

**DALLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #327
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 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	Present	Webster	Present
Lionberger	Absent	Heidbreder	Present
Sparrow	Present	Blaesing	Absent
Greenhalge	Present		

Also attending the meeting was: Dr. Ryan Olson, Superintendent, Mrs. Alissa Tucker, Principal, and Mrs. Ryner.

The Board observed a moment of silence.

There were no agenda questions or announcements.

The consent agenda was presented to the board for review.

A motion was made by Castillo, seconded by Webster to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as amended.

Castillo	Aye	Webster	Aye
Lionberger	Absent	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 Castillo, seconded by Greenhalge to approve payment of all bills.

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

Motion carried. 5 Ayes, 2 Absent

Map results were presented and discussed. Dr. Olson and Mrs. Tucker both provided explanations on how the data is helpful to our teachers and administration.

The superintendent evaluation was handed out. They are to be returned by all board members by March 10th. Mr. Sparrow will then compile them and discuss the evaluation with Dr. Olson.

Mr. Sparrow is unable to attend the board retreat on March 19th. The date was changed to March 11th. This will be re-titled as a work session, and will begin at 5 p.m.

Dr. Olson submitted a written Superintendent's Report which was presented to the Board. There were no questions from the Board. If anyone would like to attend the Western Division meeting on March 29th, please contact Chris.

Mrs. Tucker submitted a written Principal's Report that was presented to the Board. Questions from the Board were answered. She also notified the board that AMP! will be starting next week.

A motion was made by Greenhalge, seconded by Castillo, to enter closed session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss items per 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(2)(10)(21) as presented. Roll Call

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

Motion carried. 5 Ayes, 2 Absent

A motion was made by Castillo, seconded by Webster, to come out of closed session at 8:49 p.m. Roll Call

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

Voice vote, motion carried. 5 Ayes, 2 Absent

A motion was made by Castillo, seconded by Greenhalge, to approve the educational support personnel salary schedule as presented

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

Motion carried. 5 Ayes, 2 Absent

A motion was made by Greenhalge, seconded by Castillo to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Dallas City Education Association.

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

Motion carried. 5 Ayes, 2 Absent

A motion was made by Castillo, seconded by Webster to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Castillo	Aye	Webster	Aye
Lionberger	Absent	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, March 17th, 2016 at 7 p.m.

There is a work session scheduled for March 11th, 2016 at 5 p.m.

President, Brent Sparrow

Secretary Pro-tem, Shasta Heidbreder

Superintendent Report

- Governor Rauner gave his budget address yesterday. I've included a synopsis from the Alliance Legislative Report:

"As the State is in the middle of the eighth month of the fiscal year with no budget in place, Governor Bruce Rauner delivered his annual Budget Address today before a joint meeting of the Illinois General Assembly. Stating that 2016 cannot be a repeat of the budget failures of last year, he laid out two options from which the legislature must choose to implement a budget.

Option one, the Governor's preferred choice, would have the legislature reach a compromise with the Governor's office on a mixture of budget cuts, fiscal reforms, and increased revenues to approve a balanced budget. The reforms would include some of the components of, or at least a portion of components of, Governor Rauner's "Turnaround Agenda".

Option two would be for the legislature to approve a general budget along with legislation to give the Governor authority to make cuts where he feels it is necessary in order to balance the budget.

EDUCATION FUNDING PRIORITIZED

The only budget area that would be treated differently would be K-12 education funding. Instead of including it in the mix of the items that could be placed on the Governor's discretionary funding list, Governor Rauner asked for a stand-alone K-12 budget bill that would increase early childhood education funding by \$75 million and fully fund the General State Aid formula foundation level (\$6,119). Fully funding the foundation level would cost approximately \$400 million more than the current funding level. Governor Rauner declared the increase in education funding as being "non-negotiable".

The Governor stated that the K-12 budget bill would be introduced soon and pushed the legislature to take immediate action on it.

Stating that this education appropriation would be the "first step" in school funding reform, he also cautioned lawmakers about approving any education funding reform plan that would shift money and create winners and losers among school districts. "Any school funding reform proposal that involves taking money from one school district and giving it to another, is doomed to fail."

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

As always, the Governor's presentation of his budget request is only the very start of the appropriations process in the Capitol. Ultimately, the legislature has to approve a budget through passage of a bill or a series of bills that appropriates the money. Generally, the Governor's request today is not much different than the stance he has taken for the last year - and assuming that Democrat leaders in the legislature have not changed their stance - the address today may not move the needle a great deal on a budget solution."

- Most of you probably received something in the mail regarding an upcoming IASB Western Division Meeting. It is in Colchester on March 29. I will bring more information to this month's Board meeting in case you are interested in attending.
- The 3rd annual Spike Out Cancer event is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17 @ 5:30PM in the La Harpe gym for those interested in attending. There is a Facebook page set up for it with details to come soon.
- As a reminder, I will be out of the district Wednesday through Friday of next week to attend a conference in Arizona. This conference is paid for by District Administration, which is a free online educational magazine that we have subscribed to. Every year, they select a few participants to send to a conference. The conference is different in format than most conferences in that there is a different session every 30 minutes all day long, so that participants are inundated with information by the time the conference is over on Saturday. I will try to check my email periodically and will have my phone with me if you need to reach me.

Principal's Board Report
February 2016

1. GoMath! Parent night was a success. We had over 16 parents and 7 teachers in attendance. Several parents commented that the information was helpful and that they felt more comfortable helping their children at home with math homework. A big part of our success was videos of our 4th grade students problem solving. Thank you to Mrs. Walker for going above and beyond recording video! Special thanks to Mrs. Ryner for her help searching for parent resources to share!
2. Roller Skating in PE has begun. The students seem excited to participate.
3. Four of our Dallas City 8th grade students were winners of the Journal Pilot's Design an Ad contest. Congratulations to Neveda Gittings, Carter Willdrick, Colten Shipman and Alysha Gilpin.
4. Our school spelling bee was held on Friday, February 5. Congratulations to Catherine Charles our Dallas City Spelling Bee winner and Carter Willdrick, Runner up. Catherine will advance to our county Spelling Bee in Carthage.
5. During NISL training this month, we learned about improving science instruction in our schools. One way to improve science instruction is by use of an inquiry model of instruction. Inquiry is when student explore and experiment to learn about concepts. Inquiry is more than just hands-on activities however. To truly develop and implement an inquiry approach takes precision teaching and a willingness to let the student's curiosity take the lead.
6. 30 Chromebooks and a docking station have been ordered! Whoo hoo!!! Dr. Olson is looking into other funding sources to order enough to provide a device for each Jr. High student.

January Discipline Numbers:

19 Student Attendance Days

21 Office Referrals in January

Hands on	3
Snow	1
Disrespect	3
Bullying	2
Non compliant	5
Cussing	2
Vandalism	2
Bus	1
Tantrum	1

Breaking Equipment	1
Total	21

January Student Enrollment: 190 January Student Attendance %: 94%

<u>September Staff Absences</u>	<u>Certified</u>	<u>Non-Certified</u>
Professional Leave:	5	0.5
Sick:	34*	9
Personal:	2	5.5
Bereavement:	3	0
Vacation:	N/A	2.5

*includes 19 days long term absence of Mrs. McCandless