

**LADD COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
DISTRICT #94
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2011**

President Piccatto called the regular meeting of the Board of Education District #94 to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll

Present: Fiocchi, Giordano, Mosbach, Quinn, Victor, and Piccatto
Absent: Morrow

Attendance Michelle Zeko, Deb Pinter, Jim Dzairnowski.

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence

None

Consent Agenda Approval

A motion was made by Quinn and seconded by Fiocchi to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Roll: Aye: Quinn, Fiocchi, Giordano, Victor, Mosbach, and Piccatto. Nay: none. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

None

Invitation to Address the Board

None

Superintendent's Report

Budget Update. We have received 50% of the expected budgeted income and spent 27% of the expected expenses as of October 31. This is normal for this time of year.
History Fair. The Ladd History Fair was on October 19 with an open house on October 20. Nine projects received first place and will go on to regional competition in February. Congratulations to Tanja Acamovic, Brian Bernardoni, Alex Cattani, Trenton Dominy, Libby Gehant, Gabbie Morrow, Alicyn Olson, Hayleigh Olson, and Kiernan Robinson.

BVEC Music Festival. Mrs. Ribas and 24 students participated in the music festival held on October 18. Payton Baker, Taylor Bastion, Ava Cattani, and Madison Considine played in the band. Tanja Acamovic, Joseph Alteri, Simon Burcham, Griselda Chavez, Eric Cissell, Tori Coble, Libby Gehant, Hope Goetz, Brooke Keegan, Julia King, Linnea Lee-Brown, Michael Manning, Gabbie Morrow, Scott Neahring, Kaylee Olivares, Hayleigh Olson, Madisyn Quinn, Gage Ripka, Natalie Stocking, and Kamron Winner were members of the chorus.

Family Reading Night. The PTO hosted Family Reading Night on November 1 with a camping theme. There was a storyteller, family reading tents, crafts, and snacks. Mrs. Linnig did a wonderful job organizing the event. Mrs. Michels, Mrs. Cattani were part of the committee. It was a very successful evening.

Kitchen Hood Suppression Inspection. The report was included in the packets.

Lunch Update. Mrs. Pinter prepared a four-year comparison report of hot lunches sold. We have sold more lunches so far this year over last year with the number of free and reduced-priced students about the same.

Student Discipline Report. The report was distributed at the meeting.

Student Incentive Program. HR Imaging has provided us with student and staff IDs.

We are purchasing chains for everyone to wear the IDs. As incentive for achievements each trimester such as perfect attendance, honor roll, meeting or exceeding achievement goals, outstanding behavior, etc., students will be given special "dog tags" to wear on their chain. All students will start with a school pride tag and stay drug free tag, but will earn the rest. An assembly will be held after each trimester to present tags and honor those students who have earned them.

Student Council. The Student Council ran the school store last month and will open it again on Thursday. They are collecting non-perishable food items for the Hall Township Food Pantry this week and will collect toys for Project Success November 28 through December 2.

Ladd Foundation. Their October agenda, September minutes, and October financials were in the packets. They are conducting 50/50 drawings at basketball games and selling chances on a red and white bag game that will be customized with the winner's favorite red and white team. They are talking of moving their 3-on-3 basketball tournament to sometime in June. Monday, November 28 is their next meeting.

PTO Update. The PTO minutes and financials were in the packets. They held a Scholastic Book Fair, Spirit Wear sales has just ended, and they sponsored a classroom competition for students to donate their Halloween candy to soldiers overseas. Kindergarten and 2nd Grade tied for first place with 19.9 pounds each. PTO's next meeting is scheduled for January 3.

Boxtops and Soup Labels. Amanda Fiocchi and Marie Giordano are doing a great job challenging the students to collect boxtops and soup labels this year. The PTO is offering an hour of fun physical fitness each month for the class that collects the most. We just received \$470.50 from Boxtops and collected 1,700 new soup labels.

Update Planning Document. Changes to November events were announced and updated December calendars were distributed. Parent Night for 8th grade has been changed from November 21 to November 28. Hall is hosting an "above the Influence" event for 7th through 9th graders from 7:00-10:00 Saturday evening. The annual school board convention is this weekend.

Unfinished Business:

Building and Grounds Update. Mr. Dzairnowski reported that the power analysis results showed everything was fine. There have been no new leaks since Vissering resealed the brick. A pump on the boiler is leaking so a seal kit has been ordered. The heat is still not working properly.

School District Reorganization. Both the Illinois House and Senate passed the waiver for Leepertown School District to annex to a district that is not contiguous. Leepertown is working to get their building sold. Estimated transportation figures may need to be

adjusted. The next steps and the timeline for a possible dissolution and annexation were discussed. Our board members will get more public feedback on the issue before the next regular meeting. Special Education and other teaching positions should an annexation take place were discussed.

New Business

Technology Update. One of our servers is no longer working. The options are to either buy another server or to store data externally on the "Illini Cloud". Servers are expensive, but the reliability of external servers could be an issue. The Board directed Mrs. Zeko to move forward with the pursuit of a cloud.

Policy Reading. The Illinois Association of School Boards now has a policy on concussions. The first reading of Policy 7:305 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries was held. It will be brought to the next meeting for adoption.

Review the Proposed Tax Levy. The proposed tax levy has the same tax rate as last year, 2.619; with bond and interest it is 3.04, slightly less than last year. However, the Wal-Mart property comes on the tax rolls this year which considerably raises our equalized assessed valuation and increases that amount of tax money we will take in. It will be necessary to have a tax levy public hearing as the figure is more than 105% of what was levied last year. Mrs. Zeko recommended that the tax levy public hearing be held on December 20 at 7:00, with the regular monthly meeting following.

Action Items


Tax Levy Resolution. A motion was made by Victor and seconded by Quinn to adopt the tax levy resolution as presented. Roll: Aye: Victor, Quinn, Mosbach, Fiocchi, Giordano, and Piccato. Nay: none. The motion carried unanimously.

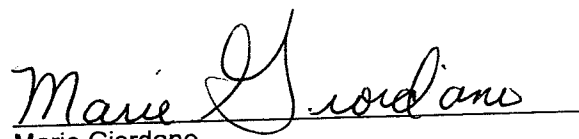
Tax Levy Public Hearing. A motion was made by Fiocchi and seconded by Giordano to hold the tax levy public hearing on December 20 at 7:00 p.m. with the regular monthly meeting to follow as recommended. The motion carried unanimously by voice.

Adjournment

Adjournment. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:03 p.m. by Fiocchi and seconded by Giordano. The motion carried unanimously by voice.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on December 20, 2011 following the tax levy hearing scheduled for 7:00 p.m. in the library.


John T. Piccato, Sr.
President


Marie Giordano
Secretary