

USD 377 BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL SESSION 7:00 PM
JANUARY 18, 2005
CENTRAL OFFICE, EFFINGHAM

The Board of Education of Unified School District #377 met at 7:00 pm on January 18, 2006, in the Central Office, Effingham, Board members present: Steve Caplinger, Todd Gigstad (9:12 pm), Cindy Ladd, Leonard Lange, Jeff Martin, Mark Westermann. (Michael Postma absent.) Administrator present: Steve Wiseman, Mark Preut, Tom Sack, Terry Slattery.

Visitors: Jeff Schumaker, Globe; Dan Coder, Lori Scholz, Fleet Scoggins, Richard Lundin, Cy Wallisch.

Caplinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1) Personnel

Motion by Caplinger, seconded by Lange, to approve the Personnel report as presented. Motion passed 5-0. (The personnel report included extending a contract to Kathy Baker as a regular route bus driver at Step 2 on the pay scale, and accepting the resignation of Don Smith as Middle School assistant track coach.)

2) Acceptance of Gifts

Motion by Westermann to accept gifts as offered. Motion seconded by Martin. Motion passed 5-0. (Gifts accepted: \$5 from T.V. Picraux Jr. to the KAYS organization, \$50 from the Effingham Senior Citizens to Soundmasters, \$60.08 from the Knights of Columbus Charities Aid Foundation for the Effingham Mental Health Program.)

3) Executive Session

Motion at 7:03 pm by Caplinger to enter into executive session to discuss Negotiations in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract and to have preliminary discussions about the acquisition of real property in order to protect the public interest and that the board return to open session in this room at 7:17 pm. Motion seconded by Westermann. Motion passed 5-0. (Wiseman present.)

The board resumed in open session at 7:17 pm.

4) USD 377 Facilities Work Session

To begin with the board discussed the Atchison County sports complex proposal since there were patrons present from the local Atchison County recreation group.

Wiseman summarized the sports complex committee would like to see something built in the western part of the county as there is a need by both the community and school district. The committee is recommending a sales tax for the project be proposed on the April ballot. The committee is trying to determine if the school district wants to get involved. If the district provided the land, they would make the improvements on the property. Wiseman told the board they need to decide if the district wants to move in that direction and if so do they want to look at finding some land. Board members felt they did not have sufficient information to make a decision. Wiseman suggested contacting Larry Mears, school attorney, on the legalities.

Caplinger said he would call a special meeting next week for more information to be presented and further discussion.

The next portion of the work session focused on addressing all district facilities issues. Caplinger reminded the board the recommendation of the Facilities Committee was for the Board of Education to pursue a contract for a feasibility study of refurbishment or replacement of the three elementary schools/preschool and middle school with all buildings providing equality of facilities in educational programs and resources necessary to provide a quality education. Caplinger said the board would be deciding what issues are important and the scope of work to be put into a feasibility study. Board members addressed one issue at a time center by center stating if they supported the issue and if so if it should be included in a feasibility study, or was an administrative or maintenance issue.

At 8:35 pm Caplinger called for a five minute recess.

Leonard Lange left the meeting at 8:35 pm.

The board resumed at 8:40 pm.

After addressing issues by center, Wiseman reviewed other issues to be considered including program issues duplicated and excess costs.

Todd Gigstad arrived at 9:12 pm.

It was decided from the information gathered from the work session the administrators could put together a scope of work for the next regular meeting. Wiseman told the board if a feasibility study was pursued he would take bids. Wiseman was asked to find out how long it would take to get a report back from a feasibility study.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Gigstad, to adjourn at 9:55 pm. Motion passed 5-0.

Ruth J. Dillon, Board Clerk