

**ELWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT #203  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
March 15, 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.

Absent: Chris Holt

IV. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

V. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS

-Dr. Madden introduced the following local superintendents who were present at the meeting: Barbara Littlejohn-Union School, Ricardo Espinoza-Rockdale School, Douglas Hesbol-Laraway School, Paul Swanstrom-Joliet High School, and Don White-Troy School District. They all meet together at least once per month to discuss their common goals and issues unique to their districts. They call their group L E A P (leadership for educational alignment and planning.)

-Dr. Stark introduced Ms. Smurlo who gave a presentation on Differentiated Instruction and how the school is focusing on this issue through the structure of S-M-A-R-T Goals.

*Paige Vanderhyden and Joy Gillihan commented on the great job Ms. Smurlo did and thanked her for coming.*

VI. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

A.) Athletic Directors Report-

NONE

B.) Principal's Report-

- ISAT Completed.
- Book Fair, Family Night coinciding with the March BOE meeting from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

- Spring Break, March 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>, school resuming on March 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Easter weekend, NO SCHOOL, Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Art Show with Band Music in lieu of a Music Program.

*Also mentioned was the open house to introduce Tim Arnold to the parents of Elwood School and other Governmental entities.*

- Dr. Stark congratulated the 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball team on its success and wished them well in the upcoming sectionals.

*Dr. Madden recognized the great job Dr. Stark did in an impromptu assembly recognizing both the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' volleyball players.*

## VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

## VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

-President Paige Vanderhyden asked if anyone had any questions concerning financials dated from February 8, 2010 and March 8, 2010. There were none.

## IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

-Dr. Madden commented about his trip to Washington DC for the NAFIS Conference (National Association of Federally Impact Schools.)

## X. CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of the Minutes: Regular Board Meeting of February 15, 2010.
- Approval to pay Bills totaling \$118,519.81.
- Approval of the Interim Checks totaling \$169,787.52.
- Approval of the Payrolls in the amount of \$138,744.38
- Board Policy Updates-Second Reading followed by adoption.
- Approval of Karen Savage's letter of retirement.
- Approval of Patti Midlock as full time Kindergarten teacher.
- Approval of the memo from Audrey Cravens and Jennifer Bauer indicating their intent to return from their maternity leave for the 2010-11 school year.

-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 Joy Gillihan, seconded by Amy Brueggert to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

## XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

-Elwood Graduate, Ryan Hall was inducted into the National Mathematics Honor Society. Matthew attends Joliet Central High School.

- Extended Period Instruction was discussed. This alternative will be piloted from March 29<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be an update at the April BOE meeting.

## XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-Concession Stand update: remainder-of-funds are forthcoming from the Elwood BB/SB League. Mrs. Tina Pirc will be meeting with Dr. Madden in April.

## XIV. NEW BUSINESS

None

## XV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

-Several parents and faculty commented about the Extended Period Instruction pilot.

## XVI. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

-Thank you notes from Mrs. Sheila Morgan and Dr. Stark.

-Certificate of Recognition from the Illinois State Board of Education.

-Elwood School Tiger Newsletter for March 2010.

-Mrs. Joy Gillihan announced the winners of the Regional Science Fair. Several students received first place. They were: Robbie Brueggert, Nick Weisfus, Madison Fisher, Kristen Crawford, Laura Gillihan and Krynn Paluga. Dylan Fairbairn received a second place and Jeanell Dohrman received an outstanding, which allows her to compete in the State Science Fair on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

*The BOE congratulated these students for their hard work.*

-Dr. Madden commented on the visitation to Joliet Central High School. This visit was during the school day to let parents see what the actual school day is like.

*Dr. Madden thanked Mr. John Randich, principal at the high school for showing them around.*

## XVII. CLOSED SESSION

-Motion made by Margaret Bosonetta, seconded by Julie Sawyer to adjourn into closed session at 7:00 p.m. in accordance with Illinois School Code 2(C)(1) and 2(C)(11), for employment.

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

-Motion made by Margaret Bosonetta, seconded by Julie Sawyer to return to open session at 7:27 p.m.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: 1

## XVIII. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION

-Motion made by Bobby Hauert, seconded by Margaret Bosonetta to authorize Dr. Madden to work with Attorney, Scott Nemanich to draft a per diem agreement that would allow Tim Arnold to begin his duties on June 15, 2010.

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

XIX. BOARD REQUESTS/COMMENTS

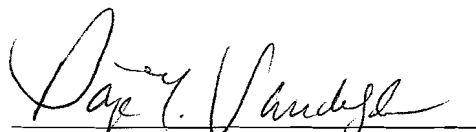
NONE

XX. ADJOURNMENT

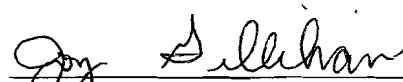
Motion made by Amy Brueggert and seconded by Bobby Hauert to adjourn at 7:28 p.m.

Voice Vote:

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

  
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Paige Vanderhyden, President

Date

  
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Joy Cillihan, Secretary