

DALLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #327
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2016

Mr. Sparrow, President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Sparrow asked Mrs. Heidbreder to call the roll, due to Mrs. Blaesing's absence
Members answering roll were:

Castillo	Absent	Webster	Present
Lionberger	Present	Heidbreder	Present
Sparrow	Present	Blaesing	Absent
Greenhalge	Present		

Also attending the meeting was: Dr. Ryan Olson, Superintendent and Mrs. Alissa Tucker, Principal, Laura Finch, Deanna Hartrick, Karl Schaefer, and Sarah Schaefer.

The Board observed a moment of silence.

Sarah Schaefer spoke about the size of the kindergarten class. There has been another teacher hired who shadowed this week, and she will start on Monday. Sarah asked what the plan was for dealing with this issue should it arise again next year. Karl Schaefer inquired as to what the cut off number is for hiring a second teacher. Dr. Olson explained that make up of the class is how we base need, not the number. He feels that we should have a good estimate of enrolling kids by the beginning of August to make a decision on whether more staff is required.

Mr. Sparrow discussed a date for the Board retreat. This has been scheduled for March 19th, 2016.

Mrs. Heidbreder discussed the 8th grade graduation date. It was decided that graduation will be held on May 19th, 2016. Due to this, the May Board meeting will be moved to May 18th.

The consent agenda was presented to the board for review.

A motion was made by Greenhalge, seconded by Lionberger to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented.

Castillo	Absent	Webster	Aye
Lionberger	Aye	Heidbreder	Aye
Sparrow	Aye	Blaesing	Absent
Greenhalge	Aye		

Motion carries. 5 Ayes, 2 Absent

The Bills were presented to the Board for payment.

A motion was made by Webster, seconded by Lionberger to approve payment of all bills.

Castillo	Absent	Webster	Aye
Lionberger	Aye	Heidbreder	Aye
Sparrow	Aye	Blaesing	Absent
Greenhalge	Aye		

Motion carried. 5 Ayes, 2 Absent

Policy updates-PRESS Issue #90; Policies 2:260, 5:10, 5:20, 7:20, 7:180 were reviewed by the Board.

A motion to adopt the policy updates as presented was made by Greenhalge, seconded by Webster.

Castillo	Absent	Webster	Aye
Lionberger	Aye	Heidbreder	Aye
Sparrow	Aye	Blaesing	Absent
Greenhalge	Aye		

Motion carried. 5 Ayes, 2 Absent

The 8th Grade Girls Basketball Resolution was read aloud by Mr. Sparrow.

A motion was made by Greenhalge, seconded by Lionberger to adopt the 8th Grade Girls Basketball Resolution as presented.

Castillo	Absent	Webster	Aye
Lionberger	Aye	Heidbreder	Aye
Sparrow	Aye	Blaesing	Absent
Greenhalge	Aye		

Motion carried. 5 Ayes, 2 Absent

Dr. Olson briefed the Board on the progress of the PERA Joint Committee. He spoke about using the 70/30 model for evaluation. Professional Practice accounting for 70%, and Student Growth making up the remaining 30%. The committee is still working on finalizing all of the details for implementation.

Dr. Olson presented the Board with the report from the Energy Broker. The proposal could save the district approximately 1479.63. Dr. Olson stated that all that will need to take place in order to change companies is to send a letter to the current provider. This does not require Board action.

Dr. Olson submitted a written Superintendent's Report which was presented to the Board. There were no questions from the Board.

Mrs. Tucker submitted a written Principal's Report what was presented to the Board. Questions from the Board were answered.

The technology committee met on January 21st, 2016 prior to the Board meeting. They are planning a brief instructional meeting with the parents to teach them about the Chrome Books that the junior high students will be receiving. The date has not yet been decided.

A motion was made by Lionberger, seconded by Webster, to enter closed session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss items per 5ILCS120/2(c)(1)(2)(10)(21) as presented. Roll Call

Castillo	Absent	Webster	Aye
Lionberger	Aye	Heidbreder	Aye
Sparrow	Aye	Blaesing	Absent
Greenhalge	Aye		

Motion carried. 5 Ayes, 2 Absent

A motion was made by Greenhalge, seconded by Lionberger, to come out of closed session at 8:56 p.m. Roll Call

Castillo	Absent	Webster	Aye
Lionberger	Aye	Heidbreder	Aye
Sparrow	Aye	Blaesing	Absent
Greenhalge	Aye		

Motion carried. 5 Ayes, 2 Absent

A Semi-annual review of the closed meeting minutes was conducted during closed session. A motion was made by Greenhalge, seconded by Webster, to open the closed meeting minutes from July 16th, August 20th, September 17th, October 15th, and December 17th.

