

Minutes of the Reading School Board

August 19, 2008
Unapproved minutes

Attendance:

School Board- John Fike, John Philpin, Justin Sluka
Principal- Ray Pentkowski
Recording Secretary- Rayna Bishop
Visitors- Lisa Kaija

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm.

Motion to approve as written the minutes from June 16, 2008, and August 7, 2008, seconded and passed.

Financial:

No report was submitted due to the illness of the Financial Director.

Superintendent's Report:

- The Annual Board of Directors dinner will take place on August 20, 2008, with speaker Bill Talbot.
- The District In-Service day is August 26, 2008.

Principal's Report:

- Our Guidance Counselor, Karol McGee, will be spending Mondays at our school this year working with students. She is also going to be working at the Springfield school four days per week this year.
- Our updates to the computer lab are progressing nicely, with the addition of four new Apple computers, and a Smart Board. We have also purchased a laptop computer. This has been funded by the Microsoft settlement.
- At our In-Service meeting on August 25, Pam Selen will be doing a presentation on Co-Teaching. Rick Dustin-Eichler will be demonstrating the many uses of the Smart Boards.
- We will have only one bus route in the mornings. The PTO is donating \$100 for a gift for Sylvia in recognition of her many years of service. A motion was presented to have the School Board also contribute \$100. The motion was seconded and approved.
- We have had two more students register for the 08-09 year. Two of last year's students have left the area, and will be transferring out.
- Our old refrigerator blew the compressor, and had to be replaced.

Chair's Report:

- Our contract with Crystal Rock is up for renewal this year. John Fike requested that Rayna contact the company to be sure we are getting the best possible deal.
- John Fike also requested that Rayna do a phone company evaluation to see what's available, what the costs are, and if we are getting the best deal.

- The Board received a letter from the Reading Friends and Neighbors, thanking them for the use of the grounds for the Old Home Day celebration.
- Appointment of Staff:
 - Motions to hire the following people to fill vacant positions were seconded and approved.
 - * Susannah Colburn as a One to One Assistant for special needs.
 - * Niki Oney as the librarian and media specialist.
 - * Elaine Leibly as the Spanish teacher. She is being shared by three schools.
- Animal Dissection- the State requires that every school have a policy regarding animal dissection, regardless of whether or not dissection is a part of the curriculum.
- Kate O'Neil has left the town of Reading. This means that we need someone to sit on the High School Board. Lisa suggested contacting Kevin Anderson.
- Mr. Fike would like Ray to submit his goals and objectives for the year.

Visitor:

Lisa Kaija discussed the possibility of having the Tech Center make a shed for the school. John Fike feels a prefabricated shed from LaValley's would be more cost effective.

The Board went into Executive session to discuss student issues from 5:15 pm until 5:28 pm.
The meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm.