

Pending Approval

October 1, 2007

Members Present: Julie Beam, Chuck Carpp, Jeff Johnson, Dave Nicholas, Carrie Rokos, Jim Sanborn, Carol Sjouquist

Administration Present: Bob Gendron, Phil McAndrew, Sue McQueen, John Overley

Student Representatives Present: Jayson Bowman, Josh Gendron

Johnson called the meeting was called to order at 7:33.

Sanborn moved and Beam supported the motion to approve the September 10, 2007 and the September 17, 2007 minutes as presented. The September 10, 2007 minutes were approved 6-0 w/Sjouquist abstaining. The September 17, 2007 minutes were approved 7-0.

Rokos moved and Beam supported the motion to approve the bills of \$459,307.95. Motion carried 7-0.

Comments from Public:

Liz Saule spoke regarding LEA class size grievance and that she hoped the board and union would find a solution. Jonathan Harmon, LEA Uni-Serve Director, stated it was at a level 3 grievance and the union would be available for discussion. Jane DeMink stated she would be available at anytime to give input and information to the board concerning the grievance.

Doug Harrington addressed the board on the upcoming technology bond issue stating he was in support of the issue, but would like to see some type of plan developed so technology costs would not have to continually go back in front of the voters.

Pete Alburtus read a letter from the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers stating their appreciation to the board for hiring an extra teacher.

Sue McQueen, elementary principal, gave her building report. Suzie Stambek and Misti Balkema, new elementary teachers, were introduced to the board.

Bob Gendron, Jr/Sr high school principal, gave his building report.

Phil McAndrew gave a brief update on the fall sports.

Mindy Russell-Haight presented a proposal to the board regarding a joint Hartford/Lawrence Mexico trip. Sjouquist moved and Sanborn supported the motion to approve the Mexico trip. The board retained the right to suspend this approval at anytime if problems develop related to student security or travel. Discussion was held. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Beam moved and Carpp supported the motion to approve KRESA Technology Services contract in the amount of four payments of \$2,914.81 for a yearly total \$11,659.25. Motion carried 7-0.

Sjouquist moved and Rokos supported the motion to allow the district to proceed in obtaining district credit cards from 5/3 Bank. Discussion was held. Motion carried 7 - 0.

Rokos moved and Beam supported the motion to approve additions to bus drivers handbook. Discussion was held. The motion was tabled until further clarification is submitted.

Sanborn moved and Nicholas supported the motion to allow Overley to work out sick day time with bus drivers. Motion carried 7-0.

Johnson appointed Sanborn, Beam and Carpp to meet with union representatives concerning the Level 3 grievance on Monday, October 8 at 7 P.M.

Johnson reported the Vision Committee plans to focus on School/Community communication.

Overley reported the unofficial student count was 755, an increase of about 11 students over last fall.

Overley reported that Gerbel & Gerbel conducted the annual school audit and gave the district an unqualified, top rating, status.

Discussion regarding having school representatives at various upcoming community meetings to support the technology bond issue was held. Overley, Johnson and Gene Butler, technology, will be attending many of those meetings.

Sanborn stated he wished to clarify his vote against the hiring of the new teachers. He stated he was not against either teacher, but rather against the hiring process. He suggested the next hiring procedure should have a panel that includes one board member and also suggested references should be called on all final candidates. Johnson said this would be referred to the policy committee.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

John Overley