

**ELWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT #203  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
June 21, 2010**

*The June 21, 2010 meeting was held in the school library to allow for necessary cleaning in the cafeteria.*

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

President Paige Vanderhyden called the Board to order at 6:00 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 May 17, 2010 as presented. The minutes were revised to reflect the following change: Roman numeral I- III should indicate that at the May 17, 2010 meeting, Joy Gillihan and Chris Holt were absent. This change would be voted on in the consent agenda portion of the meeting.

V. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS

None

VI. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

A.) Athletic Directors Report-

None

*\*Bobby Hauert entered the Board of Education meeting at 6:05 p.m.*

B.) Principal's Report-

- Graduation and End of Year
- 2010-2011 Potential Building Configuration- no final decision has been made regarding 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- August 16<sup>th</sup>- Teachers Institute
- August 17<sup>th</sup>- Students return 9:30 a.m. dismissal.
- August 18<sup>th</sup>- Kindergarten classes start. First full day for 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

*Dr. Stark introduced Mrs. Shannon Brown who gave a presentation to the BOE on the purchase of a new textbook series for junior high science.*

- Textbooks from Pearson called “Interactive Science.”
- 7-year contract.
- Write-in textbooks with hands-on activities and labs that would relate to the real world asking the big question then helping to come up with the answer.
- Would be used in correlation with RTI.

*Mrs. Joy Gillihan and Mrs. Paige Vanderhyden thanked Mrs. Brown for her presentation. This will be voted on at the July 19, 2010 meeting after the BOE has had time to look at the textbook.*

## VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

-Written correspondence from Mrs. Barb Kulak regarding the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class size. Supt. Tim Arnold will respond to Mrs. Kulak.

-Dr. Stark gave an update on the current size of next year’s 5<sup>th</sup> grade class.

## VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

-President Paige Vanderhyden asked if anyone had any questions concerning financials dated from May 13, 2010 and June 16, 2010. There were none.

## IX. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Tim Arnold noted that the bulk of his information would be provided later in the meeting in the “Informational Items” section.

## X. CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of the Minutes: Regular Session Board Meeting of May 17, 2010 with discussed changes.
- Approval to pay Bills totaling \$92,807.58.
- Approval of the Interim Checks totaling \$165,585.36.
- Approval of the Payrolls in the amount of \$22,797.83
- Approval of School Board Meeting Dates for 2010-11.
- Approval of Prevailing Wage Statement.
- Approval of the Resignation of Junior High Aide, Mari Baly.

-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 Julie Sawyer to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

-Motion made by Joy Gillihan, seconded by Amy Brueggert to approve the authorization to pay bills received prior to July 1, 2010 so they may be charged to the 2009-10 Budget.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

-Motion made by Joy Gillihan, seconded by Margaret Bosonetta to approve the authorization to begin expending funds from the 2010-11 Budget.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

*President Paige Vanderhyden pointed out to the BOE the revised dates for the BOE meetings. A copy of the revised meeting dates were handed out to all BOE members prior to the vote.*

## XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

-Tim Arnold gave an update on the recent LEAP (Leadership for Education Alignment and Planning) Meeting.

-Tim Arnold reported on the recent negotiations with the teacher's association. It was reported that negotiations are going well.

-Tom Madden provided an update on the Little Learners program. As of this date the grant for this program is uncertain.

-Tim Arnold provided an update on technology needs. He will be meeting with Rose Dennis to discuss long-range plans and necessary upgrades.

-Tim Arnold provided information on the upcoming School Boards Conference in Chicago on November 19-21, 2010.

### XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-Tom Madden updated the BOE on the concession stand. The grant covered \$50,000.00 but there would be an additional cost of \$30,000.00 to cover any necessary work. Elwood School would be paying half the cost for any additional expense, which would amount to \$15,000.00.

*President Paige Vanderhyden expressed her thankfulness for all the work Dr. Madden did to help complete the concession stand.*

### XIV. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

### XV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

-Mrs. Dianne Sewing asked questions concerning the proposed science textbooks.

-Mrs. Sewing commented on the fifth grade and her desire to see a third fifth grade added.

### XVI. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

-The board was given a news article from the Free Press recognizing Miranda Bradberry and Anjae Holder for their winning essays about Memorial Day. They read their essays during the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Lincoln Cemetery, in Elwood. They were also treated to an opportunity to meet with President Obama during that weekend.

-Bobby Hauert mentioned Valarie Hall's two sons, Matthew and Ryan who were awarded the JTHS Honor Award for having the highest GPA in their class.

-The following Elwood School graduates received JCA 2010 Underclassman Awards: Jacob Bernhard, Courtney Walsh, Erin Kennedy, Frank Kalisik, and Katie Midlock.

- Information was distributed to BOE members on "Master Board Member Activities Summary.

-Board members were asked to begin thinking about persons they would like to nominate for Board recognition. They will honor the one or more recipients in August.

XVII. CLOSED SESSION

-Motion made by Margaret Bosonetta, seconded by Julie Sawyer to adjourn into closed session under Illinois Code 2(C)(11) at 6:51 p.m. for discussion of appointment, employment, compensations, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.

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

-Motion made by Chris Holt, seconded by Bobby Hauert to return to open session at 8:08 p.m.

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

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION

No action was taken

*At 8:12 p.m., President Paige Vanderhyden called to order the Board and met with the Elwood Athletic Boosters Board. The following Booster members participated in a discussion with the Board of Education: Sheila Morgan, Mickey Walsh, Tom and Shannon Zobel, Diane Sewing, and Mary Cromer.*

XVIII. BOARD REQUESTS/COMMENTS

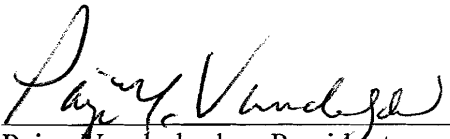
NONE

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

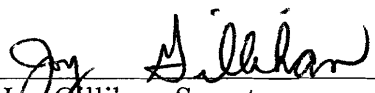
Motion made by Chris Holt, seconded by Bobby Hauert to adjourn at 9:06 p.m.

Voice Vote:

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

  
Paige Vanderhyden, President

7/19/10  
Date

  
Joy Gillihan, Secretary