

Panel Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2009

MINUTES OF MEETING
FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT PANEL
VENICE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3
MAY 27, 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:

Jeff Endres, Financial Administrator
Carl Holman, ISBE
Deby Vespa, ISBE
Dr. Cleveland Hammonds, district superintendent
Shirley Davis, district principal
Carol Reinhardt, district bookkeeper
Toni Chandler, district secretary
Caroline Wilson, board president
Janet Wiley, board vice president

REPORTS

There was no report given by the district superintendent.

Shirley Davis, district principal, reported that she had sold some used books for approximately \$800. She reported that graduation would be held on Friday, May 29th at 1:00 p.m. and that the sports banquet in conjunction with Brooklyn School District would be held on Thursday, May 28th at 6:00 p.m. Summer school would start on June 24th and would be held at Brooklyn School District since the Venice school would be closed due to asbestos removal.

Jeff Endres, Financial Administrator, informed the FOP that an amended budget hearing would be held on Tuesday, June 23rd at 5:30 p.m. at the Venice Public Library. He also reported that the district received Financial Recognition from the state for fiscal year 2007-08 which is the highest rating a district can achieve. Due to the asbestos removal, the June 24th FOP meeting would need to be relocated and it was agreed to hold the meeting at the Venice Public Library at 5:00 p.m. He also updated the FOP on the change in officers of the Venice Board of

Education. Caroline Wilson is the president, Janet Wiley is vice president, Alfred Sessions is treasurer and Lenora Holman is the secretary.

There was no report from ISBE consultants.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from April 22, 2009 was made by Mary Kane. Seconded by Dennis Brueggemann. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS – May 21, 2009 BOE Regular Meeting

Motion to approve the May 21, 2009 Accounts Payable list in the amount of **\$198,516.60** and April 2009 payroll in the amount of **\$75,931.61** was made by Dennis Brueggemann. Seconded by Mary Kane. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

Motion to approve Kerber, Eck & Braeckel to conduct the school district annual audit for 2008-09 was made by Mary Kane. Seconded by Dennis Brueggemann. **Further discussion:** The FOP would like to see if the district administration could negotiate the total price of the audit with Kerber, Eck & Braeckel so that it would not exceed the previous year's total cost of \$14,000. 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 5:15 p.m. Seconded by Dennis Brueggemann. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

RESUMPTION

Motion to reconvene to open session was made by Mary Kane at 6:20 p.m. Seconded by Dennis Brueggemann. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Motion to approve the employment of Dr. Cullen Cullen as district superintendent for 2009-10 with a salary package **not to exceed \$110,000.00** was made by Dennis Brueggemann. Seconded by Mary Kane. **Further discussion:** The contract is a 3 year agreement with salary package to be negotiated for the second and third years. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next FOP meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at the Venice Public Library.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Mary Kane at 6:25 p.m. Seconded by Dennis Brueggemann. Unanimously passed by voice vote.