)
- G. Suspension Reports * (one)

Recommendation made to approve the consent agenda items.

Discussion: It was noted that on page 29 of 47 on the expenditure report a revision was made. New page was provided to members.

Motion made by Trent to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Vasiliades.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trent, Vasiliades, Otis, Maida, Lopez-Caneva
 Nays: Carlock
 Abstain: none

Motion carried.

Invitation to Address the Board of Education

No one accepted invitation.

Reports/Discussion Items

- A. Report of the Superintendent- Mrs. Gray
 - 1. Special Education Update- Items discussed included approval of the consent agenda items, approval of FMLA, and the adjustment of federal TRS contribution rate.
 - 2. Superintendent's Articulation Meeting- Items discussed included the algebra students in eighth grade only receiving course credit if an LTHS employee is teaching the class; the next BOE President and Superintendent's Cabinet meeting will be April 19 at Taft; and the LLS conference is working on a tiered schedule for next year.
 - 3. Consolidation- There are several bills in the works to force school consolidations in the state of Illinois. This is a concern for our district and our area in regards to money and curriculum among other things. It was strongly suggested that board

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members and community members stay informed on this issue and to contact our representatives to voice our concerns. In the end, for a district like ours, the taxpayers would be paying more and getting less.

4. State Funding Update- Currently owed \$241,151 from the state. The general state aid payment is expected very soon. Noted that some of the money owed to the district may not be received.
5. Unemployment Update- Mrs. Gray received clarification of claims for unemployment for substitute teachers. Dawn Hinkle recommends notification letters for subs employed by the district.
6. Proposed 2011-2012 Calendar- discussed the draft of the 2011-12 school year calendar. Noted that hearing will be held next month regarding holiday waiver request for Veteran's Day (will be parent teacher conference day) and Pulaski Day.
7. Review Planning Document- reviewed upcoming events in the district.

Action Items

A. Approval of Resolution Authorizing *Notice of Non-Renewal of Probationary Teachers* (First, second, and third year certified staff- Preboy, Kovanda, Torkelson, Pape and Palkoska)
Recommendation made to approve the dismissals.

Discussion: It was noted that due to the financial difficulty of the district, the dismissals must take place. The board agreed that it must be fiscally responsible to the taxpayers of the district. The board also noted that all the staff members being let go are fantastic employees, but the board has no choice financially.

Motion made by Vasiliades to approve the non-renewal of certified staff, seconded by Lopez-Caneva.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Lopez-Caneva, Trent, Carlock, Vasiliades, Otis, Maida
 Nays: none
 Abstain: none

Motion carried.

Motion made by Vasiliades to approve the non-renewal of certified staff, seconded by Lopez-Caneva.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trent, Carlock, Vasiliades, Otis, Maida, Lopez-Caneva
 Nays: none
 Abstain: none

Motion carried.

B. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Non-Renewal/Honorable Dismissal of Fourth Year Teacher (O'Halloran)

Recommendation made to approve the honorable dismissal.

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Discussion:

Motion made by Trent to approve the dismissal, seconded by Maida.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Otis, Maida, Lopez-Caneva, Vasiliades, Trent, Carlock
 Nays: none
 Abstain: none

Motion carried.

C. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Honorable Reduction of Tenured Teacher from Full-Time to Three Quarter Time (Swayne)

Recommendation made to approve the reduction.

Discussion:

Motion made by Trent to approve the reduction, seconded by Lopez-Caneva.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trent, Carlock, Otis, Maida, Lopez-Caneva, Vasiliades
 Nays: none
 Abstain: none

Motion carried.

D. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Notice of Honorable Non-Renewal/Dismissal of Support Staff (B. Anderson, Parran, C. Walsh, Weins, Behrens, Murphy-O'Neil, Sible, Nolan, Kocka, Wilkins, Zumpf)

Recommendation made to approve the honorable non-renewal of support staff.

Discussion:

Motion made by Maida to approve the non-renewal, seconded by Vasiliades.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Vasiliades, Maida, Carlock, Otis, Trent, Lopez-Caneva
 Nays: none
 Abstain: none

Motion carried.

E. Approval of Re-Employment of Certified Staff ((Lyttek, MacFarlane, Freeman, Ditter, Steed, Dickson, Mackey, Georgopoulos)

Recommendation made to approve the re-employment.

Discussion:

Motion made by Maida to approve the re-employment, seconded by Lopez-Caneva.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Maida, Lopez-Caneva, Trent, Carlock, Vasiliades, Otis
 Nays: none
 Abstain: none

Motion carried.

F. Approval of Re-Employment of Support Staff (M. Walsh, Knize, O'Brien, Krumlinde, Ferry, Holloway, Glasscock, Sellers, Colognesi, Pierson, Bruemmer, Tumino, Thomason, Shew, Howell, Maida, Latham, Ensley, Bartos)

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Recommendation made to approve the re-employment of the support staff.

Discussion:

Motion made by Vasiliades to approve the re-employment, seconded by Trent.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trent, Carlock, Vasiliades, Otis, Lopez-Caneva

Nays: none

Abstain: Maida

Motion carried.

G. Employment of FMLA Substitute (Nunley for Bolte)

Recommendation made to approve the employment of Bethany Nunly as FMLA substitute for Mrs. Bolte, effective May 9, 2011 through the end of the 2010-11 school year.

Discussion:

Motion made by Carlock to approve the FMLA substitute, seconded by Maida.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Vasiliades, Otis, Maida, Trent, Carlock, Lopez-Caneva

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Motion carried.

H. Employment of .5FTE Aide – Early Learner Program (Nolan)

Recommendation made to approve the employment.

Discussion:

Motion made by Trent to approve the employment, seconded by Vasiliades.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Carlock, Lopez-Caneva, Vasiliades, Trent, Otis, Maida

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Motion carried.

I. Approval of Re-Employment of Building Principals (Carlson, Pritchard)

Recommendation made to approve the employment of the Milne Grove building principal, Tracy Carlson.

Discussion:

Motion made by Lopez-Caneva to approve the re-employment, seconded by Trent.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Carlock, Vasiliades, Trent, Otis, Maida, Lopez-Caneva

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Motion carried.

Recommendation made to approve the employment of the Kelvin Grove building principal, Scott Pritchard.

Discussion:

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Motion made by Trent to approve the re-employment, seconded by Vasiliades.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Carlock, Vasiliades, Trent, Otis, Maida, Lopez-Caneva
 Nays: none
 Abstain: none

Motion carried.

J. Approval of Employment of Support Staff – Lawn Care (P. Lyttek)

Recommendation made to approve the part-time seasonal employment of Paul Lyttek for lawn maintenance.

Discussion: Member Carlock is concerned about the scheduling conflicts with Mr. Lyttek's full-time employment. Mrs. Gray conveyed information from Mr. Pierson that training would not have to take place because Paul is trained and has a good understanding of his job duties. She also explained that Mr. Lyttek may be eligible for a promotion in his full-time job which could prevent him from continuing his part-time employment with the district.

Motion made by Trent to approve the part-time employment, seconded by Vasiliades.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trent, Vasiliades, Maida, Lopez-Caneva, Otis

 Nays: Carlock
 Abstain: none

Motion carried.

K. Approval of 2011-2012 Fee Schedule

Recommendation made to approved the fees for 11-12 as follows: PK-K 90.00, 100.00, 110.00; Gr 1-8 150.00, 160.00, 170.00; Athletic fee \$30 per sport, Band \$35.00

Discussion:

Motion made by Maida to approve the fees, seconded by Lopez-Caneva.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Otis, Carlock, Trent, Maida, Vasiliades, Lopez-Caneva
 Nays: none
 Abstain: none

Motion carried.

L. Adopt Resolutions Authorizing Transfers from Education and O&M to Debt Service

Recommendation made to adopt the resolution authorizing transfer of funds in the amount of \$43,134.00 from the Education Fund to Debt Service.

