

ESSEX COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD MINUTES

DECEMBER 14, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held Monday, December 14, 2009, in the Media Center at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: President Dennis Liljedahl called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with members Anne Christine Johnson, Blake Jensen, Doug Ohnmacht and Tim Johnson present. Also present were Superintendent of Schools Ron Flynn, Principal Allen Stuart, Business Manager Sherri Ruzek, and Board Secretary Kay Schaefer.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: President Liljedahl welcomed Nancy York, Kerry McBride, Molli Jacobsen, and John Davis.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by T. Johnson, second by A.C. Johnson, unanimously carried to approve Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by T. Johnson, second by A.C. Johnson, unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of the last regular Board Meeting on November 9, 2009, the Minutes of the Board Work Session Meeting on December 7, 2009, and the next regular Board Meeting date of January 11, 2010 has been changed to January 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

VISITORS' PRESENTATIONS: Kerry McBride and John Davis presented with information on National Honor Society. Mr. Stuart will appoint 5 faculty members to the faculty council for NHS.

FINANCIAL AND RELATED REPORTS: Motion by Jensen, second by A.C. Johnson, unanimously carried to approve the financial and related reports as presented with balances in the following accounts: **Operating (10) \$658,861.32, Child Nutrition (61) \$6,502.78, Activity (21) \$50,085.99, Management (22) \$49,244.21, Trust Funds (82) \$7,315.18, Un-expendable Trust Funds \$45,000.00, Agency Funds (91) \$1,653.34, Capital Projects SILO (33) \$88,150.24, and PPEL (23) \$6,750.80.**

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Ohnmacht, second by Jensen, unanimously carried to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$101,712.17.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Principal Allen Stuart reported on winter concerts; poinsettias; senior fruit; movie day for elementary; basketball games; E-Stars food drive; and mid-term grades.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Visitor:

Richard Anderson, Republican Representative for Iowa Legislature, presented asking about concerns and questions of economic future for rural Iowa schools.

B. Motions:

Motion by A.C. Johnson, second by Ohnmacht, unanimously carried to approve Sherri Ruzek and Ron Flynn to be authorized signers of account established at Farmers Savings Bank set up to pay for roof replacement.

Motion by Jensen, second by T. Johnson, unanimously carried to approve 10% reduction in Teacher Quality/Phase II payments to reflect the reduction in funding state will allocate for these funds.

Motion by T. Johnson, second by A.C. Johnson, unanimously carried to approve updating authority to sign bank transmittal registers for ACH files and increasing the monthly exposure limit to \$77,000.00.

Motion by Ohnmacht, second by Jensen, unanimously carried to approve transportation agreement with Meeghan Flores.

Motion by T. Johnson, second by A.C. Johnson, unanimously carried to approve board policies series 100 and 200 with revisions.

Motion by T. Johnson, second by A.C. Johnson, unanimously carried to approve application for Harkin Fire & Safety Grant to correct deficiencies noted in recent fire marshal report.

Motion by T. Johnson, no second, to approve additional \$500 stipend for Scott Salthun for coaching junior varsity in addition to the varsity boys' basketball team. Motion died for lack of second.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Superintendent Flynn reported on grant for school spirit t-shirts; fire marshal review/fire & safety grant; and board policies.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Regular Meeting January 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: Motion by Jensen, second by A.C. Johnson, unanimously carried at 9:12 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY