Board of Education Meeting
Spoon River Valley CUSD #4
Tuesday, February 15, 2011

The Spoon River Valley Board of Education met at 6:00 PM on February 15, 2011, for its regular monthly meeting. The following members were present: Bob Davis, Jill Freeman, Randy Hartstirn, Lynn Phelps, John Stuckel, Lance Tarochione and Warren Utsinger.

During public comment, Mike Wilson asked questions regarding who makes the decision and the criteria for cancelling school due to bad weather and road conditions.

Following a motion by Bob Davis and second by John Stuckel the board moved to closed session at 6:14 PM.

The board returned to open session at 6:31 PM.

The consent Agenda was approved following a motion by Lance Tarochione and second by Warren Utsinger. The motion passed 7-0.

- Approval of the regular and closed session minutes of January 10, 2011 and the Annual Retreat minutes of January 15, 2011.
- Approval of the vendor bills in the amount of $88,152.13
- Approval of the Financial Report

During Discussion, Superintendent Reynolds discussed with the board bus repairs, and Principal Janssen presented the Technology Plan. Sarah Wills discussed with the board the possibility of her teaching Psychology and Human Development for dual credit next year. She also shared the first draft of the class schedule for the 2011-2012 school year. The board discussed the Cafeteria Checklist and the possibility of charging a custodial fee to people who rent the building. Mr. Reynolds presented the Annual Siemens Report.

During Reports, Superintendent Reynolds and Principals Janssen and Deignan answered questions about their administrative reports. Shane Gordon shared with the board that he is doing his principal internship through Bradley University under the direction of Principal Janssen and as part of this internship he would be working on revisions to the School Crisis Plan and helping to develop the Jr/Sr High RtI plan.

The board moved to executive session at 7:36 PM following a motion by Bob Davis and second by John Stuckel.

The board returned to open session at 11:10 PM.

During New Business the following action was taken:

1. A motion was made by Bob Davis and seconded by Lance Tarochione to approve changing Driver Education Classroom to ¼ credit and Behind the Wheel to ¼ credit with only the classroom credit required for graduation. The motion passed 7-0;
2. A motion was made by John Stuckel and seconded by Lance Tarochione to table the approval of the Transportation Policy Revisions/Bus Repairs. The motion passed 7-0;
3. A motion was made by John Stuckel and seconded by Jill Freeman to approve the Technology Plan as per Peer Review and reaffirm the Acceptable Use Policy. The motion passed 7-0;
4. A motion was made by Lynn Phelps and seconded by Warren Utsinger to renew Principal Chris Janssen's contract for 2 years. The motion passed 7-0;
5. A motion was made by Bob Davis and seconded by John Stuckel to accept the resignations of Tiffany Simmons as a Para-professional in the Elementary School and Kelly Flynn as head high school volleyball coach. The motion passed 7-0;
6. A motion was made by Lance Tarochione and seconded by Jill Freeman to hire Kyle Romine as a Para-professional in the Elementary School for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year. The motion passed 7-0;

7. A motion was made by Bob Davis and seconded by Lance Tarochione to approve the Kitchen Checklist and to charge a rental fee of $50.00 to cover custodial fees. The motion passed 7-0;
8. A motion was made by Jill Freeman and seconded by Warren Utsinger to hire Melissa Gray as a full time aide for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year. The motion passed 7-0;
9. A motion was made by Lance Tarochione and seconded by Lynn Phelps to hire Nick Guthrie as head and Tosh VanMiddlesworth as assistant junior high girls' basketball coaches and Kevin Schrodt as head and Rob Bauman as assistant boys' basketball coaches for the 2011-2012 school year;
10. A motion was made by John Stuckel and seconded by Lance Tarochione to approve the Annual Siemen's Report and directed Superintendent Reynolds to sign the report. The motion passed 7-0 and;
11. A motion was made by John Stuckel and seconded by Lance Tarochione to approve the Strategic Plan as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

During announcements, the board expressed their condolences to the family of Sara Mathre on the passing of her Grandfather and the family of Lori Ellsworth on the passing of her father Larry Latimer. The Spring Dinner Meeting of the Western Division IASB will be held in Carthage (Illini West) on Tuesday, March 1st.

The board adjourned at 11:25 PM following a motion by Lynn Phelps.