

**SOUTH PEKIN GRADE SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING 6:30 PM  
MINUTES OF MONDAY, JULY 22, 2008**

**Call to Order**

Mrs. Singleton called the Regular Meeting of the South Pekin Grade School Board of Education to order at 6:30 pm.

**Roll Call**

Present            Mr. Conklin, Mr. Hawkins, Mrs. Hintz, Mrs. Singleton, Mrs. Tyler  
Absent            Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Jording  
Also Present     Mr. Brooks, Mrs. Worden, Mrs. Betson and Patricia Reardon

Everyone stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda**

Mrs. Tyler made the MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS THAT INCLUDE THE REGULAR MINUTES OF JUNE 30, 2008; SPECIAL MINUTES OF JUNE 30, 2008; EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES i, ii and iii, OF JUNE 30, 2008; PAYMENT OF THE BILLS AND THE TREASURER'S REPORT. Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES - MR. CONKLIN, MR. HAWKINS, MRS. HINTZ, MRS. SINGLETON AND MRS. TYLER. MOTION CARRIED.

**Audience Participation**            There was no audience participation.

**Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Brooks reviewed the Insurance Renewal. Blue Cross has proposed a 30% increase. This is attributed to the Manual Rate Adjustment (Trend) 11.24%, Demographics Change (Aging) 2.16% (these equal the 13% figure used to this point) and New Medical Risk (\$25,000 claims) or 16.18%. Presently Pat Taphorn through Unland Companies is investigating lower rates with other companies. Another option is John Pearl Company through Peoria. At this time, The United Healthcare seems to be the best plan coming to us.

We are hoping the proposed rates will improve. Mr. Brooks planned the budget "worse case" if we stayed with BC/BS. This would bring us to \$508 for individual coverage and family coverage would increase from \$1038 to \$1380.

Mr. Brooks prepared a brochure outlining the discipline plan and presented it to the Board. This will be distributed to families during registration on July 30 and 31. The plan addresses "Be Respectful, Be Safe and Be Responsible." Each level of discipline is described on the back of the brochure. This will be posted in every classroom and we tried to present it in a positive manner (i.e. walk quietly instead of do not run).

Information was presented to the Board detailing the State FRIS system and the way payments are sometimes released but not disbursed in the same fiscal year. He also presented information on the new telephone system. We currently have 5 lines with fees for everything. We will be reducing the number of lines to the school by one and use only four lines (including fax line) instead of five. This is especially good with the new voicemail system. We will have free caller ID for all four lines. Under the current telephone company it would have been \$9 per line (\$36 per month)

## **Business Items**

Mr. Brooks detailed the tentative budget for the Board. He also presented a copy of the reader friendly version to the guests. The proposed budget ends with a positive balance of \$85,395.12. It is a conservative budget with expenditures listed 1-2% higher than could be and the revenue a little lower than anticipated.

Mr. Conklin made the MOTION TO APPROVE THE TENTATIVE FY2009 BUDGET. Mrs. Hintz seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES - MR. CONKLIN, MR. HAWKINS, MRS. HINTZ, MRS. SINGLETON AND MRS. TYLER. MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Tyler made the MOTION TO APPROVE THE FY2009 BUDGET HEARING DATE OF AUGUST 26, 2008 AT 6:35 PM. Mrs. Hintz seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES - MR. CONKLIN, MR. HAWKINS, MRS. HINTZ, MRS. SINGLETON AND MRS. TYLER. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Hawkins made the MOTION TO APPROVE ANNUAL RESOLUTION ADDRESSING THE SERIOUS TRANSPORTATION SAFETY HAZARD. Mrs. Tyler seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES - MR. CONKLIN, MR. HAWKINS, MRS. HINTZ, MRS. SINGLETON AND MRS. TYLER. MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Hintz made the MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF LORI TATE AS JUNIOR HIGH SCIENCE TEACHER. Mrs. Singleton seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES - MR. CONKLIN, MR. HAWKINS, MRS. HINTZ, MRS. SINGLETON AND MRS. TYLER. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Brooks introduced Patricia Reardon to the Board. He reviewed some of the highlights of her resume'. Mrs. Hintz made the MOTION TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF PATRICIA REARDON AS JUNIOR HIGH SCIENCE TEACHER. Mrs. Tyler seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES - MR. CONKLIN, MR. HAWKINS, MRS. HINTZ, MRS. SINGLETON AND MRS. TYLER. MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Tyler made the MOTION TO APPROVE PEKIN COMMUNITY BANK AND PMA AS DEPOSITORIES FOR SOUTH PEKIN DISTRICT 137. Mr. Conklin seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES - MR. CONKLIN, MR. HAWKINS, MRS. HINTZ, MRS. SINGLETON AND MRS. TYLER. MOTION CARRIED.

## **Executive Session**

At 7:09 pm Mrs. Tyler made the MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC BODY" 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES - MR. CONKLIN, MR. HAWKINS, MRS. HINTZ, MRS. SINGLETON AND MRS. TYLER. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 8:12 pm.

Mr. Brooks outlined the Fine Arts options to the Board. Mr. Hawkins made the MOTION TO INCREASE THE ART POSITION TO FULL-TIME. Mrs. Tyler seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES - MR. CONKLIN, MR. HAWKINS, MRS. HINTZ, MRS. SINGLETON AND MRS. TYLER. MOTION CARRIED.

At this time, there are only two Board Members planning to attend the Joint Annual Conference in Chicago November 21-23. Mrs. Hintz and Mrs. Tyler agreed to represent the Board. Mr. Brooks may attend.

The Board briefly discussed Boosters and Athletic Shoe Market.

The next Board Meeting will be August 26, 2008 @ 6:30 pm. With no other business to come before the Board, Mr. Conklin made the MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:23 PM. Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion. YES – 5, NO – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

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Board President, Mrs. Singleton

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Board Secretary, Mrs. Hintz