

FEBRUARY 24, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Chadwick-Milledgeville Community Unit School District #399 Board of Education was held at the Milledgeville School on Thursday, February 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Adolph, S. Baylor-Schmidt, J. Daehler, K. Gebhardt, L. Hutchison, and D. Wagenknecht. E. Rahn arrived at 7:12.

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Dr. Kent Johansen, Interim Superintendent, T. Schurman, Assistant Superintendent and Principal, and Paula Rademacher, High School Principal.

OTHERS PRESENT: Galen Wirth, Chuck Geary, Carol Geary, Caitlynn Wilk, Laura Kniss, Zach Herin, Barbara Peugh, Renee Kniss, and Jim Haag.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Board President, Sandi Baylor-Schmidt. A motion was made by D. Wagenknecht and seconded by D. Adolph amend the posted agenda by adding a change to New Business Item B to purchase buses which was changed to an Action Item. Roll call vote showed D. Adolph, S. Baylor-Schmidt, J. Daehler, K. Gebhardt, L. Hutchison, and D. Wagenknecht voting aye. No nays. Motion carried.

CONSENSUS ITEMS: A motion was made by D. Adolph and seconded by J. Daehler to approve the following consensus items as presented.

- a. Minutes of the January 18, 2011 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Minutes of the Board Retreat meeting February 9, 2011.
- c. Payment of bills for February 2011
- d. Treasurer's report for January 2011
- e. Hot Lunch Report for January 2011
- f. Student Activity Fund Account Summary for January 2011.

Roll call vote showed D. Adolph, S. Baylor-Schmidt, J. Daehler, K. Gebhardt, L. Hutchison, and D. Wagenknecht voting aye. No nays. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

A thank you was presented to the Milledgeville Streets and Sanitation Department and accepted on their behalf by Milledgeville President Galen Wirth.

A thank you was received from the family of Mary Haeft for flowers sent in sympathy due to the death of her father.

Milledgeville High School SADD group spoke about the safe driving kits they distributed to students.

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APPROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT GOALS: A motion was made by J. Daehler and seconded by K. Gebhardt to approve the following School District Goals. Voice vote showed 7 ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

**CHADWICK-MILLEDGEVILLE CUSD #399
Strategic Goals
2011-12**

GOAL 1: STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Student achievement is at the core of all of our district goals. We believe that students succeed best in an exciting and challenging environment where they are actively engaged in the learning process.

Objective A: Develop and implement a program intended to foster academic growth.

Objective B: Develop a district-wide system of assessments and interventions to meet the academic needs of underperforming students through implementation of our district wide RtI (Response to Intervention) program.

Objective C: Improve existing technology and infrastructure in order to enhance instructional programs with an emphasis on 21st century workforce readiness.

GOAL 2: HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND DEDICATED EMPLOYEES

We value, respect, and support our highly qualified and dedicated staff of classified, certificated, and administrative employees who are committed along with the board to academic achievement for all students.

Objective A: Recruit and hire highly qualified classified, certificated and administrative employees as measured by all newly hired staff meeting state and/or NCLB requirements.

Objective B: Increase efforts to recruit the best and brightest employees both from and beyond our region. Thorough and consistent vetting procedures will be utilized.

Objective C: Collaborate with certified staff to develop a performance based evaluation model and system as required by new state law by 2013.

GOAL 3: RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL PRACTICES

In a dynamic financial environment, the district will continue to ensure students' academic success. The district will maintain fiscal solvency while at the same time making support of critical educational programs our top priority.

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Objective A: Adopt and maintain a balanced budget.

Objective B: Target the development of a fund balance equal to 33% of yearly budgeted expenses.

Objective C: Receive an annual audit with no substantive material findings.

Objective D: Utilize available bond revenue financing options to enhance the safety and quality of our facilities without increasing the local tax rate.

GOALS DISCUSSED: The board discussed superintendent goals for 2011-2014.

AMEND SCHOOL CALENDAR: A motion was made by K. Gebhardt and seconded by D. Wagenknecht to approve the amended 2010-11 school calendar as follows due to snow days. Voice vote showed 7 ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

February 1-3, 2011 we used three snow days of the school year. We will extend the school year and make Monday, April 18, 2011 (the Monday before Easter) an attendance day. Spring Break will tentatively be Tuesday, April 19 through Monday, April 25. However, if we have an additional snow day (s) the Tuesday and Wednesday before Easter could be attendance days.

Wednesday, May 25, 2011 is an attendance day. Thursday, May 26, 2011 is an attendance day with a 2:00 P.M. dismissal (last day for students). Friday, May 27, 2011 is Teachers Institute.

SCHOOL CALENDAR: A motion was made by D. Wagenknecht and seconded by J. Daehler to approve the 2011-2012 school calendar. School will start August 18, 2011 with a teachers institute, Christmas Break will be December 22-January 2, 2012, Spring Break will be April 2-9, 2012, and the last day will be May 23, 2012 (if there are no snow days). Voice vote showed 7 ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

BUS LEASE PURCHASE: A motion was made by D. Adolph and seconded by K. Gebhardt to approve the lease-purchase of three new 71 passenger buses from Midwest Bus Sales, Inc. at \$76,438 each with \$74,500 trade allowance for two 206 passenger and one 2004 passenger busses. They are 2012 Thomas Built Buses, well equipped, Cummins® ISB 200-260 HP engine, 2 year bumper to bumper warranties, and superior fuel economy compared to our current buses. Roll call vote showed D. Adolph, S. Baylor-Schmidt, J. Daehler, K. Gebhardt, L. Hutchison, E. Rahn, and D. Wagenknecht voting aye, no nays. Motion carried.

