

**ELWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT #203
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
January 11, 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, Bobby Hauert, and Chris Holt.

Absent: None

IV. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

V. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS

NONE

VI. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

A.) Athletic Directors Report-

- Booster Board Minutes and Financials.
- 6th grade Boys Volleyball- 1 to 2 teams.
- Update of Girls Volleyball.
- Track Update- begins in March, 57 students signed up, 8 to 10 meets are planned.
- Athletic Booster's Website now linked with Elwood School Website. It contains all information concerning schedules, cancellations, games, and directions to all events.

Mr. Lundgren expressed his thanks to Rose Dennis for helping him link the two Websites.

- IESA: A new award called "Scholar Attitude Award" presented to a student with a 3.5 or higher GPA for past 2 years and has participated in at least one IESA Sport. The winner who is chosen by the State will be awarded a savings bond for an essay written on "What Is Sportsmanship To Me." This is a State Farm sponsored program. Mr. Lundgren said out of 35 possible participants, there were 5 to 6 essays submitted.

Mrs. Sawyer inquired about Spiritline and whether it was still under the umbrella of Sports Boosters. Mr. Lundgren explained how it is the only activity on Boosters that does not have a stipend position. Suggestions from the Board as a whole were brought up to remedy problems/concerns.

- Next Sports Boosters meeting the Tax ID# will be addressed.

Paige Vanderhyden expressed concern from the District's lawyer over the Booster's using the same ID# as the school rather than having one of their own.

Mr. Holt suggested that the Sam's Club Cardholder should be under the A.D.'s name to alleviate any issues.

B.) Principal's Report-

- 2nd Quarter ended Friday, January 8th. Report Cards will be issued on Wednesday, January 13th.
- Winter teachers' observations begin this week and will continue through the 1st week in February.
- Friday, January 15th, there will be an Awards/ Pep Assembly for First Semester beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- NO SCHOOL on Monday, January 18th for Martin Luther King Day.
- Thursday, February 4th, Student Showcase from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, February 5th is the Junior High Valentine Dance.
- 3rd Quarter Mid-term is February 9th.
- NO SCHOOL on Friday, February 12th for Lincoln's Birthday.
- Goal Setting with School Improvement Committee on Wednesday morning to assign responsibilities for the different goals.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

-President Paige Vanderhyden asked if anyone had any questions concerning financials dated from December 14, 2009 and January 11, 2010. There were none.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

-Dr. Madden commented on a new federal funding program, "Race To The Top" which has 4.35 billion dollars available for which States can compete. Elwood School along with other Illinois School Districts was asked to support this by signing a "Memo of Understanding." This competitive program applied for as a state probably will not affect us directly but by supporting it we might see revenue indirectly.

-Federal Impact Aid Meeting: Dr. Madden gave explanation of how a school district can be affected by the Federal Government:

- 1) More children in the school district than normally would be. (i.e. Military Base: with military personnel and therefore children)
- 2) Acreage owned by the U.S. Government, which previously was privately owned. What use to be taxed now is not because the Government does not pay taxes. Elwood School district has the following: Army Training Facility, Midwin Tallgrass Prairie, and the Abraham Lincoln Cemetery. Dr. Madden is directly involved in writing new language to help out school districts.

President Paige Vanderhyden thanked Tom Madden for his work done with Federal Impact.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of the Minutes: Levy, Previous Monthly and Special Board Meetings.
- Approval to pay Bills totaling \$16,785.
- Approval of the Interim Checks totaling \$291,359.
- Approval of the Payrolls in the amount of \$135,177.

-Paige Vanderhyden asked if there was anything from the Consent Agenda that should be discussed or voted on separately. There were none.

XI. ACTION CONSIDERATIONS

-Motion made by Chris Holt, seconded by Margaret Bosonetta to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call (Ayes): Chris Holt, Margaret Bosonetta, Paige Vanderhyden, Joy Gillihan, Julie Sawyer, Bobby Hauert, and Chris Holt.
Nays: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

-Motion made by Joy Gillihan, seconded by Amy Brueggert to approve the new Superintendent Contract as presented.

Roll Call (Ayes): Joy Gillihan, Amy Brueggert, Paige Vanderhyden, Margaret Bosonetta, Julie Sawyer, Bobby Hauert, and Chris Holt.
Nays: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

President Paige Vanderhyden officially welcomed the district's newly hired Superintendent, Tim Arnold during the School Board Meeting. Mr. Arnold also offered his thanks to the BOE and let them know he was anxious to begin work at Elwood School.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

-Springfield Trip organized by Mrs. Rompala. This trip is scheduled for March 16, 2010.

- Dr. Madden made note of the PTO and their support of the School District. He thanked them for a wonderful job done with the reception to welcome Tim Arnold, the newly hired Superintendent. He also pointed out to the BOE the several fundraisers the PTO has organized and the involvement of the Elwood Staff.

Mrs. Gillihan thanked the PTO for their creative way of raising money, which eliminates children having to sell things.

-Mention of Chalk Talk, the School Districts Newspaper. Chalk Talk is currently the responsibility of Mrs. Deb Hudolin and Mrs. Dorie Anderson. Dr. Madden thanked them for the great job they do.

Paige Vanderhyden made the request to Dr. Stark for him to place something in the upcoming newsletter which directs people to visit the school's website and check out Chalk Talk.

-Dr. Madden gave an update of the "Mrs. Monti Writing Award." Mrs. Jennifer Bauer submitted a letter that gave explanation of who Mrs. Monti was, when it was established, and detailed how it is awarded and what is given to the recipient. It is planned that this year's recipient will be honored during an upcoming Board meeting.

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-Concession Stand update: Concrete work on interior floors, sidewalks, and aprons for outside of bathrooms will be the next step. The building should be available for use this spring.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

None

XV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

XVI. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

XVII. CLOSED SESSION

NONE

XVIII. BOARD REQUESTS/COMMENTS

NONE

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Bobby Hauert and seconded by Chris Holt to adjourn at 6:49 p.m.

Voice Vote:

Ayes:	7
Nays:	0
Abstained:	0
Absent:	0

Paige Vanderhyden 2/15/10 Joy Gillihan
Paige Vanderhyden, President Date Joy Gillihan, Secretary