

**LELAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes – Board of Education**  
**Wednesday, August 19, 2009 – 6:30 p.m.**  
**Room 10, Elementary Building – 370 North Main Street Leland, IL 60531**

**I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

President Wesson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present for roll call were members Crissip, Gunderson, C. Johnson, McCullough, Plote, and Wesson. Absent was member M. Johnson. Also present were administrators Abrell and Siemers, and recording secretary Flower.

**II. BUILDING AND GROUNDS INSPECTION**

Members left room #10 and walked through the building, accompanied by the administrators and head custodian, Don Hecathorn. They observed the area in the front lawn where the water main had to be replaced, following damage from the May lightning strike. The area still needs leveling and grass seed sewn. A 50-lb. sack of grass seed has been donated to the school from Martinson's of Waterman. A review of the playground shows the need for more treated wood chips under the play equipment.

Proceeding back in to the school, they were shown the elementary room that will house the new Life Skills program. Other than that, there were few other changes in the K-12 building. The tour concluded with a trip down to the boiler room, where a door to the steam tunnel that was not needed was boarded up with fire-rated brick, thus completing Amendment #10 of Health/Life Safety. Dr. Abrell also discussed briefly the "Community High School District 370" engraved outside the building, above the entrance to the high school gym. Changes to the wording to modernize it to "Community Unit School District 1" would be too expensive at this time.

When board members returned to room #10, they recognized Don and his summer custodial staff for their work in keeping the building and grounds in outstanding condition, then followed with the Pledge.

**III. RECEPTION OF VISITORS, GUESTS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF MEDIA.**

President Wesson welcomed Andrea Bloom of the Earlville Post, Phil Dingerson, Darren Riskedal, and Mike Parrott.

Darren Riskedal reviewed progress he had made on his Eagle Scout project of a new pony league diamond on school property west of the building. He displayed a large map of the project, and had printed handouts for all members of costs from bids he had gathered. Though the expenses could run between \$35,000-\$40,000, Darren has approached ball teams, park districts, and a large number of grants to finance the cost. He would begin with the infield, seeding in the outfield, and fencing. He needs permission to start the project on school grounds.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

McCullough moved, and C. Johnson seconded the motion, to approve the agenda.

Plote moved, and Crissip seconded the motion, to add Report #10-030 Eagle Scout Project to Action Items on the Agenda.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Returning to a vote on the amended agenda, on a voice vote, the motion carried.

## V. **CONSENT AGENDA**

### Review of Minutes

A. Regular & Executive Session – July 17, 2009

B. Special Meeting Minutes – August 5, 2009

### Financial Reports, Bills & Payroll

Due to changes in bookkeepers, Financial Reports were not included. They will be updated in September. A bill regarding National Bank & Trust/textbooks was pulled to be double checked.

### **Report No. 10-023 First Reading of Policies 2:70-E, 2:100, 2:240, 2:260, 2:260-AP2, 5:180, 5:220**

The board reviewed seven policies: 2:70-E School Board – Exhibit-Checklist for Filling BOE Vacancies by Appointment (New); 2:100 Board Member Conflict of Interest; 2:240 Board Policy Development; 2:260-AP2 Administrative Procedure – Nondiscrimination Coordinator and Complaint Manager; 5:180 General Personnel – General Illness or Temporary Incapacity; 5:220 Professional Personnel – Substitute Teachers.

### **Report No. 10-024 Extra-Curricular Assignments**

Board reviewed the extra-curricular assignments recommended by Dr. Abrell.

### **Report No. 10-025 Personnel Report**

#### Employ. Non-certified:

Rose Kidd as bookkeeper for the 2009-10 school year at a rate of \$20.32 per hour.

Gunderson moved, and C. Johnson seconded the motion, to approve the consent agenda.

Voting aye: Crissip, Gunderson, C. Johnson, McCullough, Plote, and Wesson.

Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

## VI. **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Report No. 10-030 Eagle Scout Project of a Pony League Diamond**

Following discussion by board members of Darren Riskedal's Eagle Scout project of a pony league on the school grounds, approval was needed by the board.

Crissip moved, and C. Johnson seconded the motion, to approve Darren Riskedal's Eagle Scout project of a Pony League Diamond.

Voting aye: Gunderson, C. Johnson, McCullough, Plote, Crissip, and Wesson.

Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

### **Report No. 10-026 Transportation Safety Hazard**

By law, we are annually required to review any transportation safety hazard conditions pertaining to the transportation of students who live within 1.5 miles of school.

Plote moved, and C. Johnson seconded the motion, that absent of any hazardous conditions, the administration be directed to establish bus routes for the upcoming school year.

Voting aye: Gunderson, C. Johnson, McCullough, Plote, Crissip, and Wesson.

Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

**Report No. 10-027 Adoption of Tentative FY'10 Budget**

Dr. Abrell presented a skeleton outline of the tentative budget, indicating the following revenue and expenditure totals:

	Revenue	Expenditures
Education	\$2,494,355	\$2,694,247
Operation & Maint.	\$246,546	\$229,100
Bond and Interest	\$219,279	\$215,400
Transportation	\$221,962	\$210,400
Municipal Retirement	\$76,794	\$77,350
Working Cash	\$24,654	\$0
Life Safety	\$24,654	\$20,000

Hearing on the tentative budget will be at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, September 17, 2009, in room 10 of the Leland Elementary School.

C. Johnson moved, and McCullough seconded the motion, to adopt the tentative FY'09 budget, and conduct a hearing on the tentative budget at 7:15 p.m., before the regular September board meeting.

Voting aye: C. Johnson, McCullough, Plote, Crissip, Gunderson, and Wesson.

Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

**Report No. 10-028 LYAA Request and LTCA Request**

The LYAA presented a request for permission to run the outside concession stand during high school and junior high soccer games, to conduct a volleyball camp in November and/or December for grades 3-5 girls; and to conduct a basketball camp in February and/or March for grades 3-5 boys.

Additionally, the LTCA was wondering about the availability of the school grounds on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. They are looking at the possibility of having another "movie night" similar to the one they had during the week of the Sesquicentennial. In addition, they are thinking of having a "bags" tournament and maybe some crafters, too.

Gunderson moved, and C. Johnson seconded the motion, to approve the LYAA request to run the outside concession stand during soccer games, to conduct a volleyball camp for grades 3-5 girls in November and/or December, and basketball camp for grades 3-5 boys in February and/or March, and to allow the LTCA to use school grounds on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Voting aye: McCullough, Plote, Crissip, Gunderson, C. Johnson, and Wesson.

Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

**Report No. 10-029 Employee Insurance Renewal**

The board is looking at an increased cost for health insurance. Options the board should look at include looking at another carrier such as Humana, or increasing cost of deductibles, office call visits, and RX cards with BC/BS.

Mike Parrott, broker from Miller & Buettner, Inc., reviewed various PPO options that could be taken with Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and initial offerings from Humana. Considering Humana, there might not be a large cost increase. Health information on all employees has been sent to Humana, and the district now waits for their rates. However, their coverage as far as network of physicians and hospitals is not as encompassing as it is with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. At this time, they do not list Valley West Hospital in Sandwich as a hospital district employees can use.

It is possible to renew current coverage for one month (until September 30<sup>th</sup>), then decide between Humana or a new Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan at the September 17 board meeting.

Gunderson moved, and Crissip seconded the motion, to continue with the district's Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan until September 30<sup>th</sup>, extending current coverage for one month.

Voting aye: Plote, Crissip, Gunderson, C. Johnson, McCullough, and Wesson.  
Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

## **VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Report No. 10-031 Final Class Schedule**

Board members reviewed the final class schedule for 2009-10. The district will again offer an elective dual credit class of Psychology through Waubonsee Community College. Also, a 12<sup>th</sup> grade student will be on early release to attend and take courses at WCC in the afternoons.

### **Report No. 10-032 Tentative 2009-10 Athletic Schedules**

Tentative junior high and high school athletic schedules for fall and winter were reviewed by board members.

### **Report No. 10-033 Registration Enrollment**

An enrollment summary was reviewed by board members. Formal registration was completed last week. The district is down 26 students from a year ago.

### **Report No. 10-034 I.V.V.C. Board of Control Minutes**

Minutes of the I.V.V.C. Public Hearing on the 2009-10 Budget from August 5, 2009 were reviewed, as were the Minutes of the Board of Control meeting which immediately followed.

### **Report No. 10-035 IVVC Enrollments**

As of August 18, the number of Leland High School Juniors and Seniors who will be attending I.V.V.C. this year is at 23. Throughout the school day, 11 Leland High School students will be attending Agriculture classes at Somonauk High School.

### **Report No. 10-036 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Status**

We have made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the last school year at both the elementary and high school levels. This marks the third consecutive year that the district has met the AYP academic goal for No Child Left Behind (NCLB). Dr. Abrell congratulates the students and staff for their hard work regarding performance on state-mandated tests.

**Report No. 10-037 Building Administration Report**

The board reviewed the Building Administration Report. The district website has been revised and it will, hopefully, be up and running this week.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The board did not need to go into executive session.

**IX. BOARD COMMENTS**

- Board members were reminded of the Back to School Dinner at Pitstick's on August 20, beginning at 6:00 p.m., with dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. ROE Superintendent Rich Myers will be guest speaker.
- Starved Rock Division Fall Dinner Meeting is set for September 28, 6:00-9:00 p.m., with dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- I.V.V.C. Board of Control Open House is set for September 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 5:30-7:30 P.M.

**X. FUTURE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA**

- Revised Job Descriptions for Bookkeeper and Elementary Secretary
- Public Hearing for Budget is set for Wednesday, September 17, 7:15 p.m. in elementary conference room.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Gunderson moved, and C. Johnson seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janet Plote, Secretary

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William Wesson, President