

Panel Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2009

MINUTES OF MEETING
FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT PANEL
VENICE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3
APRIL 22, 2009
5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rudy Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Rudy Wilson, Chairman
Dennis Brueggemann, Member
Mary Kane, Member

Also present:

Carl Holman, ISBE
Dr. Cleveland Hammonds, district superintendent
Carol Reinhardt, district bookkeeper
Toni Chandler, district secretary

REPORTS

Dr. Hammonds, district superintendent, reported the downspouts are still incomplete. He updated the FOP of the upcoming summer asbestos work and the students and staff will be housed at Brooklyn SD #188 for the Summer Programs. This would include administrative staff also as Brooklyn SD has agreed to provide an additional classroom space for use for them. Dr. Hammonds is coordinating the 2009-2010 school year calendar so that it agrees with Brooklyn's school calendar. Dr. Hammonds briefed the Panel on the TIF district for the city of Venice and the BOE is pursuing additional information.

Carl Holman, ISBE, updated the Panel on the estimated General State Aid for the FY2010 Entitlement year. He discussed the proposed GSA Hold Harmless phase-out and provided a spreadsheet outlining the projected phase-outs. Carl also discussed the federal stimulus monies (SFSF funds) which are being used (by the State of IL) to pay General State Aid. He discussed the reporting requirements that will have to be followed since this is now federal money.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from March 25, 2009 regular meeting and April 8, 2009 special meeting was made by Dennis Brueggemann. Seconded by Mary Kane. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS – April 22, 2009 BOE Regular Meeting

Motion to approve the April 16, 2009 Accounts Payable list in the amount of **\$120,146.09** and March 2009 payroll in the amount of **\$82,855.70** was made by Mary Kane. Seconded by Dennis Brueggemann. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

Motion to approve the Rental of a roll off dumpster from Allied Waste at a cost of **\$345.00 for a two week period** was made by Dennis Brueggemann. Seconded by Mary Kane. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

Motion to approve the following end of year field trips to enhance the Social Studies curriculum: 4th-8th grade St. Louis Arch; 5th-6th grade Old Courthouse St. Louis; 7th-8th grade Museum of Westward Expansion. Cost of field trips for students and staff is **\$562.50** to be paid out of Title I Funds was made by Mary Kane. Seconded by Dennis Brueggemann. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

Motion to approve the 8th grade field trip to Six Flags at a cost of **\$360.00** for students and staff was made by Mary Kane. Seconded by Dennis Brueggemann. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

Motion to approve expenses not to exceed **\$750.00** for the Venice School Bell and Time Capsule dedication ceremony on May 17, 2009 was made by Dennis Brueggemann. Seconded by Mary Kane. Discussion and questions ensued on what the expenses would entail. Panel requested Dr. Hammonds to communicate to them exactly what types of expenses the district will incur as they plan and organize for the event.

Roll Call vote: Dennis Brueggemann – Yea
 Mary Kane - Nea
 Rudy Wilson – Yea

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to approve extending the lawn service contract to Alvin Williams for the 2009-2010 school year at the same current rate of **\$850.00** per month was made by Mary Kane. Seconded by Dennis Brueggemann. Discussion included that the mowing includes cutting the grass at 300 South Fourth Street and the field at 700 Broadway. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

PERSONNEL – April 16, 2009 BOE Regular Meeting

Motion to approve to extend the social worker Yvonne Jordan one additional day per week at a cost of **\$208.62 per day** was made by Dennis Brueggemann. Seconded by Mary Kane. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

Motion to approve to employ Dora Udoh as a speech teacher at a cost of **\$100.00** per week for the remainder of the current school year was made by Dennis Brueggemann. Seconded by Mary Kane. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss employment, collective bargaining and possible litigation was made by Mary Kane at 5:33 p.m. Seconded by Dennis Brueggemann. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

RESUMPTION

Motion to reconvene to open session was made by Dennis Brueggemann at 5:46 p.m. Seconded by Mary Kane. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

OTHER DISCUSSION

Panel discussed with Superintendent Hammonds the refurbished computers being provided by Dr. Daiber's Regional Office of Education. Dr. Hammonds was not aware of these computers and the Panel instructed Dr. Hammonds to contact Dr. Daiber regarding the availability of these computers on Thursday. Carol Reinhardt and Superintendent Hammonds informed the Panel that they were planning on spending some of the new Title I monies on computers. Therefore, with this new piece of information, they may not need as many computers if the Madison County Regional Office of Education is providing such.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Dennis Brueggemann at 5:53 p.m. Seconded by Mary Kane. Unanimously passed by voice vote.