

Panel Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2010

MINUTES OF MEETING
FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT PANEL
VENICE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3
MARCH 24, 2010
5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rudy Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Rudy Wilson, Chairman
Dennis Brueggemann, Member
Mary Kane, Member (arrived at 5:30 p.m.)

Also present:

Jeff Endres, Financial Administrator
Carl Holman, ISBE Consultant
Dr. Cullen Cullen, district superintendent
Carol Reinhardt, district bookkeeper
Toni Chandler, district secretary
Shirley Davis, district principal
Fonda Jones, Venice BOE member

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fonda Jones, Venice board of education member, asked the FOP why they believed that the district should have a full time principal for next school year. She questioned the need for the position and expressed her opinion that a full time superintendent could do both jobs. Chairman Rudy Wilson expressed his opinion on the matter. He stated that the district had tried having only a full time superintendent/principal in the past and he felt that it had not worked. There were problems with the set-up and he indicated that he believed Dr. Cullen needed a full time principal to help him achieve the goals that he has set for the district to accomplish in the three years of his contract. Dennis Brueggemann, FOP member, agreed with Mr. Wilson's comments and added that he believed Dr. Cullen needed the full time principal in order for the district test scores to improve. He also indicated that there were funds in the budget for next year for the position and that it would be evaluated annually as for the continued need of the principal position. Dr. Cullen stated that the reason Venice SD #3 has not needed to cut staff or programs for next fiscal year is because Venice is not dependent on state funding like most districts are in Illinois. Rather, Venice receives more federal funds than state funds. Thus, the principal position is able to be included in the budget for next fiscal year.

REPORTS

Dr. Cullen Cullen, district superintendent, informed the FOP that the district had been selected by the Urban League to receive a Community Service Excellence Award at a recognition dinner on March 25, 2010. He also informed the FOP that he had been in contact with the district architect regarding the gym bleachers and floor and that bid specifications would be forthcoming in the near future. He also stated that he had met with a couple of bleacher representatives already regarding the replacement of the bleachers. Dr. Cullen indicated that the draft of the three year educational and financial plan had been presented to both Venice BOE and the FOP. The FOP and Venice BOE will hold a joint meeting in May to discuss and review the district benchmarks that the FOP had made at their special work meeting on March 12, 2010. He also stated that he was in the process of securing bids for the lawn maintenance at the property on Broadway.

Shirley Davis, district principal, informed the FOP that the volleyball team had won third place at state this year. The district will host a group from Thailand on April 28th. A pizza party was given to the students in conjunction with the census for 2010.

Jeff Endres, Financial Administrator, informed the FOP that the monthly revenue and expenditure reports were continuing to be monitored by the administration for the fiscal year. The budget will be amended and that process will begin at the end of April or early May in time for it to be placed on public display thirty days before approval.

There was no report from ISBE Consultants.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from February 23, 2010 regular meeting and from March 12, 2010 special work meeting was made by Mary Kane. Seconded by Dennis Brueggemann. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS – MARCH 18, 2010 BOE REGULAR MEETING

Motion to approve the March 18, 2010 Accounts Payable list in the amount of **\$117,764.38** and February 2010 payroll in the amount of **\$80,163.44** was made by Dennis Brueggemann. Seconded by Mary Kane. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

Motion to approve the renewal agreement for Food Management Services with Brooklyn Unit District #188 for 2010-11 school year was made by Dennis Brueggemann. Seconded by Mary Kane. The renewal rates are **\$1.3757 breakfast; \$1.784 lunch; management fee per meal .031; ala carte equivalent fee \$1.7814; after school snacks .6624**. The renewal rates reflect an approximate **3% increase** over current rates. Mary Kane asked what the ala carte equivalent fee was and Jeff Endres explained that that was the total ala carte sales divided by the lunch

price to derive how many type A meals the ala carte sales equaled. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

PERSONNEL – MARCH 18, 2010 BOE REGULAR MEETING

There was no personnel action taken at the Venice BOE regular meeting on March 18, 2010.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next FOP meeting is schedule for Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 5:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Dennis Brueggemann at 5:50 p.m. Seconded by Mary Kane. Unanimously passed by voice vote.