Castillo	Absent	Webster	Aye
Lionberger	Aye	Heidbreder	Aye
Sparrow	Aye	Blaesing	Absent

Greenhalge Aye

Motion carried. 5 Ayes, 2 Absent

A motion to approve a leave of absence request for Deb McCandless was made by Lionberger, seconded by Greenhalge.

Castillo	Absent	Webster	Aye
Lionberger	Aye	Heidbreder	Aye
Sparrow	Aye	Blaesing	Absent
Greenhalge	Aye		

Motion carried. 5 Ayes, 2 Absent

A motion was made by Greenhalge, seconded by Webster to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Castillo	Absent	Webster	Aye
Lionberger	Aye	Heidbreder	Aye
Sparrow	Aye	Blaesing	Absent
Greenhalge	Aye		

Motion carried. 5 Ayes, 2 Absent

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held Thursday, February 18th, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Superintendent Report

- Secretary of Education Beth Purvis, a Gov. Rauner appointee, spoke with superintendents at our last ROE meeting. Most of her discussion centered on her goal of reducing waste in government with multiple agencies doing the same thing but not communicating with each other. She was asked about education finance and whether what we're hearing is true regarding the State not paying mandated categoricals and losing out on some General State Aid. She said she had not heard about districts losing any more General State Aid, so she is taking that back to the Governor to ask him. If any of you would like to reach out to her regarding your concerns, her email is beth.purvis@illinois.gov
- We are in the midst of MAP testing. I hope to have the Winter MAP results to you at our February board meeting.
- Meetings coming up: January 29 - Administrative Roundtable & Western Region IASA Meetings in Macomb; February 12 - SIP Day (No School for Students); February 24-27 - District Administration conference in Arizona

Principal's Board Report
January 2016

Evening ball games have begun! It is wonderful to see the boys and girls participating in a team sport. I have enjoyed getting to meet and visit with parents from our region.

A GoMath training day has been set up for our teachers. Anna Melgreen and Marissa Leverton, practicing teachers from Brown County School in Mt. Sterling will be visiting Dallas City Elementary School on Monday, January 25th. Brown County adopted GoMath! two years ago. These teachers use GoMath every day and are comfortable with the paper and online materials. We are fortunate to have them visit and share their knowledge with us. Teachers will meet with Anna and Marissa in 3 hour sessions as follows: 8-11 training for 4, 5, 6 and 12-3 training for K, 1, 2, 3.

Our Leadership Team met recently and discussed the upcoming PARCC testing. We have decided, tentatively, to administer the PARCC assessment the weeks of March 14-17 and March 21-23. Changes have been made to the assessment including shorter testing sessions and administering the test once a year instead of twice. The testing times for each measure will be from 60-110 minutes in length depending on the measure and subject.

December Discipline Numbers:

14 Student Attendance Days

32 Office Referrals in December

Physical	10
Threat	2
Disruption	6
Aggression	2
Argumentative	4
Inappropriate Use of Tech.	1
Vulgar Language	2
Refusal	2
Lie to avoid	2
Gum	1

December Student Enrollment: 188

November Student Attendance %: 94%

<u>November Staff Absences</u>	<u>Certified</u>	<u>Non-Certified</u>
Professional Leave:	5	0.5
Sick:	30.5*	29 ³ / ₄ *
Personal:	3	3.5
Bereavement:	1	3*
Vacation		4*

(Certified sick days include 12 for Scheetz and 8 from McCandless)

(Non-Certified explanation: Sly 8 sick days, 3 bereavement, 4 vacation with death of her husband. Davis accounts for 12 sick days.)

Table 2.1 Unit Testing Times for Grades 3–5

Subject and Grade	Unit	Section	Unit Testing Time (Minutes)
Mathematics Grade 3 Mathematics Grade 4 Mathematics Grade 5	Unit 1	Non-calculator	60
	Unit 2	Non-calculator	60
	Unit 3	Non-calculator	60
	Unit 4	Non-calculator	60
ELA/Literacy Grade 3*	Unit 1		90
	Unit 2		75
	Unit 3		90
ELA/Literacy Grade 4* ELA/Literacy Grade 5*	Unit 1		90
	Unit 2		90
	Unit 3		90

*Some schools will be selected for field testing in English language arts/literacy. If a school is selected, some students will take an additional section: a field test task (unit time = 90 minutes). Additional information will be provided to selected schools. Refer to Appendix D for more information.

Table 2.1 Unit Testing Times for Grades 6–8

Subject and Grade	Unit	Section	Unit Testing Time (Minutes)
Mathematics Grade 6 Mathematics Grade 8	Unit 1	Non-calculator	80
	Unit 2	Calculator	80
	Unit 3	Calculator	80
Mathematics Grade 7	Unit 1	Non-calculator	80
		Calculator	
	Unit 2	Calculator	80
ELA/Literacy Grade 6* ELA/Literacy Grade 7* ELA/Literacy Grade 8*	Unit 1		110
	Unit 2		110
	Unit 3		90

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