

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ITHACA
24615 State Highway 58
Richland Center, WI 53581
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
August 15, 2011

1. Board President Mr. Magee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Verification of Meeting Notice took place – on the web, posted and faxed to WRCO and Observer.
2. Roll call – Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Burch, Mr. Huffar, Mr. Magee, Mr. Marchwick, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Ziemke were all present.
3. Mr. Marchwick made a motion to approve agenda. Motion seconded by Mr. Anderson. Motion carried 7-0.
4. Motion made by Mrs. Peterson to approve the minutes from July 25th, 2011 meeting with corrections. Motion seconded by Mrs. Ziemke. Motion carried. 7-0.
5. Citizens Forum – Mrs. Burch passed on that Robert Burch wished to thank Mr. Smudde and Josh Kast for helping pour the cement. Mrs. Ziemke thanked all of those who came out for the Ithaca Pride Workday. There was a great turnout and much was accomplished. Mrs. Peterson stated that there was very good Ithaca representation at the play, Annie, in RC. It's nice to have so many talented people associated with Ithaca
6. Cesa #3 Annual Meeting Report – Mr. Anderson went to the Annual Meeting in Fennimore. Besides regular business, there was discussion on the new Conceal/Carry Law and what it means for schools. We should have a policy in place.
7. Policy Committee Report – Mrs. Ziemke reported that the committee met on Aug. 8th. The new Website Policy was the only item on the agenda. Discussion covered how usage of the new site will be handled and what expectations there will be concerning upkeep of web pages. The 1st reading will take place at the next board meeting.
8. Curriculum Committee Report- Mrs. Burch reported. See attached.
9. Finance Committee Report- Mr. Marchwick reported on what items were questioned.
10. Building and Grounds Committee Report- Mr. Anderson reported that 50 people were involved with the Ithaca Pride Clean Up Day! A big thank you to all of them! A lot of work was done. The rest of the 4-K playground equipment will arrive this week.
11. Principal's Report-Mr. Smudde reported. See attached.
12. Business Manager's Report- Mrs. Richards reported that she has been working on contracts, reports, and newspaper ads needed to be completed before school starts.
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - 13.1. Motion made by Mr. Huffar to approve bills and balances with Receipts of \$341,567.65 and disbursements of \$357,628.33. Motion seconded by Mrs. Ziemke. Roll call vote – Mrs. Peterson-yes; Mr. Marchwick-yes; Mr. Magee-yes; Mrs. Ziemke-yes; Mr. Huffar-yes; Mrs. Burch-yes; Mr. Anderson-yes. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 13.2. Action on snow blower was tabled.
 - 13.3. Motion made by Mr. Huffar to accept the bid from Kemps (Marigold Foods) for the 2011-12 milk contract. Motion seconded by Mrs. Peterson. Roll call vote – Mr. Anderson-yes; Mrs. Peterson-yes; Mr. Marchwick-yes; Mr. Magee-yes; Mrs. Ziemke-yes; Mr. Huffar-yes; Mrs. Burch-yes. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 13.4. Motion made by Mr. Marchwick to approve the bid from Meadows for carpet replacement and VC tile in front office in the amount of \$2,359.05. Motion seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll call vote – Mrs. Burch-yes; Mr. Anderson-yes; Mrs. Peterson-yes; Mr. Marchwick-yes; Mr. Magee-yes; Mrs. Ziemke-yes; Mr. Huffar-yes. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 13.5. Motion made by Mr. Huffar to approve up to \$2,000 for purchasing fencing from Pulvermacher's to complete playground and football fields. Motion seconded by Mrs. Burch. Roll call – Mr. Huffar-yes; Mrs. Burch-yes; Mr. Anderson-yes; Mrs. Peterson-yes; Mr. Marchwick-yes; Mr. Magee-yes; Mrs. Ziemke-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

