

RUSH COUNTY SCHOOLS
Regular School Board Meeting
March 9, 2009

Call to Order A Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Rush County Schools was held at the Administrative Offices on March 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Wilson. Members present were: Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Carter, Dr. Sickbert, Mrs. Jackson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Shuppert, and Mr. Slaton.
(See Exhibit Number 1 in the March 9, 2009 Minute File)

Amendment to Agenda Dr. Williams requested that the Board Agenda be amended to include Consider Approving Common Construction Wage Committee Members. The amendment would be added following Item III. D.-Consider Approval of Advertising for Mays Project. Mr. Shuppert made a motion to amend the March 9, 2009 Board Agenda. Mr. Slaton seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
(See Exhibit Number 2 in the March 9, 2009 Minute File)

Reports Building Project Funding – Curt Pletcher, Financial Advisor from Umbaugh and Associates, explained in detail the successful sale of the bonds for the Arlington and Milroy Elementary School projects. The bonds were sold in two separate series with the first bonds sold in November, 2008 and the second series of bonds were sold in January, 2009. The first series of bonds were sold at 4.97% and the 2nd series of bonds were sold at 5.25% with both series having a AA+ Rating. Mr. Pletcher stated that the total project cost is \$31,018,906.00.
(See Exhibit Number 3 in the March 9, 2009 Minute File)

Harmony Student Management System Update – Melissa Taft reviewed various features of the Harmony Student Management system and how they benefit the day-to-day operation of Rush County Schools.

Mays Water Update – Mark VanNatta reported on the plan of action that is being implemented to bring the water readings at Mays Elementary into compliance with IDEM standards. The arsenic level at Mays is currently at 13 parts per billion and IDEM allows an average of 10 parts per billion. A letter is being sent home with students explaining the situation.
(See Exhibit Number 4 in the March 9, 2009 Minute File)

Mays Project Update – Tom Durkin and Tom Cullum shared information with the Board concerning the architectural aspects of the Mays Elementary project. Advertising for bids will be published March 13th and 20th with the Bid Opening on April 16 at the RCS Administrative Offices at 1:00 p.m.
(See Exhibit Number 5 in the March 9, 2009 Minute File)

PL 221/AYP – Dennis Chambers presented information on Rush County Schools' PL 221 results and AYP determination.
(See Exhibit Number 6 in the March 9, 2009 Minute File)

Expenditure Category – Dr. Williams explained the expenditure categories defined by the State in developing the "61%" Theory.
(See Exhibit Number 7 in the March 9, 2009 Minute File)

Consent Items Dr. Sickbert made a motion that the Consent Items consisting of Minutes Of Previous Meeting, Personnel, Donations, and Claims/Payroll be approved. Mrs. Carter seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.

- Appointment* to fill the School Board position vacated by Dr. Steve Sickbert.
Mr. Barada will represent Rushville Township and his term will be for one year beginning July 1, 2009. Dr. Sickbert will represent the city of Rushville as of July 1, 2009. Dr. Sickbert seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
(See Exhibit Number 9 in the March 9, 2009 Minute File)
- Outstanding Checks* Dr. Williams explained that the law requires the Board to periodically remove outstanding checks from the record and to receipt the checks back into the accounts from which they were written. The total of eleven checks is \$495.21. Dr. Sickbert made a motion to approve Dr. Williams' recommendation. Mrs. Jackson seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
(See Exhibit Number 10 in the March 9, 2009 Minute File)
- Mays Renovation Project* Mr. Slaton made a motion to grant authority to advertise for prospective bidders for the Mays Elementary Renovation project. Mrs. Jackson seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
(See Exhibit Number 11 in the March 9, 2009 Minute File)
- Common Wage Committee* Mr. Shuppert made a motion to appoint Paul Barada and Charles Smith as representatives for Rush County Schools to the Common Wage Determination Committee. The Committee will meet Monday, March 23, 2009. Mrs. Carter seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
(See Exhibit Number 12 in the March 9, 2009 Minute File)
- Council of Clubs Agreement* Dr. Sickbert made a motion to approve the Agreement for Use of Baseball Facilities Between the Rush County Council of Clubs and Rush County Schools as recommended by Dr. Williams. Mr. Scott seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
(See Exhibit Number 13 in the March 9, 2009 Minute File)
- Softball Diamond Lease Agreement* Mrs. Carter made a motion to approve the Softball Diamond Lease Agreement between the City of Rushville Parks and Recreation Department and Rush County Schools as recommended by Dr. Williams.
Mr. Slaton seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
(See Exhibit Number 14 in the March 9, 2009 Minute File)
- New Business* No new business was presented.
- Important Dates* Dr. Williams reminded Board members of the March 18, 2009 dinner meeting with the Rush County Farm Bureau at 6:30 p.m. at the Rush County Schools Administrative Office.

Dr. Williams stated that Rush County Schools students, faculty, and staff will be on Spring Break the week of March 23-27, 2009.
- Comments* Board member comments were heard at this time.
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- Adjournment* Mrs. Carter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. and all members were in agreement.
- Executive Session* There was no executive session held.

Jane Carter, Vice-president

Larry Scott, Member

Dr. Steve R. Sickbert, Secretary

Tim F. Shuppert, Member

Jeff Slaton, Member