

Minutes of the regular board meeting of the Iola-Scandinavia School Board on December 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Opperman at 8:02 P.M. by stating: "This is a public meeting of the School Board of Iola-Scandinavia. Prior to this meeting, notice was given to the Iola Herald, the official paper for the School District of Iola-Scandinavia."

Board members present: Mr. Opperman, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Frye, Mrs. Sykes, Mr. Wasrud, Mr. Loken, and Mr. Wilhite

Board members absent: None

Administration: Mr. Price, Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Novak, and Ms. Timdal

Observers: Anne Marx, Kiaya Albers, Lindsay Tomski, Johnna Sprangers, Alyssa Erickson, Alex Berg, Jane Myhra, and Barb Kobs

Motion by Mr. Wasrud, seconded by Mr. Loken, to approve the agenda as presented with the following change: IX.F.1. Teacher Leave Requests (rather than Teacher Leave Request). Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Wasrud, to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2008, regular meeting and executive session. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Wasrud, seconded by Mrs. Sykes, to approve the board and lunch bills (checks 46334-46478 – General Fund; wire transfers 200800054-200800064 – General Fund; check 1675 – ISRA; checks 23025-23071 and voided check 23056 – Pupil Activity; and check 1012 – Benefit Fund) as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Peterson presented the treasurer's report. The cash flow and Pupil Activity reports were reviewed. The cash balance is very low. Motion by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mr. Wilhite, to approve the treasurer's report as presented by Mr. Peterson. Motion unanimously carried.

Anne Marx, Kiaya Albers, and Lindsay Tomski presented information regarding their consumer action project. They plan to strengthen the recycling program at the middle/high school by informing students about recycling and ensuring there is an adequate supply of recycling containers available. The group will keep the board informed on the project's progress.

Alex Berg, Alyssa Erickson, and Johnna Sprangers also presented information regarding their consumer action project. Their project entails putting the school song's lyrics on a banner to be placed under the scoreboard on the west side of the gym. The sign maker has been contacted. If the senior class agrees, the Class of 2009 will help pay for the sign and other groups will be contacted for additional financial help. Board action will be taken in January regarding the group's wish to change the lyrics slightly (from "Iola High" to "I-S High" and from "On boys" to "On team").

There was no elementary report.

Mrs. Anderson reported scheduling for 2009-10 has begun. There are no significant changes to the 2009-10 Course Guide from 2008-09. John Meinke from CESA 5 conducted an ACT workshop for interested juniors and seniors on December 8.

Mr. Price had no district report.

Mr. Wasrud distributed a list of resolutions to be discussed at the WASB Convention. He asked board members to review the items for possible discussion at the January board meeting.

Mr. Peterson reported the Finance Committee met prior to the board meeting. The budget status and food service reports were reviewed briefly. Participation in the Food Service program is down slightly from last year. Discussion was held regarding establishment of a 403(b) Tax Shelter Annuity Plan per IRS regulations. The Plan covers a voluntary program for employees and can be changed as needed. Following discussion, motion by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Wasrud, to approve the Resolution adopting a 403(b) Plan Document. Motion unanimously carried. Currently, there are three authorized vendors under the Plan. Mr. Price discussed 2009-2010 budget information. The district continues to experience declining enrollment. Based on personnel costs alone, a budget shortfall of \$174,200 is projected. Motion by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Frye, to accept the audit report as distributed. Motion unanimously carried. The Finance Committee will meet at 7:15 P.M. on January 12, 2009, in the middle school conference room.

There were no reports from the Buildings & Grounds, Transportation and Curriculum Committees.

Motion by Mr. Loken, seconded by Mr. Frye, to approve Policy 731.3 – Locker Room Privacy (final reading). Motion unanimously carried. Motion by Mr. Loken, seconded by Mr. Wasrud, to approve Policy 187-Exhibit – Public Comment Card (final reading). Motion unanimously carried. The Committee will meet in February, 2009.

Motion by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mr. Loken, to approve the request for maternity leave from Casey Danielson to start approximately April 13 and last through the remainder of the school year. Motion unanimously carried. Motion by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mrs. Sykes, to approve the request for maternity leave from Claudine Fredy to start approximately March 19 and last through mid May. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Opperman reported a negotiations meeting will be held with the I-S Education Association on December 17 in the Mishler Room at the Fitness & Aquatic Center.

Mr. Price reviewed changes to the 2008-2010 master agreement with the Iola-Scandinavia Auxiliary Association as negotiated and formally approved by the I-SAA. Following discussion, motion by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to approve the 2008-2010 master agreement with the Iola-Scandinavia Auxiliary Association as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Waupaca County Charter School Consortium Agreement. Currently, I-S pays about \$10,000 for one slot at the Charter School housed at Weyauwega-Fremont. This is paid whether or not the slot is filled. One I-S student attends WCCS and is doing very well. Floating slots are available for purchase. The County pays over 50% of the total cost of the program. Following discussion, motion by Mr. Wasrud, seconded by Mr. Frye, to continue affiliation with the Waupaca County Charter School for two years. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mrs. Sykes, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned session at 8:55 P.M.

Colleen Sykes  
District Clerk