

**ELWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT #203
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
April 19, 2010**

I-III. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE.

President Paige Vanderhyden called the Board to order at 6:01 p.m. The following Board Members were in attendance: Paige Vanderhyden, Margaret Bosonetta, Joy Gillihan, Julie Sawyer, Amy Brueggert, and Chris Holt.

Absent: Bobby Hauert

IV. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

-Paige Vanderhyden asked Board Members if they had any changes, questions, or additions to the minutes of the Regular and Closed Session Meetings of March 15, 2010 as presented. There were none.

V. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS

-Dr. Stark introduced Ms. Hannah Huff who gave a presentation on a reading program she is developing called Summer Jumpstart to be held for one week in August. It would focus on the current Kindergarten and 1st grades (18 Kindergartners and 10 first graders.) Ms. Huff hopes that after skill testing, there will be a 25% improvement in reading as a result of the week-long session.

Dr. Madden complimented Ms. Huff for her pro-active approach in the creation of a reading program that would benefit children who are most in need of such help.

VI. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

- A.) Athletic Directors Report- Mr. Lundgren was not present but the following report was handed out to the BOE in his absence:
- Discussion on volunteer hours worked- how many, compensation amount, and tracking. The changes were being considered in order to increase parent helpers.
 - Sports Award Night, April 28, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
- B.) Principal's Report-
- Scholastic Bowl: Elwood School took first place in the Small School Conference on April 17, 2010. Drake Bernhard, Jacob Plevell, Samantha Berman, Taylor Wilson and Robbie Brueggert represented Elwood School in the Scholastic Bowl Tournament. They go to Mazon to compete in Regional's.
 - Elwood Girls Volleyball Players who went to State were featured in the Herald Newspaper.
 - Spring Art Show is Thursday, April 22, 2010 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. In conjunction with the Art Show, the general public is invited to meet Elwood's new superintendent, Mr. Tim Arnold.
 - Class Night, Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Stark commented how the new format for class night would be more student-centered

- Graduation, Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

-President Paige Vanderhyden asked if anyone had any questions concerning financials dated from March 9, 2010 and April 19, 2010. There were none.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

-Dr. Madden discussed Federal Impact Aid.

-Mr. Tim Arnold discussed how History and Science Fair Students would be recognized at the April 21, 2010 meeting at the Village Hall. These students would also be recognized at the May 17, 2010 Board of Education Meeting.

-On May 3, 2010, at 6:30 p.m., the Community Engagement portion of the District's strategic planning process will be held. Mr. Arnold will be leading this discussion. This session is open to Elwood Staff, Parents, and the community at large.

-Paige Vanderhyden thanked Tim Arnold for all his work for the School District and efforts to bridge relationship between the village and school.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of the Minutes: Regular and Closed Session Board Meetings of March 15, 2010.
- Approval to pay Bills totaling \$87,093.94.
- Approval of the Interim Checks totaling \$40,393.62.
- Approval of the Payrolls in the amount of \$138,474.83
- Interim Administrator's Contract.
- Resolution approving and ratifying amendments for the articles of agreement for the Southern Will County Cooperative for Special Education.
- 2009-2010 School Calendar- Revised by removing emergency days.
- 2010-2011 School Calendar.

-Paige Vanderhyden asked if there was anything from the Consent Agenda that should be discussed or voted on separately. The 2010-11 Calendar was pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion.

XI. ACTION CONSIDERATIONS

-Motion made by Joy Gillihan, seconded by Julie Sawyer to approve the Consent Agenda minus the 2010-11 School Calendar.

Roll Call (Ayes): Joy Gillihan, Julie Sawyer, Paige Vanderhyden, Margaret Bosonetta, Amy Brueggert, and Chris Holt.

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Bobby Hauert

-Motion made by Chris Holt, seconded by Joy Gillihan to approve the adoption of Draft #3 of the 2010-2011 School Calendar.

Roll Call (Ayes): Chris Holt, Joy Gillihan, Paige Vanderhyden, Margaret Bosonetta, Julie Sawyer, and Amy Brueggert.

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Bobby Hauert

Paige Vanderhyden noted the approval of the interim contract for Tim Arnold was approved in the consent agenda of the Board Meeting.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

-Discussion of the Extended Period Instruction. A second pilot commenced on April 19, 2010 for a two week period.

- An update of the concession stand was presented and discussed. Elwood received a payment from the Elwood Baseball/ Softball Association to pay back to the district money loaned to the organization associated with the building of the concession stand.

-Teacher Negotiations are scheduled to begin on May 3, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. The following BOE Members would be involved in the negotiations: Paige Vanderhyden, Joy Gillihan, Bobby Hauert and Chris Holt. Margaret Bosonetta will be an alternate in the event a member of the negotiating team is unable to attend a scheduled session. Mr. Tim Arnold would also be present during negotiations.

-Mention of the Student Recognition at the Village Board Meeting on April 21, 2010.

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

None

XV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

-Dianne Sewing asked questions concerning Block Scheduling and the concession stand.

XVI. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

-President Paige Vanderhyden mentioned the "CERTIFICATE OF FINANCIAL RECOGNITION" awarded by the State Board of Education for the 2009 school year.

-Illinois did not receive funding from "RACE TO THE TOP." Only two States were chosen in this first round. Illinois will be resubmitting its application for the second round.

-Obituary on Ruth Savage who was a former teacher at Elwood School.

- Mrs. Bosonetta mentioned that she would be attending the Laraway School Board Meeting where they will be discussing the "Little Learners" preschool program held at Oak Valley School for early development.

XVII. CLOSED SESSION

None

XVIII. BOARD REQUESTS/COMMENTS

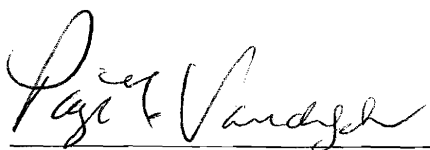
-Margaret Bosonetta and Paige Vanderhyden mentioned the National Honors Induction Ceremony at Joliet Township High School. There was a good representation of Elwood Alumni.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Margaret Bosonetta and seconded by Julie Sawyer to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

Voice Vote:

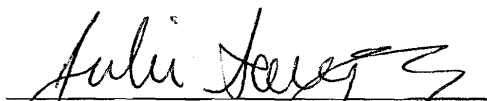
Ayes:	6
Nays:	0
Abstained:	0
Absent:	1



Paige Vanderhyden, President

5/17/10

Date



Julie Sawyer, Secretary Pro Tempore