ART CLUB FIELD TRIPS: A motion was made by L. Hutchison and seconded by J. Daehler to approve the Art Club field trip requests for March 15 & March 30 to Chicago. The students will tour the Chicago Art Museum, Shedd Aquarium, and Millennium Park. Voice vote showed 7 ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

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AUDITING SERVICE: A motion was made by K. Gebhardt and seconded by D. Adolph to approve The Benning Group proposal to provide the district auditing services for the next three years at the following costs: 2011 \$9075, 2012 \$9250, 2013 \$9420. Roll call vote showed D. Adolph, S. Baylor-Schmidt, J. Daehler, K. Gebhardt, L. Hutchison, E. Rahn, and D. Wagenknecht voting aye. No nays; motion carried.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE: A motion was made by J. Daehler and seconded by L. Hutchison to approve renewal of the Student Accident Insurance Program carrier Guaranteed Trust Life Company. Voice vote showed 7 ayes, no nays; motion carried.

FINANCIAL PROFILE: The board discussed the Annual Financial Profile of the district. Currently we have a 3.45 rating which is Review Status but we are confident that the 2010 rating will improve to the Recognition status.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by K. Gebhardt and seconded by J. Daehler to convene in closed session at 7:57 p.m. to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, or dismissal of an employee or officer, student disciplinary matters and to consider issues relating to contract negotiations. Roll call vote showed D. Adolph, S. Baylor-Schmidt, J. Daehler, K. Gebhardt, L. Hutchison, E. Rahn, Jr., and D. Wagenknecht voting aye. No nays; motion carried.

A motion was made by J. Daehler and seconded by S. Baylor-Schmidt to reconvene into regular open session at 9:25 p.m. Voice vote showed 7 ayes, no nays; motion carried.

TRACK COACHES HIRED: A motion was made by D. Adolph and seconded by L. Hutchison to approve hiring Keith Mayne as assistant High School Varsity Track Coach for the 2011 school year. Roll call vote showed D. Adolph, S. Baylor-Schmidt, J. Daehler, K. Gebhardt, L. Hutchison, E. Rahn, Jr., and D. Wagenknecht voting aye. No nays; motion carried.

A motion was made by K. Gebhardt and seconded by D. Adolph to approve hiring Mr. Justin Miller as Junior High Track Coach. Roll call vote showed D. Adolph, S. Baylor-Schmidt, J. Daehler, K. Gebhardt, L. Hutchison, E. Rahn, Jr., and D. Wagenknecht voting aye. No nays; motion carried.

A motion was made by J. Daehler and seconded by D. Adolph to approve hiring Mr. Jason Wroble as Head High School Track Coach. Roll call vote showed D. Adolph, S. Baylor-Schmidt, J. Daehler, K. Gebhardt, L. Hutchison, E. Rahn, Jr., and D. Wagenknecht voting aye. No nays; motion carried.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE: A motion was made by K. Gebhardt and seconded by S. Baylor-Schmidt to uphold student suspensions. Voice vote showed 7 ayes; no nays. Motion carried.

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ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- A. Sex Offender's List was reviewed and discussed.
- B. Legislative update-the governor's budget proposal and the push for forced consolidation were discussed.
- C. Legal issues update-Mr. Schurman announced that the Moment of Silence is once again required at the beginning of each day prior to reciting the pledge.
- D. Principal's Report-Milledgeville Principal Rademacher reported she attended a Conference in Bloomington on interviewing and interrogating techniques; The Milledgeville High School Blood Drive raised 59 pints of blood; she congratulated Mr. Nesemeier on achieving his 400th win verses Polo January 27, 2011; finally, she was proud to report that there were no discipline issues this past month at Milledgeville School-the students are doing a great job!
- E. Assistant Superintendent's Report
 1. District Spelling Bee was completed January 19. Mr. Schurman commented on the fine job our two student representatives did at the bee. Shawn Geison 6th grade & Alicia Sheddan 5th grade were our schools representatives at the Regional Spelling Bee held in Pearl City.
 2. Teacher Institute was held February 18, 2011. Mr. Schurman commented that we had an excellent program focused on data analysis, instructional improvement, and curricular articulation meetings were held. Mr. Mayne, Mrs. Jogerst, Ms. Riehle, and Mr. Pasch each made presentations based on chapters from our book study text Classroom Instruction That Works. We have focused significant professional development time on instructional improvement this academic year. The teachers have done a great job with this activity and should be complemented for their high level of professionalism.
 3. Chadwick Elementary received the Academic Excellence Award from the ISBE. Mr. Schurman commented that this is a tremendous honor and signifies three consecutive years of high performance by the fourth and fifth grades. The teachers, students, and community should be very proud of this accomplishment.
 4. Due to a conflict with the IASB Regional Dinner March 21, 2011 the board decided to move the March meeting to Monday, March 28, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Milledgeville High School library.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by J. Daehler and seconded by K. Gebhardt to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. Voice vote showed 7 ayes; no nays. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY