

DALLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #327
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 17, 2016

Due to Mr. Sparrow's absence, Mr. Castillo, Vice President called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Mr. Castillo asked Mrs. Blaesing to call the roll.

Members answering roll were:

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

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

The Board observed a moment of silence.

There were no agenda questions or announcements.

Mrs. Tucker reported she had received a note from a first grade student requesting a shorter school day. Mrs. Tucker will answer the student explaining the need for a certain number of minutes in a school day.

The consent agenda was presented to the board for review.

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

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

Motion carries. 6 Ayes, 1 Absent

The Bills were presented to the Board for payment.

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

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

Motion carried. 6 Ayes, 1 Absent

Dr. Olson submitted a written Superintendent's Report which was presented to the Board. Questions from the Board were answered.

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

A motion was made by Lionberger, seconded by Greenhalge, to enter closed session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss items per 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(10) as presented. Roll Call

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

Motion carried. 6 Ayes, 1 Absent

A motion was made by Heidbreder, seconded by Greenhalge, to come out of closed session at 8:36 p.m. Roll Call

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

Voice vote, motion carried. 6 Ayes, 1 Absent

A motion was made by Lionberger, seconded by Heidbreder, to approve the personnel report as presented.

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

Motion carried. 6 Ayes, 1 Absent

A motion was made by Heidbreder, seconded by Webster to dismiss David Mueller and Deb McCandless for Reasons Other Than Reduction in Force.

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

Motion carried. 6 Ayes, 1 Absent

A motion was made by Greenhalge, seconded by Lionberger to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

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

Motion carried. 6 Ayes, 1 Absent

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Vice President, Bob Castillo

Secretary, Betty Blaesing

Superintendent Report

- If you haven't already, please let Chris know if you plan to attend the IASB Western Division Meeting on March 29 in Colchester.
- I have some information to share from the conference I attended in Arizona. I will take some time to show one of the products that was discussed. The primary focus of the conference was on "personalized learning" and "open education resources." There is a push right now from the federal government to "go open" meaning that educators access a myriad of free resources available online rather than relying on textbooks to support the standards.
- As of now, no one really seems to know what's going to happen with the current state budget or next year's budget either. The impacts to school districts are not known. Some say there won't even be an education budget passed until November, but that remains to be seen. Unfortunately, this is an election year, so few legislators will want to step out on a limb before the general election in November takes place.
- Mrs. Tucker and I have been discussing having one of our teachers trained in Reading Recovery next year. Reading Recovery is a highly effective short-term intervention of one-to-one tutoring for low-achieving first graders. Individual students receive a half-hour lesson each school day for 12 to 20 weeks with a specially trained Reading Recovery teacher. As soon as students can meet grade-level expectations and demonstrate that they can continue to work independently in the classroom, their lessons are discontinued, and new students begin individual instruction.
- We have a SIP Day on Friday, March 18. There will be GoMath! training provided. Parent-Teacher Conferences are next week on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning. There is no school on Friday, March 25 or Monday, March 28.
- We received another PRESS Update. I would like to hold a Committee of the Whole for the May meeting since the time before our regular April Board meeting will be used for executive session.

Principal's Board Report
 March 2016

1. PTO Trivia Night was a success. 13 teams participated. Fun was had by all.
2. PTO is planning a Family Drive In Movie Night in conjunction with an Ice Cream Social for the spring.
3. Students participated in Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart to raise money for the American Heart Association. In addition to raising money, many students jumped rope for the first time. Many students are now jumping rope during recesses.
4. During NISL training this month, we learned about developing professional development activities and opportunities for our teachers. We learned about a concept called "Instructional Rounds" similar to rounds doctors complete.
5. All 50 Chromebooks are now ready to be used. They are set up and ready to go. I have been experimenting with Google's management system.
6. PARCC testing has begun! A few minor glitches but our technology system has been seamless.

February Discipline Numbers:

19 Student Attendance Days
 21 Office Referrals in January

Hands on	4
Verbally hurtful	4
Disrespect	3
Non compliant	3
Inappropriate Language	6
Vandalism	1
Bus	1
Cell Phone	1
Total	21

February Student Enrollment: 188 February Student Attendance %: 94%

<u>February Staff Absences</u>	<u>Certified</u>	<u>Non-Certified</u>
Professional Leave:	4	3
Sick:	37*	20.75
Personal:	0	3
School Activity:	1	0
Bereavement:	0	0
Vacation:	N/A	2.5

*includes 19 days long term absence of Mrs. McCandless