

**CHADWICK-MILLEDGEVILLE COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #399
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 19, 2011**

The regular Meeting of the Chadwick-Milledgeville Community School District #399 Board of Education was held at the High School Library in Milledgeville on December 19, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: S. Baylor-Schmidt, P. Eubanks, K. Gebhardt, L. Hutchison, and D. Wagenknecht. E. Rahn, Jr. arrived at 7:05 and S. Schave arrived at 7:06.

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: T. Schurman, Superintendent, P. Rademacher, Principal.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan and Beth Habben, Abbie Habben, Shelly and Jolee Parks, Jim Mertz, Abbie Gelwicks, Carli Hunter, Emily Kleckler, Mrs. Feltmeyer, Baily Queckboerner, and Joe Gennaro.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Board President Sandi Baylor-Schmidt. L. Hutchison moved and K. Gebhardt seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Roll call vote showed S. Baylor-Schmidt, P. Eubanks, K. Gebhardt, L. Hutchison, and D. Wagenknecht voting aye. No nays. Motion carried.

CONSENT ITEMS: P. Eubanks moved and D. Wagenknecht seconded a motion to approve the following consent items as presented:

- A. Approved Minutes of the November 21, 2011, Regular Board Meeting.
- B. Approved Bills for December, 2011.
- C. Approved Treasurer's Report for November, 2011.
- D. Approved Hot Lunch Report for November, 2011.
- E. Approved Student Activity Fund Account Summary for November, 2011.

Roll call vote showed S. Baylor-Schmidt, P. Eubanks, K. Gebhardt, L. Hutchison, E. Rahn, Jr., S. Schave, and D. Wagenknecht voting aye. No nays. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Our three Illinois State Scholars were introduced and presented with formal letters of congratulations from the board of education. Our Illinois State Scholars are Heather Fischbach, Abbie Habben, and Jolee Parks.

A presentation by FFA was heard regarding their experience at the 2011 National Convention.

The board heard an update from Mr. Jim Mertz regarding scoreboards recently donated for use at the Chadwick School baseball and softball fields.

The board signed a thank you letter to Alliance Pipeline L.P. for their donation of \$500 in support of Band, Chorus, Art Club, and JH Scholastic Bowl.

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The board signed a thank you letter to the Joyce Groen Memorial for their donation of \$1,000 towards the purchase of new water fountains for Milledgeville Elementary.

The Board signed a thank you letter to ABC Advertising Specialists, Inc. for their donation of \$350 to purchase awards for our student athletes.

A thank you card was received from Randy Kolthoff.

OLD BUSINESS

Tax Levy Adoption: A motion was made by K. Gebhardt and seconded by P. Eubanks to approve the adoption of the 2011 Tax Levy – During the November board meeting last month the board approved the Resolution of Estimated Amounts Needed for 2012-2013 School Year. The proposed levy increase is **below 5%** and therefore does not require a truth-in-taxation hearing. The board approved a levy certificate which reflects a 4.6% increase over last year, levy resolution, and a statement of compliance with truth in taxation requirements. Superintendent Schurman noted that the levy request insures that we capture all available local dollars but that the actual levy increase would more likely be near 1%. Roll call vote showed S. Baylor-Schmidt, P. Eubanks, K. Gebhardt, L. Hutchison, E. Rahn, Jr., S. Schave, and D. Wagenknecht voting aye. No nays. Motion carried.

Carroll County 1% Sales Tax Initiative Update. Superintendent Schurman reported that he and board members Mr. Elmer Rahn Jr., and Mr. Dave Wagenknecht attended a meeting held at West Carroll on Monday, December 5, 2011, to discuss the sales tax topic. The meeting was positive and opened the door to additional information and resource sharing. The group did agree that now is not the time to place the 1% tax on the ballot.

Board Retreat February 8, 2012-Planning Update. Superintendent Schurman reported that an on-line survey will be conducted during the month of January. In addition, we will use the time to review goals, core values, staffing, and the future facility strategic plan.

Approved second reading board policy update issue #77. A motion was made by K. Gebhardt and seconded by D. Wagenknecht to approve the second reading of board policy update issue #77. Superintendent Schurman noted that the policy changes reflected several minor wording changes. In addition the policies covering the following topics were included: concussion policy, access to public records, and required board member training. Voice vote showed 7 ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

Board Facility Use Policy Discussion. Superintendent Schurman reported that board members provided additional input on this issue and possible fees charged for use of school facilities were discussed. The board felt strongly that non-profit philanthropic organizations should still be able to use the facilities for free. Once a final policy is formulated we will conduct two readings before final approval.

