

BOARD NOTES

JANUARY 5, 2009

The special organizational meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, January 5, 2009 with Rich Shail, Bernie Baltes, LuAnn Schwingendorf, Al Williamson and Dale Groves present. Dr. Phil Bender was also present.

Rich Shail reviewed the guidelines for speaking on agenda items.

Board Members Elect Richard Shail, LuAnn Schwingendorf and Dale Groves were officially sworn in by Joann Evans, Notary Public.

There was a motion by Baltes, seconded by Williamson to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was approved 5-0.

Bernie Baltes nominated Rich Shail as Board President. With no other nominees, Baltes moved to close the nominations. Rich Shail was elected President on a vote of 5-0.

Bernie Baltes nominated Al Williamson as Board Vice-President. With no other nominees, Baltes moved to close the nominations. Al Williamson was elected Vice-President on a vote of 5-0.

Al Williamson nominated LuAnn Schwingendorf as Board Secretary. With no other nominees, Baltes moved to close the nominations. LuAnn Schwingendorf was elected Secretary on a vote of 5-0.

Bernie Baltes nominated Rich Shail as Board of Finance President. With no other nominees, Baltes moved to close the nominations. Rich Shail was elected President of the Board of Finance on a vote of 5-0.

Al Williamson nominated LuAnn Schwingendorf as Secretary of the Board of Finance. With no other nominees, Baltes moved to close the nominations. LuAnn Schwingendorf was elected Secretary of the Board of Finance on a vote of 5-0.

The board set the school board meetings on the fourth Monday of the month with the exception of May, September and December. Board meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. (CST) with the exception of May, June, July and August when meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. (CST)

The Board appointed Sharon Heirbrandt as Corporation Treasurer and Kathy Smith as Deputy Treasurer.

Bernie Baltes was appointed as the ISBA Legislative Liaison.

Al Williamson was appointed as the ISBA Policy Liaison.

The board voted to retain the legal counsel of Newby, Lewis, Kaminski, and Jones on a retainage basis at the cost of \$15,000 per year.

Board of Finance Officers Rich Shail and LuAnn Schwingendorf reviewed and approved the interest report for 2008.

Discussion Items

- Dr. Bender advised that the interest rate for the bond bank has been increased.
- Dr. Bender announced that the 2008 General Fund Budget was set for \$15,883,846. We have expended 91.92% of our budget to date. This budget is based on the 2006, payable 2007. He feels we are in as good of shape as we can possibly be. Bernie wanted to commend Dr. Bender for his handling of the budget. Dr. Bender said Keith Dennis has been responsible for maintaining the budget. They both work together with Dr. Bender working on the students and Keith works on the money.
- Dr. Bender advised that Barb Willard, the new Payroll Clerk started today.
- Dr. Bender discussed the Governor's request for corporations to flat line the budgets throughout the state. Dr. Bender advised that with the teacher's step and lane, flat lining would cost us about \$100,000. He does not feel that is a true picture around the state. We should be okay because we have been conservative, but we do not know until they certify the budget.
- The board received a copy of the Curriculum Guide for 2009.
- Dr. Bender invited the board to attend the in-service breakfast on January 9th at 7:30 a.m. There will be a presentation on the 403(b) and Toni Eubanks will present the High Schools That Work on weighted grades.
- Dr. Bender will be offering a Leadership Class for interested teachers.

- LuAnn asked where we are with the past-due textbook fee letters. Dr. Bender said we are in the final stages of compiling the letters to the parents. We are going back three years.
- Bernie asked if anything has been done with the presentation by Mr. Hartz on the Skilled Trades Class. Dr. Bender will review with Clara Clark. Bernie would like to see this in effect for next year.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. (CST).