

Minutes of the Reading School Board

November 18, 2008
Unapproved Draft

Attendance: School Board- John Fike, John Philpin, Justin Sluka; Superintendent- Meg Gallagher; Principal- Ray Pentkowski; Recording Secretary- Rayna Bishop; Visitor- Tim Bishop

The meeting was called to order at 4:29 P.M.

A motion to approve the October minutes as written was seconded and passed.

The visitor was present for observation purposes only.

Chair's Comments

The Water Operator was unable to attend.

Tim Bishop has agreed to fill the vacant position as the High School Board Rep. for Reading for the remainder of the term. Motion to elect Tim Bishop approved.

Mr. Fike attended the State School Board Annual Convention. Approximately 80 out of 1500 members attended.

Financial

The preliminary budget for 2009/2010 was reviewed, discussed, and adjusted.

Mr. Pentkowski will proceed with the recommendations regarding the Guidance Counselor's time, and come back in December with a plan outlined.

Superintendent's Report

Ms. Gallagher informed the Board that there has been an 18% increase in the qualifiers for free/reduced price lunch program at the MS/HS.

The new MS/HS music teacher would like to host a workshop for all of the District's music teachers on the January 18th In-Service Day.

The Language Arts Committee had an all day meeting. The Reading Rep. is Pam Boyer-Sheldon, and Ms. Gallagher praised her for her contributions.

There will be upcoming HSA (Health Safety Accounts) meetings with the faculty.

The District is offering a 403b Plan to its employees, and will be holding meetings to discuss the Plan with the faculty.

Principal's Report

Mr. Pentkowski discussed the NECAP testing, which has been completed and we are awaiting results on, and the NWEA testing, which produced good results.

The Holiday Concert has been scheduled for December 11th at 6:30 P.M.

The Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held on November 24th at 11:30 A.M.

There was a discussion regarding Mr. Pentkowski's idea for a project that will introduce the students to an economic education.

Action Items

The Central Office Administration Self-Evaluations and Goals were discussed.

The WUHS Endowment Association issued a grant to RES for \$532.30 to be used for an outdoor bale composting system. Motion to accept the grant was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.