

The Regular Meeting of the Fox Lake Grade School District 114 Board of Education held Tuesday, December 16, 2014, was called to order by President Harms at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL: X Dabrowski X Harms X Sherwin
 X Smith _Cassiday-Turner X Kiesgen
 X Karry

Administrators in Attendance: Mrs. Clary, Mr. Donnellan, Mrs. Peters, Mr. Peters and Mr. Sefcik.

Others in Attendance: Colleen Hitzler, Zachary Hitzler, Nathaniel Nusbaum, Musa Dzemaili, Cindy Carlino, Erica M. Bender, Marlud Hanamote, Val Wallace, Susan Marker, Len Nusbaum, Lori Nusbaum, Beth Ludwick and Donielle McArthur.

Motion by Mr. Dabrowski, seconded by Mrs. Karry, to approve the December 16, 2014 Agenda with changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Sherwin, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the Minutes of the November 18, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Dabrowski, seconded by Mrs. Kiesgen to approve the Closed Session Minutes from the November 18, 2014 Meeting of the Board of Education as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Bonnie Sherwin read a thank-you letter from Reatha Owens from the Illinois Association of School Boards. She thanked the Board for their participation in the Board Self-Evaluation session at the Joint Annual Conference in November and said that the information, insight and expertise they offered made the session meaningful for all the participants.

Mr. Harms addressed the audience and asked if there were any additional comments. Ms. Susan Marker, a second grade teacher at Lotus School, thanked the Board of Education and the Administrators for allowing the second grade students from Lotus School to attend a theatrical performance of the Wizard of Oz at the Marriott Theater in Lincolnshire, Illinois. She said, "it was absolutely amazing and I just want to say thank-you." Ms. Marker also said that the theater commented on our student's fabulous behavior and said that very few students behave as well as our students behaved.

Mrs. Colleen Hitzler commented on the success of the "Family Reading Night" that was held at Lotus School. She said it was a wonderful idea and she liked the room themes and especially liked the ice cream room.

The Board of Education reviewed student and staff recognition for the month of December 2014.

A Special thanks to the following staff members for going above and beyond: the Kitchen Staff for cooking a fantastic meal for the Thanksgiving luncheon; Erica Barraza and Natalie Udstuen

for receiving rave reviews for their presentation at the Raising Student Achievement Conference; Joan Kantenwein for coordinating the “Deck the Walls” for the mid-quarter PBIS celebration and making the new PBIS video; Erin Connolly-Jordt for her kindergarten “Santa Claus Is Coming to Town” Concert; All Lotus Staff who volunteered for Santa’s Breakfast and the Rotary Christmas Party; Jane Ferrigan-Wilson for coordinating support for families in need at the school during this holiday season; Marguerite Anderson for holding the Preschool Parent Reading Night; Lotus Staff for the overwhelmingly good turnout at Family Reading Night; Michelle Magness, Julie Volgi, Linda Rasmussen, Tegan Kappel, and Marguerite Anderson for organizing the Preschool Gingerbread House Night; Lotus Staff for decorating the gingerbread houses for the Chamber of Commerce competition.

The following students were recognized as All Star Students for the week of November 18, 2014: Viridiana Barcenas, Heath Hubrich, Michael Rodriguez, Kyle Neuber, Isabelle Moran, Rihanna Shanahan, Grant Miller, Tora Fritts, Ariana Serlick, Jaydn Joplin, Bryanna Escorza, Rayna Edgell, Katelyn Lanz-Werner, Ella Smith, Ethan Tarvin, Joey Hageli, Presley Welninski, Lilianna Anderson, Amelia Ledger, Nevaeh Martinez, Joey Huhn; The week of December 2, 2014: Chase Bodmer, Ethan Smith, Ayeli Gallegos, Ireland Lewis, Carter Hoyt, Johnny Pause, Julianne Shanahan, David Carranza, Ayden Gomez, William Grooms, Evan Ahlgren, Calie Cogswell, Ben Roberts, Gabrielle Drew, Tyler Fugett, Gabriella Vizinni, Ava Dawson, Abigail Crane, Preston Pople, Vanessa Estrada, Lance Gallagher, Samantha Houdek; The week of December 9, 2014: Autumn Evans, Matthew Lozano, Abbigale Hamner, Malachi Jones, Maqenzie Biddle, Adelaide Cerney, Jessica Ortiz, Natalie Winquist, Danielle Murphy, Bianca Perez, Carlos Martinez, Jose Rodriguez, Annabelle Alonzo, Cristian Silva, Flor Segundo, Ariana Doughty, Giselle Morales, Nadia Oswald, Alexis Cummings, Laiklin Hamm, Nathaniel Osorio.

