

October 11, 2011

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number Two met at 7:00 P.M., on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, in the Board of Education and Administrative Offices, 1701 Charleston Avenue, Mattoon, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Michelle Skinlo.

ROLL CALL: Present: Colleen Garner, Robert Miller, Rodney Morris, Susan Smith, Bill Standerfer, and Michelle Skinlo

Absent: Gary Kepley

RECEPTION OF VISITORS:

Board President Michelle Skinlo welcomed all visitors present and opened the floor to those wishing to address the board on agenda and non-agenda items.

MHS student Shannon Helmuth brought copies of the MHS newspaper for all those interested to read.

Agenda:

Presentation on Student-Inspired Mattoon Mural Project – Kris Maleske, Arland D, Williams, Jr. Elementary School Principal

Williams Elementary School Principal Kris Maleske presented information to the Board of Education regarding the student-inspired Mattoon Mural Project located on the corner of 19th Street and Western Avenue which was completed by John Laidacher with assistance from many students and community members. This is the second mural for the Mattoon community. Lytle Park Supervisor Justin Grady expressed his thanks to all who helped and especially to the Lumpkin Foundation for the funding assistance for all of the four murals that are to be completed for Mattoon. Mr. Grady started discussions with Williams Principal Kris Maleske last April and May which included approximately nine students from the Williams and one from the Riddle. The mural was planned to include children's art work, local nature scenes, and display patriotism. About fifty students assisted with the art work, and up to seventy-five participated on paint days.

Mr. Dave Gordon created the first mural located on the east wall of the downtown parking lot at the corner of 17th Street

and Broadway depicting Mattoon in its hay day as a railroad community.

Presentation on Relay for Life Contributions

Williams Assistant Principal Christy Hild presented information regarding this year's Relay for Life fund raising event for the American Cancer Society. Over 100 Mattoon School District employees attended the event held at Peterson Park in support of this great cause. Fund raising activities included a kickoff raffle, payroll deduction pledges, individual donations, a One-Stop-Shop fundraiser, purchase of team t-shirts, luminaries, wall signs, donation of silent auction items, a dunk tank, and walking the track at Peterson Park. Some spent the entire night at the event which earned the district a second "Most Spirited Award". The following breakdown is how our district helped in the fight against cancer.

- MHS Graphic Arts Department designed and printed and sold this year's t-shirts for a total of \$272;
- MCUSD #2 employees purchased luminaries, ASC footprints, items from the One Stop Shop, and made individual donations for a total of \$3,951.85;
- Participation in payroll deduction raised \$2,781.44 (almost a \$1,000 more than last year)

Non-Agenda:

Williams Elementary Parking Lot Issues - Renee Hildebrand

Williams Elementary staff member Renee Hildebrand requested permission to bring a topic of concern before the Board regarding traffic flow problems at the Williams Elementary School site. Traffic flow has been an issue since the new building opened. Due to the layout of the building with pickups points on the north and west sides, the traffic pattern must intersect which causes a lot of frustration – particularly on bad weather days. It was also noted that the road on the north side of the building is too narrow; therefore, some people picking up their students are driving around cars onto the grass to get out more quickly. Discussion ensued with suggestions being offered to help alleviate the problems being created by those who do not want to follow the rules as well as other ideas to improve the current situation. The Board also discussed possible solutions to aid traffic flow in the future.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Consent Agenda, consisting of the following items, was presented to the Board for approval:

- Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on September 13, 2011, of the Executive Session held on September 13, 2011, of the Special Board Meeting held on September 28, 2011, and of the Executive Session held on September 28, 2011
- Financial – Payment of September 2011 bills as presented
- Approval of the September 2011 Enrollment Report as presented 3,500
- Approval of the Freedom of Information Report - no requests received in the Superintendent's office since the last meeting.

Standerfer moved, seconded by Kepley, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll call vote as follows: Kepley,absent; Miller,aye; Morris,aye; Smith, aye; Standerfer,aye; Garner, aye; Skinlo,aye. Nays, none. Motion carried.

**BOARD ACTION TO APPROVE
EASEMENT FOR AMEREN AT
COLUMBIAN SCHOOL**

SITE: Assistant Superintendent for Business Tom Sherman requested approval from the Board of Education regarding an easement for Ameren on the old Columbian school site located at 2709 Marion Avenue in Mattoon.

See Exhibit 4.1a

Miller moved, seconded by Garner, to approve an easement for Ameren at the old Columbian School site as presented.

