

Panel Minutes
April 25, 2012

MINUTES OF MEETING
FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT PANEL
VENICE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3
APRIL 25, 2012
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:

Jeff Endres, Financial Administrator
Cullen Cullen, district superintendent
Carol Reinhardt, district bookkeeper
Shirley Davis, district principal/curriculum director
Deb Vespa, ISBE Division Administrator
Carl Holman, ISBE Fiscal Consultant
Shawn McLain, district attorney
Rechell Wilkinson, district teacher
Vicki Schultz, district teacher
Janet Wiley, board president (5:25 p.m.)

REPORTS

Dr. Cullen Cullen, district superintendent, presented the district's 3 year Educational and Financial Plan to the FOP. He discussed the short term recommendations and long term recommendations of the educational plan. He reviewed the financial plan with the FOP, discussing the assumptions that were made in putting the projections together. He indicated that the 3 year financial plan presented had no structural deficits in the operating funds and that the district should be in solid financial shape at the end of the three years. He also reported that he had just learned today that the district's EAV rate setting had increased for next year, which should mean additional tax revenue to the district.

Mrs. Shirley Davis, district principal, reported that district enrollment as of 4/25/12 was 147 total. She told the FOP that graduation for the 8th grade will be on May 11th at 1:00 p.m. and invited the FOP to attend. She indicated that the students' test scores had been posted on the data board in the board room. She then read a Thank You letter to the FOP indicating that she

has really enjoyed serving the district in her role as principal/curriculum director the past several years. She mentioned that the district has seen considerable improvements in all areas these last three years under the guidance of Dr. Cullen and that she believes the progress will continue in the years to come. She thanked the FOP for giving her the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful progress.

Jeff Endres, Financial Administrator, reported that the Venice BOE had taken no formal action on the lawn care service proposals that had been received this month. Instead, they decided to use the current custodial staff to take care of the lawn located at the old high school site. This will allow current employees an opportunity to increase their wages and at the same time it will save the district money over the lawn care proposals that were received. He also reported that the Venice BOE had approved their 2012-13 board meeting schedule.

Carl Holman, ISBE Fiscal Consultant, reported that the district could see an increase in general state aid for FY2013 of about \$13,000 based on the current appropriation that the state board has set.

Deb Vespa, ISBE Division Administrator, talked about the transportation funding and the impending changes that will take place for FY2014. She indicated that it appears these changes will not start next fiscal year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from March 21, 2012 regular meeting was made by Dennis Brueggemann. Seconded by Mary Kane. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS – APRIL 19, 2012 BOE REGULAR MEETING

Motion to approve the April 19, 2012 Accounts Payable list in the amount of **\$94,220.34** and March 2012 payroll in the amount of **\$78,643.44** was made by Dennis Brueggemann. Seconded by Mary Kane. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

Motion to approve the food sanitation refresher training for Lisa Williams at a cost of **\$40.00**; new training for Tamara Briggs at a cost of **\$85.00**; and fees for certificates upon completion of training at a cost of **\$35.00 each** for a total cost of **\$195.00** was made by Mary Kane. Seconded by Dennis Brueggemann. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel, employment and collective negotiations and for the purpose of discussing litigation was made at 5:38 p.m. by Mary Kane. Seconded by Dennis Brueggemann. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

OPEN SESSION

Motion to return to open session at 6:41 p.m. was made by Dennis Brueggemann. Seconded by Mary Kane. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

PERSONNEL – APRIL 19, 2012 BOE REGULAR MEETING

Motion to approve the collective bargaining agreement with the Venice teacher union local #965 for 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15 as presented was made by Dennis Brueggemann. Seconded by Mary Kane. The agreement includes the following increases each year: step + 2%, step + 2.75%, step + 2.75%.

Roll Call Vote: Rudy Wilson – yea; Dennis Brueggemann – yea; Mary Kane – nay
Motion carried 2 to 1.

Motion to approve the contract for Dr. Cullen Cullen, Superintendent from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2017 with salary beginning 2012-13 at **\$109,360.00 with a 3% increase on July 1st in each of the subsequent contract years** was made by Dennis Brueggemann. Seconded by Mary Kane.

Roll Call Vote: Rudy Wilson – yea; Dennis Brueggemann – yea; Mary Kane – nay
Motion carried 2 to 1.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next FOP meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

Dennis Brueggemann, FOP member, asked about the status of the early pay-off of the ISBE Emergency Loan. Dr. Cullen indicated that it would be on the Venice BOE May agenda for action and that the district would be making an interfund loan from Working Cash Fund to Debt Service Fund to cover the payment. The interfund loan would then be repaid in the next fiscal year as soon as tax revenues are received. The FOP will take action on this item at their May 23, 2012 meeting. Mr. Brueggemann also asked about a future joint meeting between the Venice BOE and FOP. It was discussed that a joint meeting could be scheduled for either May or June if both groups are available for a meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Dennis Brueggemann at 6:52 p.m. Seconded by Rudy Wilson. Unanimously passed by voice vote.