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NEW BUSINESS

Donation Accepted: A motion was made by L. Hutchison and seconded by K. Gebhardt to approve the donation of \$1,500 to the three district libraries by the Milledgeville Men's Club. Roll call vote showed S. Baylor-Schmidt, P. Eubanks, K. Gebhardt, L. Hutchison, E. Rahn, Jr., S. Schave, and D. Wagenknecht voting aye. No nays. Motion carried.

Committee Representatives Designated: A motion was made by K. Gebhardt and seconded by E. Rahn, Jr. to approve designating Superintendent Tim Schurman and Principal Paula Rademacher as board representatives on the Performance Evaluation Reform Committee which must meet before March 5, 2012. Superintendent Schurman reported that the committee will consist of two teachers and two administrators. We will develop a new evaluation instrument which will include student growth in evaluating the effectiveness of teachers. The board will review and approve the final instrument. Voice vote showed 7 ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

Additional Bus Stop Discussion. The Board discussed a parent request to add an additional bus stop within the 1.5 mile radius of the school. Mr. Schurman noted that the board did not feel it would be wise to vary from our current policy that prohibits pick ups within 1.5 miles of the school.

Lease-purchase of Buses for 2013. A motion was made by L. Hutchison and seconded by S. Baylor-Schmidt to approve the lease-purchase of two new buses for the 2013 fiscal year. Mr. Schurman reported that the two new Thomas Buses will be purchased from Midwest Bus Sales at an annual lease payment of \$33,339.14. Roll call vote showed S. Baylor-Schmidt, P. Eubanks, K. Gebhardt, L. Hutchison, E. Rahn, Jr., S. Schave, and D. Wagenknecht voting aye. No nays. Motion carried.

Resignation of Coach: A motion was made by K. Gebhardt and seconded by P. Eubanks to accept the resignation of Mr. Shannon Schave as 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach. Voice vote showed 6 ayes; S. Schave abstained. Motion carried.

Volunteer Coach: A motion was made by K. Gebhardt and seconded by S. Schave to approve Kellie Rahn to serve as a volunteer coach for the Chadwick Junior High Girl's Basketball program. Voice vote showed 6 ayes, E. Rahn abstained. Motion carried.

Hire Coach: A motion was made by K. Gebhardt and seconded by D. Wagenknecht to approve hiring Mr. Kal Engelkens of Milledgeville as 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach for the 2012 season. Roll call vote showed S. Baylor-Schmidt, P. Eubanks, K. Gebhardt, L. Hutchison, E. Rahn, Jr., S. Schave, and D. Wagenknecht voting aye. No nays. Motion carried.

Maternity Leave Extended: A motion was made by E. Rahn and seconded by S. Baylor-Schmidt to approve the extension of Mrs. Jordan's maternity leave until February 1, 2012. Roll call vote showed S. Baylor-Schmidt, P. Eubanks, K. Gebhardt, L.

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Hutchison, E. Rahn, Jr., S. Schave, and D. Wagenknecht voting aye. No nays. Motion carried.

Student Suspensions Upheld: A motion was made by K. Gebhardt and seconded by P. Eubanks to uphold student suspensions. Voice vote showed 7 ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE DISCUSSION:

Report on Educational and Legislative Issues. Mr. Schurman noted that the General Assembly did not reinstate transportation funding as was hoped. In addition, he reported that the spring legislative session is expected to produce additional spending cuts which will put more pressure on our already tight budget.

Early Step Board Report. Program Director Mrs. Pam Delp reported in a written report that both Parent Educators have received special hearing exam training for infants and toddlers. It is hoped that early identification of hearing problems will allow effective interventions to be applied so speech development is not delayed significantly.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Rademacher reported an After School Homework Club for high school students is being piloted. Students receive tutorial assistance from peers and staff members four days per week.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Boys' Basketball and Cheerleading seasons at the junior high are complete.
2. JH Girls Basketball practice will begin Monday, January 2, 2012.
3. Quarterly event will be held Wednesday, December 21, 2011 students who have all passing grades and no detentions will get to participate in a movie/popcorn fun time.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by P. Eubanks and seconded by K. Gebhardt to adjourn at 8:59 pm. Motion passed by voice vote.

President

Secretary

Next Regular Board Meeting will be **Tuesday, January 17, 2012** at the MHS Library at 7:00 PM. A special board meeting for the Board Retreat will be held February 8, 2012 at the Milledgeville High School library beginning at 4:30 P.M.