

Spotlight on the Board

Notes from the District 15 School Board Meetings

May 9th, 2007

This was a Regular meeting.
Board Vice President Linda Silverman was absent.
Board Member Kelly Keenan entered the meeting at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Citizens Address the Board

There were no requests to address the Board.

Board Discussion and Reports

2007-08 Tentative Budget

PowerPoint presentation made by **Kevin Nohelty**, Asst. Superintendent for Business and Auxiliary Services. Copy available at: www.fcwpta.org/pdf/D150509TentBudgetFY08.pdf

Presentation highlights include:

- There is a slight decrease in total revenue funds from last year (-.54%). The largest jump (increase) is in the Educational fund because it represents two years of salary increases and the hiring of an additional 60 staff members.
- Property and CPPR (Corporate Personal Property) tax represents 73.42% of incoming revenue for the district.
- Expenditures show a 2.6% decrease from last year. This report does represent a balanced budget for the second year in a row.

Nohelty explained that budget reductions are made after careful consideration. The full 2007-2008 tentative budget will be on display for the next 30 days, in the district office, until it is voted on at the June 13th Board of Education meeting.

It is also available for the community to view online at:
www.ccsd15.net/AboutDistrict15/DistrictOffices/BusinessAndAuxiliaryServices/PDFs/TentBudgetFY2008.pdf

Board discussion/questions –

Board Member Scott Boucher – Said that it was nice to see the District “in the black” by almost ½ million dollars.

Nohelty – Explained that a larger portion of that is related to the fact that the District is now levying into the life-safety fund. But the District has not scheduled any of those projects for next year – that represents almost \$800,000 in revenue that the District will begin to spend in the following year.

Action Items

Personnel Report

Motion to approve the amended personnel report
Unanimously approved.

Request for Proposal – Desktop Computers and Monitors

This item was removed from the agenda and will be moved to the Monday, May 14th Board of Education meeting. **Board President Nancy Lee Carlson** stated that there was a

question that needed to be answered before a vote takes place. Carlson said that there will be a short business meeting on Monday, the 14th.

Bids – Milk

Bids – Cafeteria Packaging Lidding Film

Bids – Cafeteria Packaging Supplies

Bids – Physical Education Supplies and Equipment

Bids – Health Supplies and Equipment

Bids – Walk-in Freezer

All of the above items were unanimously approved.

Bids – Texas Instruments Calculators

Board discussion –

Boucher – Has a concern that the winning bid was \$2,000 less than the rest of the bids. Wants to make sure that the correct item was bid.

Nohelty – Stated that yes, calls were made by his staff to the vendor to verify that the correct calculator was being bid. The actual retail cost is just over \$26 and the District was getting a price of \$11.50. It is a substantial savings and meets all specifications.

Unanimously approved.

Consent Calendar (10 items)

Board Member Tim Millar asked for Items F and I to be removed.

Items A, B, C, D, E, G, H and J were unanimously approved.

Item F – Solicitation for Qualified Professional Services – School Nutrition & Program Analysis

Board discussion –

Millar – Thought the District could try to work in-house with our own staff. He would rather have them work this out first instead of bringing in an outside consulting firm and spending money on that. Thinks the District has qualified staff to give the Board a good look at this.

Carlson – Agrees with Millar.

Dr. McKanna, D15 Superintendent – Said that he spoke with Tim Millar on this subject today. Stated that the District needs the Board members to look at the list of items in reference to quality of food and expenditures. Thinks the staff can do the initial research for the District. Asked if there were any other items that the Board would like to see put on the list to be addressed? McKanna asked that he be notified by Monday of those items and then the staff could get started.

Motion to table Item F – Unanimously approved.

Item I – Part-Time Demographic Liaison Consultant Contract

Board discussion –

Millar – Stated that there is an item in this contract that is unusual. Said it is a difficult discussion to have in public because it involves a person. Thinks the contract should be year to year not a two-year contract. Indicated that there is a benefit in the contract that is unusual. **Carlson** – Said that when the Board adjourns to Executive Session this item can be discussed then because it is a Personnel issue.

Motion to table Item I – Unanimously approved.

Correspondence

Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIA)

On April 4th, 2007, Britta Higgins, a resident of Palatine requested a copy of the reasons for resignation of teachers and administrators for 2005 and 2006. Also requested were the number of teachers and administrators who resigned in 2005 and 2006.

Mrs. Higgins was advised that there were 116 pages of documents available for her to review prior to copying. The District is waiting for her response prior to proceeding.

Executive Session

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m. and went in Executive Session at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Reconvene

The Board reconvened into open session at approximately 9:40 p.m. to vote on several items. Dr. McKanna acted as official secretary for this session since Pat Campbell, D15 Board Secretary was not present.

Part-time Demographic Liaison Consultant Contract

A motion was made to approve the contract up to the maximum amount discussed during the executive session. Approved 5:1 (Boucher dissenting)

Nurses Salary Schedule

Unanimously approved.

Individual Food Service employee contract

Approved 4:2 (Keenan and Millar dissenting)

Food Service employees (two groups) salary schedule

Approved 5:1 (Boucher dissenting)

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:42 p.m.