

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS
CASCADE SCHOOL DISTRICT #422
August 12, 2009**

Present:
Ann Young, Chairman
Jason Speer
Karen Thurston
Linda Cimbalik
Mikael Bedell, Absent, Excused

Vic Koshuta, Superintendent
Pal Sartori, Secondary Principal
Anne Stilwill, Elementary Principal
Bev Davenport, Counselor
JoAnne Suggs, Clerk
Sara Klure, Teacher
Victoria Wagner, Teacher

Ms. Cimbalik motioned to approve the minutes of July, 2009. Ms. Thurston seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Clerk submitted bills for payment and approval:

July 2009 Bills	\$91,533.67
Immediate Checks	\$ 2,4871.50

Ms. Thurston motioned to approve the payment of bills as submitted, Ms. Cimbalik made the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Scheduled Delegations

Mrs. Klure, the first grade teacher, gave a report on what will be happening with the upcoming school year in her class. Also, the first and second grade teachers will looping or trading grades for the new year. It is planned to continue this looping so teachers can stay with an incoming class for two years.

The Elementary Principal reported that the teachers are officially due to report back to their classrooms next Monday. Many have already been in working on their rooms.

The Secondary Principal reported that registration has been going well. The High School is done and the Junior High is registering tomorrow. Football, volleyball and cheerleading meetings will be held tomorrow as well.

The Counselor had previously sent out a review of the activities in the Counseling Department over the summer. The Counselor received a summary earlier in the day and requested permission to use it with the 10th-12th grade students. The survey consists of inquiries about post-secondary and college plans and will help a student decide on what college or post-secondary training would best suite them. Ms. Cimbalik motioned to amend the agenda to accommodate the approval or denial of the survey. The approval or denial of the survey was not on the original agenda posting due to the fact that it was unknown that the survey was going to be received and was just received earlier in the day. Mr. Speer seconded the motion to amend the agenda and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Cimbalik motioned to allow permission for the use of the survey as presented. Mr. Speer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Business Manager reported that the new software is running great. The teachers will be trained on completing requisitions for spending approval when they return.

The Superintendent gave an update on the following and reviewed his report previously sent out for review:

- Projects updates: The brick work has been completed. Siding on the one rental house is in progress and the interior and exterior painting on the other is completed. The playground wood chips, lock installations, and parking painting are in progress. These should all be finished by September.

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- There has been a summer youth work program taking place which was an unanticipated but a welcome activity. There has been youth working around the school, mostly with grounds and maintenance, through a program with the county. They should be able to continue working as available for the whole year.
- The teacher picnic is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25th, 5:00 p.m. It will be at Fischer Pond again this year.
- An “ISBA 10 minute Board Training” was facilitated.
- The Superintendent’s goals for the 2009-2010 year were shared with the Board.

Old Business

There was continued discussion of Policy 5320. No decisions or motions were made.

A third reading of the Classified Handbook was done. Mr. Speer motioned to adopt the Handbook as written. Ms. Thurston seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The edit on Policy 5210 was confirmed.

New Business

Ms. Thurston motioned to approve the hiring of a new Art Teacher/Online Facilitator, Timra Long. Mr. Speer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The resignation letter from Genevra DeMond was given to the Board. Genevra is moving to Washington. There are interviews set up to fill her position. At this time, there is not intention of hiring a new 6th grade teacher. There is no need for a second 5th grade class right now, so Julie Hamilton will teach the only 5th grade class and Brandi Wassmuth will move to 6th grade. A determination will be made once school starts whether an aide will be needed in the 5th grade.

The bids for milk were opened and reviewed. Mr. Speer made a motion to accept the milk product bid and award it to Meadow Gold. Ms. Cimbalik made the second and it passed unanimously.

The 2009-2010 daily school schedule was presented to the Board for approval. Ms. Cimbalik motioned to accept the schedule. Ms. Thurston seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

A first reading of the Policy edits from ISBA were presented to the Board. Once approved, they will be updated accordingly in the school’s online copy.

Approvals of 2009-2010 bus routes, back-up areas, non-transportation zones and safety busing were requested. Mr. Speer motioned to accept the above-mentioned as presented. Ms. Cimbalik seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

None.

Other Business

The School Board Policy is up and on the school’s website. Times the building will be available for public use were confirmed. The use of video monitoring for the school is going to be researched for possible future use.

A letter to the Board was confirmed addressed and taken care of.

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Executive Session

Ms. Thurston made a motion for the Board go into executive session, Mr. Speer made the second, and a roll call vote was completed for the commencement of the executive session. The motion passed unanimously. The Chairman announced the Board was in executive session authorized under IC 67-2345 to discuss personnel at 9:43 p.m.

Upon return to open session at 9:52 p.m., there were no motions made.

There being no further business, Chairman Young adjourned the meeting at 9:53p.m.

Chairman – Ann Young

Clerk – JoAnne Suggs