

**ROLL CALL  
AND RECOGNITION  
OF GUESTS--**

The Board of Education of North Greene Unit District No. 3, Greene and Scott Counties, Illinois, met in regular session on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Education Center, White Hall. Those answering roll call were: President Don Nell, Members Brad Bell, Jeff Clanton, Rob McMillen, Jerry Reno, Joe Schnelten, and Daniel Woodlock; Superintendent Les Stevens, Secretary Barbara Neece, Treasurer Linda Sturgeon, Principals Rick Hutchinson, Cindy Rice, and Mary Sorensen, Building Maintenance Director Dale Coffman and Transportation Supervisor David Beck were also in attendance.

**CONSENT ITEMS:  
MINUTES;  
BILLS;  
REPORTS OF TREAS.,  
PRINCIPALS,  
TRANSPORTATION &  
BUILDING & GROUNDS;  
FUND RAISERS--**

A motion was made by Mr. McMillen, seconded by Dr. Woodlock, to approve the following consent agenda items: Minutes of the regular meeting of December 16, 2009, as presented; payment of bills as listed; Treasurer’s Report and Update for the month of December; Building Principal reports on recent activities and events as presented; Transportation Report and Buildings and Grounds Report for the month of December; and Fundraising activities for the White Hall Elementary to solicit donations to purchase new bicycles for incentive awards to students for academic success and attendance.

The President put the motion to a vote and the following roll call was taken:

McMillen, yea	Clanton, yea
Woodlock yea	Reno, yea
Bell, yea	Schnelten, yea
Nell, yea	

**SUPERINTENDENT  
REPORT--**

Superintendent Stevens gave reports on the following items:

1. Correspondence received was reviewed. Among the items was a request from Boyd Healthcare Services of Carrollton for the district to sign a Memorandum of Understanding for Mutual Aid verifying that the district will provide facilities for use in the event of a disaster either manmade or natural. By signing the memorandum of understanding, Boyd Healthcare will be able to receive federal funding and grant monies for such emergency purposes. Upon consensus of the board, the superintendent was to sign the Memorandum.
2. The members were informed of the request of White Hall Elementary Principal Mary Sorensen to attend a special education law conference in Florida in May.
3. Enrollment figures were reviewed. It was noted that enrollment decreased from the end of November to the end of December by 17 students.

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4. A date was determined for the Calendar Committee to meet to develop the Calendar for 2010-2011 on determined for April 7, at 6 p.m., with members McMillen, Reno, and Woodlock to serve on the committee and the Parent-Teacher Discipline Advisory Committee to meet also on April 7 at 7 p.m.
5. Discussion was held regarding the need for the establishment of a plan for handling reduction of staff and programs if the state does not come through with promised state aid or reduces the foundation level for calculating state aid for the coming year. Information from the Illinois Association of School Administrators regarding revenues for state aid, mandated categorical grants, and the estimated state payments for local area school districts if rumored reductions are made was distributed for review. With decreasing enrollment, only one known teacher retirement expected and no indication of ability to reduce special education staff, or increase revenue, it was determined to schedule a special meeting for Wednesday, February 10, at 7 p.m. for discussion of funding and staffing issues for 2010-2011.

**ARCHITECT ESTIMATES-H.S. ISSUES--** John Parkinson, president of Image Architects, was in attendance to present estimated costs for resolutions to some outstanding issues with the 2002 building addition at the high school. He suggested a meeting be scheduled with all parties involved to determine responsibility for both work and costs.

The first issue addressed was the roof leaks between the hallway connecting the locker room area of the 1957 addition to the gym of the 2002 addition. D. E. Martin Roofing Company, roofing contractor for the building project, Versico roofing material representative, and representatives of the district and architects were consulted to determine solutions. As a result, Martin Roofing provided estimates for installation of scupper downspouts, removal of old thru-wall drains, removal and replacement of drywall, and installation of a section of rubber roofing over the existing roof for an estimated cost of \$20,833.00.

