

USD 377 BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADJOURNED MEETING 7:30 PM
JULY 23, 2007
CENTRAL OFFICE, EFFINGHAM

The Board of Education of Unified School District #377 met at 7:30 pm on July 23, 2007, in the Central Office, Effingham, in continued session from the July 9 adjourned meeting. Board members present: Steve Caplinger, Cindy Ladd, Leonard Lange, Tom Lee, Jeff Martin, Michael Postma, (Todd Gigstad absent.)
Administrators present: Steve Wiseman, Mark Preut, Kevin Peters, Terry Slattery. Tom Hinrichs.
Visitors: Emily Randall, Globe, Bridget Lee.

Caplinger called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Agenda

Motion by Ladd, seconded by Lange, to approve the agenda for the extended meeting.
Motion passed 6-0.

1) Consider Approval of District Handbooks

Changes to the Personnel and Curriculum Handbooks were itemized in the board packet. At this time there are no recommended changes to the Safety or Transportation handbooks.

Martin moved to approve the district handbooks as amended and presented. Motion seconded by Ladd. Motion passed 6-0.

2) Consider Approval of Personnel Recommendations

Wiseman made the following recommendations for Supplemental Contracts: Jim Schuetz – MS Football Assistant, Jenna Hawk – HS Assistant Volleyball, Don Smith – Move from MS Assistant Football to HS Assistant Football, Nate Smith – HS Cross Country, Duane Feldkamp – MS Assistant Football, MS Assistant Boys Basketball.

Motion by Martin to approve Personnel Recommendations as presented. Motion seconded by Postma. Motion passed 6-0.

3) Approval of Bond Issue Finance Plan

Three mill levy impact options were presented by PiperJaffray at the July Regular meeting. Piper Jaffray sent three additional options using project earnings on 20-25-30 year final maturities. Wiseman explained project earnings could be used to reduce the mill levy or could be used for other projects.

Martin moved that the board direct PiperJaffray to handle the project debt over 30 years using the project earnings up front. Motion seconded by Postma. Motion passed 4-2.
(Lange, Lee opposed.)

Caplinger suggested the board and administration develop a time table to include a plan for the use of unused buildings and to address concerns of efficiency in operation of the district as it relates to a transition period and staff attrition.

4) Superintendent's Report

The FY 2008 budget document, forms packet, and "Budget-at-a-Glance" brochure were presented to the board. The superintendent and clerk reviewed the proposed budgets. The General Fund

proposed budget is for \$5,683,138 and Supplemental Fund budget for \$1,168,750. The Supplemental General is being increased \$250,000 with an estimated mill levy of 16.279, an increase of 2.582 mills over last year.

Motion by Postma to publish the budgets as presented. Motion seconded by Martin. Motion passed 4-2. (Lange, Lee opposed.)

5) Strategic Planning/Goals Session

Wiseman began the session by reviewing the state assessment summary for the district. In reviewing the Vision and Mission statements, no changes were made. Three items were added under Core Values: #7) Strive to ensure that the most effective, highly qualified teacher available is in every classroom. #8) Strive to have all students learn in a safe and orderly environment conducive to learning, free from harassment and bullying. #9) Preparing all students to be successful in institutions of higher learning or the workforce without a need for remediation. It was suggested the policy on public participation be printed on the patron agenda or sign-up list for board meetings. A change was made under Community Schools to "Establish public trust and confidence through open, honest communication and positive relationships among all district stakeholders." Board members and administrators cited what they viewed as past accomplishments, goals for the future, challenges and barriers.

Martin moved and Postma seconded a motion to adjourn at 10:00 pm. Motion passed 6-0.

Ruth Dillon
Board Clerk