

**SOUTH PEKIN GRADE SCHOOL  
DISTRICT 137 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2010**

**Call to Order**

Mr. Hawkins called the Regular Meeting of the South Pekin Grade School Board of Education to order at 6:30 pm. All members were present. Also present were: Mr. Brooks, Mrs. Worden, Nicole Schaffrin, Tara VandenBrink, Susan McCabe, Ashley Helleman, John Little, Elaine Pesch, Luv Karnes, Connie Betson and Student 2010-A.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda**

The Consent Agenda items include Regular and Executive Minutes, the Treasurer's Report and Approval of the Payment of Bills. Mrs. Tyler made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. Mrs. Hintz seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: YES – Mr. Conklin, Mr. Hawkins, Mrs. Hintz, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Tjarks, Mrs. Tyler and Mrs. Watson. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Audience Participation**

Mrs. Schaffrin & Miss VandenBrink introduced the SPFT representative John Little.

Mrs. McCabe addressed the Board. She expressed that she will remain hopeful. She is willing to do whatever it takes. Full-time work has given her the opportunity to know the kids even better. She also expressed willingness to be a part-time art teacher and part-time teacher's aide. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to work at South Pekin and to address the Board tonight.

**Superintendent's Report**

South Pekin has received the award "Spotlight Schools for the Academic Improvement Award." Mr. Brooks also shared information from the Alliance Legislative Report 96-49.

The Board also reviewed the proposed 2010-2011 School Calendar. It was recommended we take two full weeks and Christmas, a four day week-end March 25-28 and a four day week-end over Easter Weekend, April 22-25. Christmas break would be December 20, 2010 through January 2, 2011. Staff would return on January 3<sup>rd</sup> for Teacher's Institute and the Students would return on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

We serve a good amount of fresh fruits and vegetables because of the FFVP grant. We will also be receiving food from the Department of Defense again this year. The DOD made available an additional one million dollars for fresh fruits & vegetables to Illinois schools. The cafeteria staff will also be assisting in the SEL Field day on May 26 doing a culmination activity "Food Survivor" with a variety of foods and fruits. The cafeteria and Boosters will look into purchasing a larger refrigerator to accommodate fresh fruits and veggies.

**Executive Session**

At 6:55 pm, Mrs. Johnson made the **MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINARY CASES (5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(10)). Mrs. Watson seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES – Mr. Conklin, Mr. Hawkins, Mrs. Hintz, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Tjarks, Mrs. Tyler and Mrs. Watson. MOTION CARRIED.**

Mrs. Tjarks made the **MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 7:40 PM.** Mrs. Tyler seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES – Mr. Conklin, Mr. Hawkins, Mrs. Hintz, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Tjarks, Mrs. Tyler and Mrs. Watson. MOTION CARRIED.**

Mrs. Schaffrin and Miss VandenBrink returned to Regular Session at this time.

Mrs. Johnson made the **MOTION TO EXPEL STUDENT 2010-A FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS SCHOOL TERM AND ALL OF THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL TERM, WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT HE BE ENROLLED IN THE TAZEWELL COUNTY REGIONAL SAFE SCHOOL.** Mr. Conklin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES – Mr. Conklin, Mr. Hawkins, Mrs. Hintz, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Tjarks, Mrs. Tyler and Mrs. Watson. MOTION CARRIED.**

At 8:59 pm, Mrs. Johnson made the **MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION.** Mrs. Hintz seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES – Mr. Conklin, Mr. Hawkins, Mrs. Hintz, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Tjarks, Mrs. Tyler and Mrs. Watson. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Business Items**

The Board has considered several personnel items during Executive Session. Mr. Brooks will provide written correspondence to the individuals tomorrow with formal action taken at the April Board of Education Meeting.

Mr. Brooks recommended the Board hire Ashley Hellemann as the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts Teacher for the 2010-2011 school year. Mrs. Tjarks made the **MOTION TO APPROVE HIRING ASHLEY HELLEMANN AS THE 5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR.** Mrs. Tyler seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES – Mr. Conklin, Mr. Hawkins, Mrs. Hintz, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Tjarks, Mrs. Tyler and Mrs. Watson. MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Brooks recommended we Change the May Board meeting date due to conflicts with scheduling. Mr. Conklin made the **MOTION TO RESCHEDULE THE MAY BOARD MEETING FOR THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2010 AT 6:30 PM.** Mrs. Hintz seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES – Mr. Conklin, Mr. Hawkins, Mrs. Hintz, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Tjarks, Mrs. Tyler and Mrs. Watson. MOTION CARRIED.**

In other correspondence, the Board received three Early Retirement requests and a request for assignment change. The retirement requests and teaching assignment change will be addressed through official Board correspondence and will be approved at upcoming Board Meetings. In addition, it was mentioned that the Talent show was very nice. With no other business to come before the Board, at 9:04 pm, Mrs. Tjarks made the **MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>.** Mr. Conklin seconded the motion. **YES – 7, NO – 0. MOTION CARRIED.**

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Mr. Hawkins, Board President

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Mrs. Tyler, Board Secretary