

Minutes  
August 24, 2009 Regular Meeting  
Financial Oversight Panel  
Cairo School District #1

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Chairman Glenn Webb

Roll Call: Present – Elizabeth Lewin and Brad Colwell

Others in Attendance: Debbie Vespa, Linda Mitchell and Carl Holman, ISBE; Janet Ulrich, ROE; Brenda Gooden, Danny Brown and Vernon Stubblefield, Board Members; Dorice O’Shea, CAT representative; Leotis Swopes, District Superintendent and Jim Bales, Lee Rodgers and Tom Oates, Financial Administrator.

Motion #1 by Lewin and seconded by Colwell to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2009 regular meeting and the July 20, 2009 closed meeting.

Motion Carried 3-0

Motion #2 by Lewin and seconded by Colwell to meet in closed session at 11:14 a.m. in accordance with 5 ILCS 120(2)(c)(1) to discuss personnel and employment, 5 ILCS 120(2)(c)(2) for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining, and 5 ILCS 120(2)(c)(11) for the purpose of discussing litigation.

Motion Carried 3-0

Motion #3 by Lewin and seconded by Colwell to reconvene the open session at 2:48 p.m. and to approve the closed session minutes.

Motion Carried 3-0

Chairman Webb stated that the FOP continued to have concerns regarding the declining enrollment, available revenues and the escalation of administrative costs. Dr. Webb also requested Dr. Swopes to develop a staffing plan that would be acceptable within the FY10 budget revenues.

Motion #4 by Colwell and seconded by Lewin to approve action items #1 and #2 that were adopted by the Board of Education at its August 20, 2009 regular meeting.

Action Item #1: Approved payment of the August, 2009 payroll and the August, 2009 bills in the amount of \$145,589.72. ( A copy of the bills was made available prior to the regular board meeting.)

Action Item #2: Approved the following personnel items:

1. Accepted the resignation of Rick Chastain as Athletic Director.
2. Accepted the resignation of Brenda Aveary-Gladney as a teacher. She had been employed recently.
3. Accepted the resignation of Nancy Herbert as a teacher effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year.
4. Employed Monica Woodson as a teacher aide assigned to Bennett School.
5. Employed Stephanie Reece as the music teacher at JR/SR HS.
6. Employed Mr. Hamilton for 120 days as JR/SR HS guidance counselor.
7. Approved the assignment of Heather Carney as yearbook sponsor.

Motion Carried 3-0

Motion #5 by Lewin and seconded by Colwell to reschedule the September regular meeting from September 21, 2009 to September 25, 2009. Meeting time and location will not change.

Motion Carried 3-0

Dr. Swopes explained the use of contractual services for security and the request for part time secretarial assistance for the JR/SR HS guidance counselor.

Motion #6 by Lewin and seconded by Colwell to renew FOP liability insurance coverage for the FY10 school year.

Motion Carried 3-0

Jim Bales provided an update on the status of district finances, and presented the monthly progress report.

Mr. Stubblefield announced that a special meeting of the Board of Education has been scheduled for September 11 and 12 to conduct a Board self-evaluation and to establish District goals. These meetings will be coordinated by representatives from the IASB.

Motion #7 by Lewin and seconded by Colwell to adjourn this meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Motion Carried 3-0

#### NOTE

The next meeting of the FOP is scheduled for Friday, September 25, 2009 at 10:45 p.m.