The following staff members from Stanton School were recognized: Betty Cwiak, Rachelle Peters, Linnea Michel, Christy Matthews, Chris Katuzny, Matt Shannon, Connie Lancaster, Kathleen Winkiel, Donnie Thomas, Jill Becmer, Kristen Arndt, and Barb Brown for volunteering at Santa’s Breakfast; Beth Rendon, Diana Olson, Beth Ludwick, Liz Andersen, Kristen Arndt, Gizelle Wells, Christine Spittler, Melissa Williams, Christy Matthews, Barb Brown, and Rich Bressett and their hombase classes for making beautiful Ginger Bread Houses for the Chamber of Commerce annual contest; Beth Ludwick for presenting at Northern Illinois University on aligning our current science standards with the next generation science standards; Mike Szotek for helping to keep the technology at Stanton running smoothly while Mr. Roat was on Leave; Melissa Williams for writing and receiving an Impact Grant for \$1000 which will be used to purchase CPR, AED, and first aid training equipment for 8th grade health classes; Joseph Fernandez for doing a wonderful job directing the Drama Club play, Sleepy Hollow; Jeff Sefcik for meeting with the police and fire departments to discuss our new emergency guideline books; Gizelle Wells for completing the movie for the Academic Pep Assembly; Betty Cwiak and Viola Bell for proctoring the Winter MAP tests; Chris Carvell and Jamie Smeigh for coaching wrestling; Beth Rendon and Liz Andersen for coordinating Penny Wars; Viola Bell and Nannette Kiesgen for co-chairing the Book Fair; and Deb Pogose for chairing Santa’s Breakfast.

The following Stanton students were recognized for volunteering at Santa’s Breakfast: Aiden Paul, Mikayla Earl, Mary Nash, Oscar Pawlus, Alexandria Johnson, Meghan Wagner, Lizandra

Barajas, Ashley Cavender, Lux Moore, Kyler Wilson, Jayla Cole, Jasmine Martinez, Jamella Rollins, and Genevieve Fritz.

Mr. Shannon's class was recognized for winning the Canned Food Drive. They collected a total of 478 items and celebrated with a pizza party. Class members include: Robert Deatherage, Elliot Fritz, Elayna Garcia, Ryan Garland, Emilie Gertz, Holly Kelley, April Komorski, Ty Lapinski, Madilynn Lartey, Rebecca Martinez, Peyton McCafferty, Shayna Mitchell, Haley Moreano, Samantha Morphew, Christian Oberg, Zachary Sotos, and Trevor Wentz.

The following students are recognized for achieving the Superfecta in Physical Education class: Eric Dukes, William March, Christopher Lozos, Jose Monroy, & Julian Villarreal, Alex Aukerman, Taylor Bushman, Tyler Carroll, Musa Dzemaili, Ashley Farcas, Natalie Hernandez, Zach Hitzler, Craig Hundley, Allie Johnson, Nicolette Kouvelis, Kacie Paholke Jaylee Pfau, Brin Robinson, Blake Sieckowski, Alexis Huerta. The Superfecta is earned by achieving a 10 in all 4 fitness tests in a quarter.

Savannah Heersche was recognized for creating the movie that was played at the Academic Pep Assembly.

The following students were recognized for their participation on the wrestling team: Alex Aukerman, Nate Charles, TJ Connor, Brandon Dinschel, Taylor Doyle, Eric Dukes, Ethan Dukes, James Dukes, Musa Dzemaili, Mateo Gallagher, Zach Hitzler, Collin Jackson, Logan Karda, Anthony Karow, Gordon Kiesgen, Toby Kryzak, Zach Krysak, Ty Lapinski, Chris Lozos, William March, Jose Martinez, Dillon McAllister, Jose Monroy, Ethan Moreno, Nate Nusbaum, Ray Ross, Coleman Speakes, and Edward Tregenza.

Mr. Sefcik also wanted to recognize Devon Malo, a 2014 graduate of Grant High School, a 2010 graduate of Stanton Middle School and currently a freshman at the University of Alabama. Devon will be coming to Stanton School to speak with the 8th grade students on Thursday, December 18, 2014 to present *Life 'n College and How I Prepared*.

Devon's presentation will go along with the Academic Pep Assembly that was held on Friday December 12, 2014. Any student who had 75% or higher on the Fall math or reading MAP tests and any student that increased their MAP Score in both math and reading from Spring to Fall were recognized. The top 10 students at every grade level including the Life Skills Program in the Edmark Reading Program were recognized along with any students who exceeded in both math and reading during Illinois State Achievement Testing.

Jill Becmer organized the Assembly with a college theme. All of the students that were recognized received a bracelet that said "*Believe, Achieve & Succeed.*" Kendra Wedl communicated with hundreds of colleges and universities throughout the country and collected hundreds of banners and t-shirts to raffle to the students. Jill also put together framed plaques for all the staff members containing the diplomas from the colleges they attended. The plaques are displayed in front of their classrooms in an effort to encourage the students to start thinking about their future and the possibility of college.

