

Spotlight on the Board

Notes from the District 15 School Board Meetings

June 8th, 2009

This was a Special Board of Education meeting called to act upon the ratification of the Classroom Teachers' Council Professional Agreement for 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-12.

All Board members were present. Also present were Superintendent Daniel Lukich, attorney Mike Loizzi, BOE Secretary June Becker and several citizens.

Citizens Address the Board

Jane VanWolvelear – Palatine resident

She stated that there was nothing in the May 27th Board meeting minutes about a meeting tonight. VanWolvelear repeated that the Board is the representative of the people of this township, the Board did not ask for input, they didn't ask "What do you want us to negotiate?" She feels that this special board meeting is "under the radar" and asked "What is going on?" VanWolvelear said that people were not happy with the D211 contract and how that was done. Asked the Board why they could not discuss the contract at the upcoming Regular BOE meeting on June 10th?

Board President Gerald Chapman – The Board cannot interact with the public. BOE meetings are not public meetings but rather meetings that are held in public.

VanWolvelear – Asked "When will a public meeting occur? It never occurs in District 15. She respects that the BOE has a job to do and it must get done in a professional manner. But your job is also the representation of the town's people and this school district board for the past 7 years has not asked the people of the town what they want. She wants a public meeting for the public to interact and said that the BOE chooses not to do that.

Executive Session The Board went into Executive Session at approximately 4:06 p.m.

Return to Open Session The Board returned to Open Session at approximately 5:53 p.m.

Action Item

Ratification of Classroom Teachers' Council Professional Agreement 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12

Board member James Ekeberg made a motion to ratify the contract.

Board member Peggy Babcock seconded the motion.

Board discussion prior to vote –

Board member Sue Quinn – This contract is 11.4% over three years. It is Base plus Step combined. Over that same three year period of time, the district will be bringing in revenues something less than 5%. That money has to come from somewhere. There will be program cuts that affect kids. That is why she needs to vote against it because it is not in the best interest of the kids.

Board member Tim Millar – The contract will fiscally hurt kids in the long run. The average increase is 5.15% according to his calculations.

Chapman – We are providing 0.75% raise on the Base for the first year, 1.19% on the second year and 1.45% on the third year of the three year contract. There are also some concessions relevant to insurance. Without getting into the details there are also some long-term savings in terms of insurance. Be that as it may, we are ready for a Roll Call.

Babcock AYE, Quinn NO, Ekeberg AYE, Millar NO, Bokor AYE, Chapman AYE, Bloom AYE

Chapman – Motion carries 5:2

Adjournment

CCSD15 Summary of Board Actions and Official Minutes

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