Mr. Parkinson reported that the issue of the driveway drainage hazard at the street level has been determined by the Illinois Department of Transportation to not be on their section of the roadway and that concrete was put in per IDOT specifications. It was discussed by the architect that the guttering is not on district property and would belong to the city. Benton & Associates engineers was contracted by the architects to survey the area and make proposals for a resolution. Two solutions were reviewed. One solution called for the removal of the existing entry drive, curb and gutter pavement and reinstallation of new concrete curb, gutter and entrance drive for an estimated \$39,332.00; the second called for removal of curb, gutter and driveway, follow the same procedure as

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solution one, with the addition of installing an inlet and running 350 linear feet of storm sewer piping to the north of the high school property for an estimated cost of \$55,375.00. It was reported that the problem and proposed solutions have been sent to the city and state for their review.

In regard to the matter of a more safe and easy access to the media platform in the gymnasium, two options were presented. Solution one called for the removal of the existing wall-mounted ladder, fill in the floor opening, removal of exterior guardrails and installation of a swing-up deck access ladder for an estimated cost of \$2,000.00. Solution two was for removal of the existing wall ladder and replacement with a pivotal ladder for a cost of \$700.00.

The exterior exit doors north and east of the 2002 gym situation where the wind catches the doors and holds them open, was addressed with two solutions for alleviating the matter by either relocating the doors, installing a new concrete sidewalk from the new door to the existing walk for an estimate cost of \$8,000 to \$10,000.00 or leave the doors in the original location, replace the damaged door and build a new wing-wall running east to west to break the wind for an estimated cost of \$5,000-\$7,000.00. A third solution proposed by Maintenance Director Dale Coffman was to remove the exterior doors, take up the carpeted tiles leaving an open vestibule with tiled or concrete surface.

Following review and discussion of the proposals, it was suggested that the roofing contractor be contacted to set up a meeting in the near future for further discussion.

**HIGH SCHOOL  
GRADUATION--**

Discussion was held concerning a proposal by the administration to move the graduation ceremony at the high school from the traditional Friday evening to a Sunday afternoon ceremony. The rationale was that by having the ceremony on Sunday afternoon before Memorial Day, it would give family members additional travel time to arrive as well as the extra day following with the holiday on Monday for return travel.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Reno, seconded by Mr. McMillen, to set the graduation date for 2010 to be held on Sunday afternoon, May 30 at 2:00 p.m..

The President put the motion to a vote and the following roll call was

taken:	Reno, yea	Woodlock, yea
	McMillen, yea	Bell, yea
	Schnelten, yea	Clanton, nay
	Nell, nay	

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Motion carried—5-yea; 2-nay.

**BOARD POLICY REVISIONS--**

A motion was made by Dr. Woodlock, seconded by Mr. Reno, to approve second reading and adopt the following policy revisions with amendments as recommended: 4:120, 4:130, 4:150, 4:160, 6:20, 6:50, 8:70; and omit suggested policy 6:185 since it does not apply to current practice.

The President put the motion to a vote and the following roll call was taken:

Woodlock, yea	Bell, yea
Reno, yea	Clanton, nay
Schnelten, yea	McMillen, yea
Nell, yea	

Motion carried—6-yea; 1-nay.

**APPOINTMENT/ EMPLOYMENT--**

Upon recommendation of the administration for employment of staff, a motion was made by Mr. Reno, seconded by Dr. Woodlock, to post a position for a full-time custodian at the high school and authorize the Superintendent to fill the position following the ten-day posting period, effective February 1, 2010.

The President put the motion to a vote and the following roll call was taken:

Reno, yea	Clanton, yea
Woodlock, yea	McMillen, yea
Bell, yea	Schnelten, yea
Nell, yea	

**RESOLUTION TO COLLECT INTEREST ON TAXES--**

A motion was made by Mr. Clanton, seconded by Dr. Woodlock, to adopt a resolution requesting payment of collected interest earned on 2009 property taxes, paid in 2010, as per the Tax Collection Act.

The President put the motion to a vote and the following roll call was taken:

Clanton, yea	McMillen, yea
Woodlock, yea	Reno, yea
Bell, yea	Schnelten, yea
Nell, yea	

**APPROVE USE OF FACILITIES--**

A motion was made by Mr. Reno, seconded by Mr. McMillen, to approve the requests for use of facilities as requested as follows: Gentle Shepherd Fellowship Church for a volleyball/basketball game at the Jr. High gym on March 7, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.; White Hall Lion's Club for hosting a professional wrestling exhibition

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fundraising event at the high school on March 20, 2010; and North Greene Youth Basketball League with waiver of fees for use of the Jr. High and High School gymnasiums for practices and games between February 7 and March 30, 2010, with it being noted that there is to be no soda allowed in the gymnasiums and that all approvals are contingent upon there being no conflict with any school related activities.