The Board of Education recognized Teri Hay, Business Manager, for her above and beyond effort while the Assistant Business Manager, Annie Mulvaney, was on maternity leave. Mr. Harms presented Mrs. Hay with a plaque in appreciation of her good work.

Mr. Sefcik introduced Donielle McArthur and Beth Ludwick, the two 7th grade teachers who facilitated the 2014 Science Fair. They chose two winners from each section for a total of 8 winners. The 8 winners - Alex Aukerman, Musa Dzemaili, Eddy Tregenza, Kacie Paholke, Kellie Maddock, Zach Hitzler, Nate Nusbaum, and Ashley Farcas - presented their projects to the Board of Education.

Cindy Carlino informed the Board that one of the 5th grade students at Stanton School may need the assistance of a service animal beginning in February 2015. Mr. Donnellan will present the 1st draft of the Service Animal Policy and Procedures to the Board later in the meeting.

The Consent Agenda was reviewed by the Board of Education.

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Kiesgan, to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended, with Accounts Payable in the amount of \$171,297.73. Board polled: Mr. Dabrowski – Aye, Mr. Harms – Aye, Mrs. Sherwin – Aye, Mr. Smith – Aye, Mrs. Kiesgen – Aye, Mrs. Karry – Aye. Motion carried.

The Board of Education reviewed Policies 7:200 through 7:340. One change was noted by Mrs. Kiesgen for Policy 7:240. This will serve as the 1st reading for this policy change, and will be presented to the Board at its January 20, 2015 meeting for 2nd reading and approval.

Service Animal Policy 6:120 was presented to the Board for a 1st reading. Mr. Donnellan will bring this Policy back on January 20, 2015 for a 2nd reading and approval.

Mr. Sefcik addressed the Board regarding the Internet Safety Presentation for the Community that will take place on January 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Stanton School. Representatives from the Illinois Attorney General's Office will give a community presentation for parents regarding Digital Footprinting and Internet Safety. They will also make a short presentation to the Board at its January 20, 2015 meeting.

Mr. Donnellan presented his Superintendent's Report to the Board of Education.

Motion by Mrs. Kiesgen, seconded by Mrs. Sherwin to move the January 20, 2015 Board Meeting from Lotus School to Stanton School. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Dabrowski, seconded by Mrs. Karry to approve the 2014 Certificate of Levy as presented. Board polled: Mr. Harms – Aye, Mrs. Sherwin – Aye, Mr. Smith – Aye, Mrs. Kiesgen – Aye, Mrs. Karry – Aye, Mr. Dabrowski – Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Dabrowski, seconded by Mrs. Kiesgen to approve the Lotus School Boiler Emergency Contract with Stanton Mechanical with a base bid of \$122,590 and alternate #2 of \$14,000. Board Polled: Mrs. Sherwin – Aye, Mr. Smith – Aye, Mrs. Kiesgen – Aye, Mrs. Karry – Aye, Mr. Dabrowski – Aye, Mr. Harms – Aye. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Other Business.

The Board Members and Mr. Donnellan recapped the various break-out sessions they attended at the 2014 IASB School Board Convention.

The Board of Education set the date for the Board Orientation Workshop for Tuesday, June 2, 2015, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The School Board Member election will be held on April 7, 2015. The District will receive the Official Canvass of Election Results from the County Clerk on April 22, 2015. Since the Official Canvass of Election Results will not be received until after the regularly scheduled April 21 meeting, Mr. Donnellan recommended that the April Regular Meeting of the Board of Education be rescheduled to April 28, 2015.

Motion by Mrs. Karry, seconded by Mr. Smith to move the April 21, 2015 Regular Education Board Meeting and Reorganization Meeting to Tuesday, April 28, 2015. Board Polled: Mr. Smith – Aye, Mrs. Kiesgen – Aye, Mrs. Karry – Aye, Mr. Dabrowski – Aye, Mr. Harms – Aye, Mrs. Sherwin – Aye. Motion carried.

There were no additional Board Member comments, audience comments, or agenda suggestions.

Motion by Mr. Dabrowski, seconded by Mr. Smith to go into Closed Session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss Superintendent evaluation; employee evaluation; potential litigation; and a confidential student matter. Board Polled: Mrs. Kiesgen – Aye, Mrs. Karry – Aye, Mr. Dabrowski – Aye, Mr. Harms – Aye, Mrs. Sherwin – Aye, Mr. Smith – Aye. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 8:39 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Karry to dismiss bus driver, Debbie Sabynicz, effective immediately. Mr. Dabrowski – Aye, Mr. Harms – Aye, Mrs. Karry – Aye, Mrs. Kiesgen – Aye, Mrs. Sherwin – Aye, Mr. Smith – Aye. Motion carried.

President Harms adjourned the Meeting of the Board of Education at 8:40 p.m.

President

Secretary