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June 18th, 2015-Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – 6:30 p.m., Unit Office

AGENDA

1. Roll call, Pledge of Allegiance *Ballard, McKinney absent, McKinney present at 6:35 p.m.*
2. Adoption of Agenda *approved 6-0*
3. Approval of Consent Agenda *approved 6-0*
 - a. Approval of Minutes
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - c. Approval of Bills, Personal and Sick Leave

4. Public Comments & Positive News

There were around a dozen adults and students present and Kevin Hammond spoke during this time. He submitted this to me in writing as well:

Hello everyone, my name is Kevin Hammond. I come here tonight representing the North Clay FFA Alumni and the folks that are interested in agriculture education, some of whom are sitting here tonight. We have been hearing around town that the school board is thinking of selling or leasing the ground south of the elementary building. We just dismissed it as rumor without fact until we read item C under the closed session on your agenda. I would like to update you as to what we have been doing with the farm ground and how it is important to the ag program and the community at large. Since 2006 the Alumni has used the ground as a test plot for both soybeans and corn. At first the management and labor was performed by alumni members and the money gained was earmarked for a greenhouse. After cuts to the ag department it was decided to postpone the greenhouse but continue to support the agriculture students whenever possible by doing scholarships, paying for transportation not covered, Ag Mechanics supplies & engine driven welder. A greenhouse is still on the back burner. Today, students are managing and working the ground with the help of the alumni. They work with local seed & fertilizer companies as well as farmers to get the work done. There are two events annually, one is a plot tour and the other is a field day. The field day is a public event attended by all companies who have seed in the plot, farmers that are interested in new hybrids and how they perform in our area, and this year we will be opening it up to anyone from the general public who is interested. This project is just now taking off and we see continued growth into the future. Field days will get larger and benefit area businesses and farmers alike. More students will get involved and be an asset to the community with the skills they gain from the experience. We would like to convey to the board that we are very grateful for the opportunity to teach young adults about the number one employer in our area, agriculture. As you can see the plot is very beneficial to students, our school, & the community. Without the test plot we would not be able to support the Ag Education programs. We hope that what we heard is just a rumor without merit because we know your number one priority is teaching students skills that they can use to support themselves and their families.

5. Adopt the fiscal year of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 and continue all policies, contracts, and programs in force on June 30, 2015 *approved 7-0*

6. Adopt prevailing wage scale for the 2015-2016 school year *approved 7-0*
7. Approve membership with the Illinois Association of School Boards for the 2015-16 school year *approved 7-0*
8. Approve advertising for bids on milk and bread for the 2015-2016 school year *approved 7-0*
9. Board policy changes (first reading): *approved for first reading 7-0*
 - a. 2:250 Access to District Public Records
 - b. 3:40 Superintendent
 - c. 3:50 Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent
 - d. 3:60 Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal
 - e. 5:40 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
 - f. 5:120 Ethics and Conduct
 - g. 5:270 Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment
 - h. 5:290 Employment Termination and Suspensions
 - i. 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
 - j. 6:15 School Accountability
 - k. 6:40 Curriculum Development
10. Closed session for the purpose(s) of: *at 6:42 p.m.*
 - a. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, security, or dismissal of specific employees of the district *5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)*
 - b. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives *5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)*
 - c. The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body *5 ILCS 120/2 (6)*
11. Open *at 8:29 p.m.*

Upon returning to open session, the following motions were made:

 - a. *Motion to accept resignation from Jason Lewis as Jr. High Head Baseball Coach effective end of the 2014-15 school year Motion by Smith, seconded by McKinney, motion passed 4-2 with Cochran and Simmons voting no*
 - b. *Hire Kaylee McCollum as High School Asst. Volleyball Coach for the 2015-16 school year approved 7-0*
 - c. *Hire Mark Pierson and Mary Ann Brown as full-time bus drivers for the 2015-16 school year approved 7-0*
 - d. *Hire Nancy Gray as a Substitute Cook based upon completion of requirements approved 7-0*
 - e. *Grant Mr. Price authority to hire personnel to fill a custodian vacancy approved 7-0*
 - f. *Grant maternity leave for Stephanie Simmons from Oct. 2 to Nov. 20, 2015 approved 7-0*
12. Adjournment *at 8:43 p.m.*