

April 9, 2013

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number Two met at 7:00 P.M., on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, 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, Gary Kepley Robert Miller, Rodney Morris, Susan Smith, Bill Standerfer, and Michelle Skinlo

Absent: None

Board President Michelle Skinlo recognized the Mattoon District's Information Technology Specialist Krista Lewin. Ms. Lewin has worked diligently in updating the Mattoon District's website giving it a fresh new look and making it more user friendly.

President Skinlo also announced the Relay for Life event dates:

August 24th and 25th, 2013

The theme for this year is "Purple Power – In It to Win It"

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.

Agenda: Recognition of Young Authors Award
Winners: Carmen Fuller, Riddle Elementary; Lydia Roseboom, Williams Elementary; and Jaida Brockman, MMS – Riddle Assistant Principal, Chris Bough

Chris Bough, Riddle Assistant Principal, and Amanda Gibson, Riddle staff member, recognized the following three Young Author Award winners. :

Amanda Gibson – *Albert...The Rock Star*
(a story was about Albert, the bulldog, who dreamed of becoming a rock star)

Lydia Roseboom – *Tom Billboard's New Friend*
(a story about a character named Tom Billboard who moved into a new town and had no friends)

Jaida Brockman – *The Flames that Flicker*
(a story about Elise, a high school Senior, whose school is over taken by soldiers and hold students as prisoners)

The three Young Author Award winners will be invited to attend a statewide conference in May.

Agenda: Recognition of Riddle Kindergarten Teacher Melissa Blackwell for Research Project to be featured in the 2013 Graduate Showcase Series sponsored by the Graduate School at Eastern Illinois University – Riddle Principal Bruce Barnard

Riddle Elementary Principal Bruce Barnard announced that the Department of Early Childhood, Elementary and Middle Level Education selected Melissa Blackwell’s action research project to be featured during the 2013 Graduate Showcase Series which is sponsored by the Graduate School at Eastern Illinois University. A video “Maximizing the Parental Role in Classroom Achievement” will be included spotlighting her graduate action research project. The video also includes a panel discussion featuring herself and her faculty mentor, Dr. Daniel Carter.

The Department will recognize her achievement at the Scholarship Recognition Ceremony on Friday, April 4, 2013 in Buzzard Auditorium. She will receive a certificate of achievement and an honorarium.

Agenda: Recognition of MHS Dance Team Sponsor Malia Smith for Induction in the Illinois Drill Team Association’s Hall of Fame

Mattoon High School Principal Michele Sinclair recognized MHS Dance Team Sponsor Malia Smith for her induction in the Illinois Drill Team Association’s Hall of Fame.

Requirements for this honor are:

- IDTA Membership in good standing for a minimum of 5 years
- Given service to IDTA beyond the normal coaching capacity
- Promotes IDTA in a positive and constructive manner
- Demonstrates exemplary leadership qualities
- Contributes to IDTA, her school district, and her team in a significant manner

She has 11 years teaching high school English at MHS, 15 years coaching the MHS dance team, and 18 years of teaching dance at her mother's dance studio. She is devoted to dance and has nothing but praises for her families of the Wavettes who provide her with tremendous support and treats all the dance team girls as if they were her own. She has been involved with dance from the time she was born as her mother is the dance instructor/owner of Margene's Dance Studio. As a student at MHS, she danced with the Wavettes and was choreographer during her junior and senior year. In 1999, she accepted the head coach position of the Mattoon High School Wavettes.

Non-Agenda: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- Approval of the regular Board Meeting held on March 12, 2013; of the minutes of the Executive Session meeting held on March 12, 2013
- Financial – Payment of March 2013 bills as presented
- Approval of the March 2013 Enrollment Report – 3,455 as presented
- Approval of adoption of the K-5 math textbook program from McGraw-Hill called My Math presented at the last regular board meeting on March 12, 2013
- Freedom of Information Report – No requests received in the Superintendent's office since the last meeting.

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

Roll call vote as follows: Kepley,aye; Miller,aye; Morris,aye; Smith,aye; Standerfer,aye; Garner,aye; 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

- Cheryl Armstrong, retiring as a District psychologist, (effective for the 2014-15 school year)
- Randy Kalal, retiring as the English as Second Language teacher (effective for the 2015-16 school year)
- Crystal Sparks, resigning as Assistant Softball Coach at Mattoon Middle School (effective for the 2013-14 school year)

Certified Appointments – C.U.S.D. #2

- Brandon St. Michael, substitute teacher (effective immediately)

Classified Resignations – C.U.S.D. #2

- Brenda Anderson, retiring as a Class IV Confidential Secretary at the Administration Service Center (effective May 31, 2013)
- Noel Bayley, retiring as District Transportation Bus Mechanic (effective May 15, 2013)

Classified Appointments – C.U.S.D. #2

- Ryan Hurst, volunteer (effective immediately)

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

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

**PRESENTATION OF STATE OF
ILLINOIS ASSESSMENT CHANGES –
TIM CONDRON, CURRICULUM
DIRECTOR:**

(Information Item):

Curriculum Director Tim Condron presented information to the Board of Education regarding assessment changes for the Illinois Standard Achievement Test (ISAT) and how these changes will affect our students. The new method of scoring the ISAT means fewer students will meet and

exceed testing standards and will affect school districts in the following ways:

- Baseline data to articulate student growth will be challenging to translate
- Schools and districts will be required to look for alternative methods to collect individual item analysis to focus improvement efforts
- Additional schools and districts will fail to make adequate yearly progress
- Decline in student performance levels across the state - anticipated 20-30 percent drop

Following the presentation, discussion continued among several board members regarding the impact on sub groups, why students are scoring so low, PARCC assessment for grades 3-8 and 11, comparison with other states, and the No Child Left Behind Waiver for Illinois.

See Exhibit 7.1a

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved, seconded by Kepley, to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

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

President

Date May 14, 2013

Secretary