The President put the motion to a vote and the following roll call was taken:

Reno, yea	Bell, yea
McMillen, yea	Clanton, yea
Schnelten, yea	Woodlock, yea
	Nell, yea

**FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY REVISIONS--**

Review of proposed policy revisions was held. Following review, a motion was made by Mr. Clanton, seconded by Dr. Woodlock, to approve first reading of policies: 2:200, 2:250, 2:250-AP1, 4:110, 5:10, 6:60, 7:10, 7:20, and 7:180.

The President put the motion to a vote and the following roll call was taken:

Clanton, yea	McMillen, nay
Woodlock, yea	Reno, nay
Bell, yea	Schnelten, yea
	Nell, yea

Motion carried—5-yea; 2-nay.

**CLOSED SESSION- 8:45 P.M.--**

A motion was made by Dr. Woodlock, seconded by Mr. Reno, to go to closed session at 8:45 p.m. to discuss Closed Session minutes for approval and the semi-annual review for determination of certain minutes being made public and destruction of closed session audio recordings for approval as per Section 2.06, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21); Student disciplinary cases, per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9); The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity, as per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1); Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2); and Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes, per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

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The President put the motion to a vote and the following roll call was taken:

Woodlock, yea	Bell, yea
Reno, yea	Clanton, yea
Schnelten, yea	McMillen, yea
	Nell, yea

**RECONVENE-11:40 P.M.-** Upon a motion made by Mr. Bell, seconded by, Mr. Clanton, to return to open session at 11:40 p.m., the President put the motion to a vote and the following roll call was taken:

Bell, yea	Reno, yea
Clanton, yea	Schnelten, yea
McMillen, yea	Woodlock, yea

**ACTION/REPORT--**  
**CLOSED SESSION**  
**MINUTES--**

A motion was made by Mr. Clanton, seconded by Mr. Bell, to approve the recommendation of the committee for review of the closed session minutes, to maintain the confidentiality of the closed session minutes of meetings held between January 21, 2009 through October 21, 2009 and to approve the destruction of the verbatim recordings of the closed sessions held from August 28, 2007 through May 27, 2008.

The President put the motion to a vote and the following roll call was taken:

Clanton, yea	Reno, yea
Bell, yea	Schnelten, yea
McMillen, yea	Woodlock, yea
	Nell, yea

**REEMPLOYMENT OF**  
**ADMINISTRATORS--**

A motion was made by Mr. Schnelten and seconded by Dr. Woodlock, to reemploy administrators, Cindy Carlson Rice, as Principal of North Greene Jr. High/Elementary, Rick Hutchinson as Principal of North Greene High School, and Mary Sorensen as Principal of White Hall Elementary and District Special Education Supervisor for the 2010-2011 school year, with salaries to be determined at a later date.

The President put the motion to a vote and the following roll call was taken:

Schnelten, yea	Clanton, yea
Woodlock, yea	McMillen, yea
Bell, yea	Reno, yea
	Nell, yea

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**EXTEND SUPT.  
CONTRACT--**

A motion was made by Dr. Woodlock, seconded by Mr. Reno, to extend the three-year contract of Superintendent Les Stevens for an additional two years through the 2012-2013 school year, with salary increase to be determined at a later date.

The President put the motion to a vote and the following roll call was taken:

Woodlock, yea	Bell, yea
Reno, yea	Clanton, yea
Schnelten, yea	McMillen, yea
Nell, yea	

**SENIORITY LISTS--**

A motion was made by Mr. Schnelten, seconded by Dr. Woodlock, to approve the seniority lists for tenured certified staff and the support staff date of hire lists as discussed in closed session and attached for posting by February 1, 2010.

The President put the motion to a vote and the following roll call was taken:

Schnelten, yea	Clanton, nay
Woodlock, yea	McMillen, nay
Bell, yea	Reno, yea
Nell, nay	

Motion carried—4-yea; 3 nay.

**ADJOURN-11:50 P.M.--**

With no further business to come before the Board, President Nell adjourned the meeting at 11:50 p.m.

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Don Nell, President

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Barbara Neece, Secretary