Roll call vote as follows: Miller,aye; Morris,aye; Smith, aye; Standerfer,aye; Garner, aye; Kepley,absent; Skinlo,aye. Nays, none. Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL REPORT –
C.U.S.D. #2:**

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Dr. David Skocy presented the following C.U.S.D. #2 personnel report to the Board for approval:

Certified Resignations – C.U.S.D. #2

- Jan Daily, will be retiring as a Music Teacher at Williams Elementary (effective 2016-17 school year)
- David A. Schultz, resigned as a Language Arts teacher at Mattoon Middle School (effective September 30, 2011.)

Certified Appointments - C.U.S.D. #2

- Blake Cutright, Sub Teacher (effective immediately)
- Polly Hughes, Sub Teacher (effective immediately)
- Williams Manning, Sub Teacher (effective immediately)
- Lindsey Weber, Sub Teacher effective (immediately)

Classified Resignations - C.U.S.D. #2

- Lori McNeal, resigned as Executive Secretary Payroll (effective March 1, 2011)

Classified Appointments – C.U.S.D. #2

- Janice Harp, Sub Supervisor (effective immediately)
- Kathy Hennecke, Paraprofessional (effective immediately)
- Tennille Beals, Volunteer
- Vicky Butler, Volunteer
- Jon Clarkson, Volunteer
- Sandra Hopkins, Volunteer
- Bethany Huffman, Volunteer
- Janet McFadden, Volunteer
- Lisa Pierce, Volunteer
- Teresa Righter, Volunteer
- Mark Steber, Volunteer
- Shelby Storm, Volunteer
- Amanda Whitley, Volunteer
- Danny Young, Volunteer
- Tamara Young, Volunteer

Extra Duty Appointments – C.U.S.D. #2

MHS ACTIVITY	SPONSOR/COACH
Assistant Drama - MHS	Ryan Hill

Miller moved, seconded by Standerfer, to approve the Personnel Report for C.U.S.D. #2 as presented.

Roll call vote as follows: Morris,aye; Smith, aye; Standerfer,aye; Garner, aye; Kepley,absent; Miller,aye; Skinlo,aye. Nays, none. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF IASB ILLINI
DIVISION AWARDS FOR SCHOOL**

BOARD MEMBERS: (Information Item):
Superintendent Larry Lilly presented the Mattoon School Board members recognized at the September 22nd, 2011 Fall Illini Division Meeting of the Illinois Association of School Boards in Mattoon for their continued board member professional development and life-long learning.

Colleen Garner – Level I
Gary Kepley – Level II
Michelle Skinlo – Master Status Maintained
Susan Smith – Master Board Member (according to the IASB)
Bill Standerfer – Master Board Member

PRESENTATION OF 2011-12

ENROLLMENT DATA: (Information Item):
Superintendent Lilly presented the Board with information regarding the 2011-12 student enrollment. No action taken.

See Exhibit 6.2a

**PRESENTATION OF COUNTY-
WIDE CREATING ENTREPRENEURIAL
OPPORTUNITIES (CEO) CLASS –
TIM CONDRON, CURRICULUM**

DIRECTOR: (Information Item):
Curriculum Director Tim Condron presented information to the Board of Education on a proposed county-wide CEO class designed to assist students in understanding how to start and manage a business. CEO stands for “creating entrepreneurial opportunities”. Eastern Illinois University will be providing leadership for this program which originated out of Effingham, Illinois. The Board of Education will be requested to approve this proposal at the November 8, 2011 regular meeting of the Board.

See Exhibit 7.1a

**PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL
IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND
ACHIEVEMENT DATA – TIM
CONDON, CURRICULUM**

DIRECTOR: (Information Item):
Curriculum Director Tim Condron presented an overview of the 2011-12 school improvement plans and School Report

Card Data. As was predicted from the beginning of the No Child Left Behind law in 2001, many schools would not continue to make AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) as the bar continued to raise each year. AYP was set to fail from the beginning. It was also stated that the Mattoon District would reach a time when it would not be able to meet AYP, and the district is now at that point. About 80% of the nation's schools have not met AYP, and because of the way the law is designed, all of the nation's schools will be labeled failures by the year 2014. The NCLB law was to be reauthorized, but this has yet to happen. President Obama has allowed the U.S. Department of Education to let states and school districts to waive sanctions imposed because of the NCLB law, and hopefully, the State will continue to pursue the waiver option to show growth in a different manner.

Mr. Condrón noted the district report card data showing detailed testing results is available on the district's website (www.mattoon.k12.il.us). He also thanked the teachers, paraprofessionals, and the students for all their hard work.

See Exhibit 7.2a

Superintendent Lilly announced that at next month's November regular board meeting, he will recommend the Board of Education reaffirm the district's vision, mission, and goals statements that were discussed in detail at the board self-review meeting in last September's regular meeting of the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved, seconded by Garner, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

A unanimous voice vote of "ayes" carried the motion.

President

Date November 8, 2011

Secretary