- 13.6. Motion made by Mr. Huffar to set the Ithaca Horse Show date as September 18th, at 1:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Marchwick. Motion carried 7-0.
- 13.7. Motion made by Mr. Anderson to approve a donation from Culver's towards purchase of DVD reproduction equipment. Motion seconded by Mrs. Ziemke. Roll call vote – Mr. Magee-yes; Mrs. Ziemke-yes; Mr. Huffar-yes; Mrs. Burch-yes; Mr. Anderson-yes; Mrs. Peterson-yes; Mr. Marchwick-yes. Motion carried 7-0.
- 13.8. No action.
- 13.9. Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Burch, Mr. Magee, and Mr. Marchwick will serve the Staff Breakfast before the 1st in-service day on August 29th. This will be served at 7:45 a.m.
- 13.10. Motion made by Mrs. Ziemke to set the next board meeting date for September 12th at 7 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Marchwick. Motion carried 7-0.
- 13.11. Policy Committee will meet on September 12th at 6:00 p.m. and Finance Committee will meet on September 12th at 6:30 p.m.
14. No Old Business
15. Motion made by Mrs. Burch to adjourn to closed session under Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1) (c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility". Motion seconded by Mrs. Ziemke. Motion carried 7-0.
16. Motion made by Mr. Marchwick to reconvene to open session. Motion seconded by Mr. Anderson. Motion carried 7-0.
17. Motion made by Mr. Anderson to approve hiring Cheryl Crook as Middle School Volleyball Coach. Motion seconded by Mr. Marchwick. Roll call vote – Mr. Huffar-yes; Mrs. Burch-yes; Mr. Anderson-yes; Mrs. Peterson-yes; Mr. Marchwick-yes; Mr. Magee-yes; Mrs. Ziemke-yes. Motion carried 7-0.
18. Action on hiring M.S. Football co-coach was tabled.
19. Motion made by Mrs. Peterson to approve hiring Denise Huffar as the Middle School Social Studies/English Teacher. Motion seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll call vote – Mr. Magee-yes; Mrs. Ziemke-yes; Mr. Huffar-abstain. Mrs. Burch-yes; Mr. Anderson-yes; Mrs. Peterson-yes; Mr. Marchwick-yes. Motion carried 6-yes and 1-abstained.
20. Motion made by Mrs. Ziemke to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Marchwick. Motion carried. 7-0, meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

**Submitted by Robin Ziemke, Clerk
Ithaca Board of Education**

Curriculum Committee Report 8/8/11

- Mr. Smudde went over the ESEA Summer Math Workshop that he and four teachers attended at the UW-Platteville. (Mrs. Schmitz, Mr. Meixelsperger, Mrs. Wobschall, and Ms. Brewer)
 - They went through the current Elementary Math Curriculum grade by grade (Saxon Math). They noted we are ahead in many areas in math, and that due to the numbers work in 4YK and Kindergarten, the first several weeks of first grade math are becoming overly repetitive.
 - There were areas at each grade level that need more attention, and those areas build on each other as you go up the grades. Of particular note was the need to work on fractions, measuring, math vocabulary, labeling with units, quick recall of math facts, and geometry.
 - The teachers spent a second week at Platteville coming up with ways they could address the shortfalls. They hope to present this information to either the board or the curriculum committee at some point.

- Mr. Smudde presented Odysseyware, an online curriculum. It was discussed that if we decided to purchase it, it would probably be used for credit recovery at first, but had a lot of potential for advanced coursework, review in areas students struggle, and course offerings we don't currently have. The bulk of the upfront cost is training.

*Some advantages of Odysseyware:

- 1 license is one student online at a time, all teachers are gratis (teachers could use parts of curriculum to augment current units, could use on SmartBoards)
- Get a lot for your money, for each license you get all of the coursework available. All updates are free, the curriculum is up to date, and it is in line with the Wisconsin Standards, and the new Standards coming out.
- Our system is compatible the web based Odysseyware.

Board of Education Meeting
August 18, 2011

Principal's Report:

Planning for Start of the Year In-service

- Developing Teacher/Staff In-Service Schedule
- Developing New Teacher Orientation Schedule
- Followed up with MSA architect for Q/A session with elementary teachers

Met with Policy Committee

- Developing a new School Website Policy
- " Continued review of current policies

Met with Curriculum Committee

- " Discussed online credit recovery/supplemental curriculum product
- Discussion of the ESEA Math Workshop and how it affects our curriculum

New Students

- Fielding questions from potential new students to the district and giving tours
- We now have a plus of 46 for open enrollment

4K Playground Equipment Delivered and Installed

- Clubhouse Installed
- August 22, the swing set and crawl tube to be delivered

Attended DPI New Special Ed. Directors Workshop in Madison

- » Received pertinent information on Special Education changes and law requirements in regards to eligibility
 - Learned about changes in reporting to DPI

Report from Scott Construction

- Trailer was directed to be off the campus by the end of two weeks
- Tentatively agreed to seal coat the town road going up to the north lot