

**Milne-Kelvin Grove School District 91
Lockport, IL
November 13, 2007**

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, November 13, 2007. This meeting was held in the library at Kelvin Grove School.

President Marge Otis called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

Members Present: Jeff Howell, Pete Vasiliades, Gene Trent, Ann Lopez-Caneva, Mary Ann Murphy, Marge Otis and Adam Woodworth.

Members Absent: none

Also present were Superintendent Donna Gray, building principals, several teachers, staff, community members, parents and students.

Consent Agenda Item- Approval of minutes, approval of financial reports.

Motion was made by Murphy, seconded by Lopez-Caneva to approve the consent agenda items.

Roll call as follows: Ayes: Vasiliades, Trent, Lopez-Caneva, Murphy, Otis, Woodworth, Howell.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Student Recognition- This month we would like to recognize the seventh graders at Kelvin Grove and the second graders at Milne Grove. The seventh grade teachers introduced several students who presented projects in Social Science and Science. The six second graders were recognized for showing "respect", one of our pillars of Character Counts!

Review of Emergency Classroom Kits- Kelvin Grove Nurse, Judy Kelm, presented information regarding the implementation of "Emergency Classroom Kits." Backpacks with emergency supplies were put together for each classroom, the offices, and several other key locations, to be used in the event of an emergency. Contents of the kits were reviewed. Nurse Kelm also advised that by purchasing the emergency kits and adding several additional items to the kits, she saved over \$2000.00. The emergency kits were funded by a grant.

SCOPE Report- Adam Woodworth presented information from the recent SCOPE Meeting on October 29. HB4148 has passed both the House & Senate. HB1463, "the "moment of silence," is currently being reviewed. SB835 is a piece that will bring 1% sales tax revenue to the schools.

Building & Grounds Meeting Report- Pete Vasiliades gave an overview of the Building & Grounds meeting from this evening. At the meeting, Chevron presented information on

the work being done. The roofing and boiler work is nearing completion. Some doors will be replaced over the Winter Holiday Break. Window work will take place in the summer 2008. We have piping that needs to be replaced at both schools. We have had two recent incidents of breaks/leaks which required emergency repairs. We will need to address this issue in the near future. The Committee also set their meeting schedule for 2008.

Reports/Discussion Items- Donna Gray gave the Superintendent's Report which included the Recognition of Master Board Member Mary Ann Murphy by the IASB.

She also covered the highlights of the last LASEC update, the Superintendent's Articulation meeting, a review of the Planning document and discussed several businesses that our District has partnered with for fundraising. LASEC- wanted everyone to be aware that Richland (88A) is planning to leave the co-op although a specific date has not been determined.

Articulation Meeting- Discussed curriculum. New this year- the current 8th graders will be required to take the Explore Test prior to entering their freshman year. They have December 15th set for this testing. The districts are also trying to put together a translator resource list. 33C, 205 and 88 all believe they will have referendum questions on the ballot for the next election.

Planning document- make addition of the PTO Fun Fair on Dec 8.

Business Partnerships- we have agreements with several businesses for fundraising. We just added Footlocker, Ultra Foods and Genco Subs. We will include a page of our monthly newsletters for our partnerships.

FOIA Reports- We have received two FOIA requests since the last meeting. Both have been completed.

Annual Compliance Audit- covered our annual compliance audit. We have 3 items that needed updating and several pages of commendations.

Conference Workshop Review- Donna reviewed the workshops to be presented at the annual conference. We will take advantage of as many as possible.

Action Items:

Tax Levy Resolution- Recommendation made to adopt a resolution regarding the amount necessary to be levied for the 2007 tax year. We are required by law to adopt a resolution regarding the estimated amounts necessary to be levied for the current year when the levy amount will exceed 105% of the amount received the previous year.

Motion made by Woodworth, seconded by Howell to adopt the resolution.

Roll call as follows: Ayes: Trent, Lopez-Caneva, Murphy, Otis, Woodworth, Howell, Vasiliades
Nays: None
Motion carried.

Acceptance of Resignations- Recommendation made to accept the resignations of Ms. Nicole Sullivan and Mrs. Heather Ryan (support personnel).
Motion made by Vasiliades, seconded by Trent to accept the resignations.
Roll call as follows: Ayes: Lopez-Caneva, Murphy, Otis, Woodworth, Howell, Vasiliades, Trent
Nays: None
Motion carried.

Hiring of ELL Tutor for Kindergarten- Recommendation made for approval of hiring Judy Kendziora as ELL tutor for Kindergarten.
Motion made by Murphy, seconded by Lopez-Caneva to approve the hiring of Judy Kendziora for this position.
Roll Call as follows: Ayes: Murphy, Otis, Woodworth, Howell, Vasiliades, Trent, Lopez-Caneva
Nays: none
Motion carried.

Hiring of Early Learners Aide - Recommendation made to approve the hiring of Lacie Heitman as an Aide for the Early Learners Program.
Motion made by Woodworth, seconded by Murphy.
Roll Call as follows: Ayes: Otis, Woodworth, Howell, Vasiliades, Trent, Lopez-Caneva, Murphy
Nays: none
Motion carried.

Building Use Policy- After conferring with the District's insurance carrier, attorney, other schools and our staff, it is recommended to continue with the current Building Use Policy in regards to the Parent Athletic Association.
Motion made by Murphy, seconded by Lopez-Caneva.
Roll Call as follows: Ayes: Woodworth, Howell, Vasiliades, Trent, Lopez-Caneva, Murphy, Otis
Nays: none
Motion carried.

Softball Field Use- The Lockport Junior Miss Softball organization is requesting permission to use the softball field at Milne Grove School for games for the youngest division. (5-6 year olds) Recommendation made to allow use of the field. LJMS will maintain the field and get into playing condition.
Motion made by Woodworth, seconded by Trent.
Roll Call as follows: Ayes: Howell, Vasiliades, Trent, Lopez-Caneva, Murphy, Otis, Woodworth
Nays: none

Motion carried.

Insurance- Recommendation made to approve a resolution to look for quotes for District Liability Insurance to compare coverage and cost.

Motion made by Woodworth, seconded by Murphy.

Roll Call as follows: Ayes: Vasiliades, Trent, Lopez-Caneva, Murphy, Otis, Woodworth, Howell

Nays: none

Motion carried.

Invitation extended to the audience address the Board: Mr. Jeff Kolmodin from the Parent Athletic Association addressed the Board. Discussed access to building for games and practices. Also asked the board to look into the possibility of the association only having to provide spectator insurance. Wants to also set up a meeting with the administration and liaisons to brainstorm reducing costs.

Informational Items were covered- Board Newsletter, Health Life Safety Annual Inspection Reports, Building Newsletters, Principal's Weekly Memo's, Health Screening Information, Letter from the County Clerk and Legislative Reports.

Adjournment- Motion made by Woodworth, seconded by Howell to adjourn the meeting at 9:29pm.

Roll Call as follows: Trent, Lopez-Caneva, Murphy, Otis, Woodworth, Howell, Vasiliades

Nays: none

Motion carried.

Secretary to the Board

President of School Board