

Panel Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2009

MINUTES OF MEETING
FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT PANEL
VENICE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3
OCTOBER 21, 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 (arrived at 5:05 p.m.)

Also present:

Jeff Endres, Financial Administrator
Deby Vespa, ISBE Consultant
Carl Holman, ISBE Consultant
Dr. Cullen Cullen, district superintendent
Carol Reinhardt, district bookkeeper
Toni Chandler, district secretary
Caroline Wilson, Venice BOE president

REPORTS

Dr. Cullen Cullen, district superintendent, informed the panel that there are two energy grants available to school districts in Illinois that he will be pursuing for Venice School District in the near future. He briefly discussed with the panel the Illinois Virtual High School that is available via the internet. Dr. Cullen told the panel that he had distributed the Title I budgets to the Venice board at their last meeting. He also indicated that the district had purchased new student desks and chairs for every classroom and that the staff and students seemed very pleased with the new desks and chairs. He reported that the district enrollment as of October 21, 2009 was 85 students at the elementary building and 24 high schools students attending either East St. Louis or Brooklyn.

There was no principal's report.

Jeff Endres, Financial Administrator, informed the panel that the FY09 audit was not ready for approval at the Venice BOE meeting last week and that it hopefully would be ready for approval at the November board meeting. He reported to the panel that the Venice BOE had passed a resolution opposing that the PTELL proposal in Madison County be placed on the ballot. He also informed the panel that the Venice BOE approved Phase I of Targeting Achievement

through Governance, which is a self-evaluation process for the board that is offered through the Illinois School Board Association. He informed the panel that the Venice BOE regular meeting in November has been rescheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. due to several members being in Chicago for the Triple I Conference on Thursday, November 19, 2009.

There was no ISBE consultants report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from September 30, 2009 was made by Dennis Brueggemann. Seconded by Rudy Wilson. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS – OCTOBER 15, 2009 BOE REGULAR MEETING

Motion to approve the October 15, 2009 Accounts Payable list in the amount of **\$45,667.66** and September 2009 payroll in the amount of **\$72,146.82** was made by Mary Kane. Seconded by Dennis Brueggemann. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

Motion to approve BARCOM Security System proposal in the amount of **\$8,972.00 plus \$25.00/month monitoring fee** was made by Dennis Brueggemann. Seconded by Mary Kane. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION was made by Mary Kane at 5:23 p.m. Seconded by Dennis Brueggemann. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

RESUMPTION

Motion to reconvene to OPEN SESSION was made by Dennis Brueggemann at 5:55 p.m. Seconded by Mary Kane. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

PERSONNEL – OCTOBER 15, 2009 BOE REGULAR MEETING

Motion to approve the employment of Susan Crosby as a Literacy Coach effective September 17, 2009 at a salary of **\$36,808.00 (MA + 16/7 years)** was made by Dennis Brueggemann. Seconded by Mary Kane. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

Motion to approve to pay **\$50.00** to each employee who attended Open House on October 8, 2009 was made by Mary Kane. **MOTION DIES DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND.**

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion to change the next FOP meeting to **Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.** and to **cancel the December FOP meeting** was made by Dennis Brueggemann. Seconded by Mary Kane. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

Additional comments were made under Other Business regarding a joint meeting in the near future between the Venice BOE and the FOP by Deby Vespa, ISBE Consultant. Dr. Cullen Cullen commented that he thought that would be a great idea and would discuss it with the BOE at the November regular meeting. He also indicated that he is planning on possibly creating a tech position in the district. Dennis Brueggemann, FOP member, suggested that the BOE and superintendent work together on creating a monthly schedule of items that need to be done.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Dennis Brueggemann at 6:12 p.m. Seconded by Mary Kane. Unanimously passed by voice vote.