Discussion:

Motion made by Trent to adopt the resolution for transfer, seconded by Maida.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Vasiliades, Lopez-Caneva, Otis, Carlock, Trent, Maida
 Nays: none
 Abstain: none

Motion carried.

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Recommendation made to adopt resolution authorizing transfer of funds in the amount of \$55,633.00 from the O & M Fund to Debt Service.

Discussion:

Motion made by Vasiliades to adopt the resolution for transfer of funds, seconded by Trent.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Vasiliades, Lopez-Caneva, Otis, Carlock, Trent, Maida

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Motion carried.

M. Approval of Intercom Purchase for Milne Grove

Recommendation made to approve the intercom system purchase for Milne Grove in the amount of \$8,995.00.

Discussion: Members were advised that the intercom system at Milne Grove is not working and if the purchase is approved, the new system could be installed over spring break.

Motion made by Trent to approve, seconded by Lopez-Caneva.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Otis, Carlock, Trent, Maida, Vasiliades, Lopez-Caneva

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Motion carried.

N. Approval of Milne Grove Gate Modification

Recommendation made to approve the gate modifications at Milne Grove.

Discussion: It was noted that the top of the gate has posts that stick up approximately 2 inches. A person climbing over the gate could be impaled. The modification would weld a bar across the top of the posts.

Motion made by Carlock to approve the modification, but no second was received.

Motion failed.

O. Approve Donations

Recommendation made to approve the donation of a Air and Space Magazine subscription from H. J. Boesch Jr., and a donation of wood trim for displaying awards from Schaaf Window Company.

Discussion:

Motion made by Vasiliades to approve the donations, seconded by Trent.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Lopez-Caneva, Trent, Carlock, Vasiliades, Otis, Maida

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Motion carried.

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P. Approval to Post Notice of Budget Amendment Hearing

Recommendation made to approve posting of Notice of the Budget Amendment.

Discussion: The board reviewed the amended budget as part of the workshop on February 28, 2011. It is noted that there are a few corrections and the amended budget will be available for public viewing until the April meeting.

Motion made by Trent to approve the posting, seconded by Maida.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trent, Vasiliades, Maida, Otis, Lopez-Caneva
 Nays: Carlock
 Abstain: none

Motion carried.

Q. Approval of Proposed 2011-2012 Calendar

Recommendation made to approve the proposed 2011-12 school calendar.

Discussion:

Motion made by Maida to approve the 2011-12 school calendar, seconded by Trent.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trent, Vasiliades, Otis, Carlock, Lopez-Caneva, Maida
 Nays: none

Abstain: none

Motion carried

Motion made by Trent, seconded by Vasiliades to re-enter the closed session at 9:08 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Vasiliades, Lopez-Caneva, Trent, Otis, Maida, Carlock
 Nays: none
 Abstain: none

Motion carried.

Members Present: Vasiliades, Maida, Lopez-Caneva, Carlock, Otis, Trent

Members Absent: Howell

Late Arrivals: none

Motion made by Lopez-Caneva to come out of closed session and resume the regular meeting at 9:10 p.m., seconded by Trent.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Vasiliades, Lopez-Caneva, Trent, Otis, Maida, Carlock
 Nays: none
 Abstain: none

Motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 9:10 p.m.

Members present: Maida, Lopez-Caneva, Carlock, Trent, Otis, Vasiliades

Members Absent: Howell

Late Arrivals: none

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Informational Items included The Board Newsletter, Correspondence, Principals' Weekly Memos, Building Newsletters, Legislative Reports, and SCOPE Notes. Superintendent Gray reminded board members to keep abreast of legislative activity.

Adjournment

Time 9:15 p.m.

Motion made by Trent to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Maida.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Otis, Trent, Maida, Vasiliades, Carlock, Lopez-Caneva
 Nays: none
 Abstain: none

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Secretary to the Board

Board President

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