

**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, February 15, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Education Center, White Hall. Those answering roll call were: Vice-President Edwin Ford, Members Pat Ford, David Hallock, and Brenn Killion; Member Rick Bridges and President Jeff Haskell were absent and Member Kevin Nichols entered later during the meeting. Superintendent Lawrence Coultas, Supervising Principal Mark Scott, Secretary Barbara Neece, Treasurer Tiffany Mumford, Building Maintenance Director Dale Coffman and Transportation Supervisor John Davidson were also present.

**STATEMENTS FROM
GUESTS--**

Mike Niehaus of Windsor Realty spoke to the board regarding his interest in the sale of the Roodhouse Athletic Field property and shared his concern that the advertisement for bids listed the property incorrectly. He expressed his interest in purchase of the property for a housing development and desire to put down earnest money. He also shared that he felt that after talking with President Haskell about putting down earnest money and after a letter was sent from the district in support of his seeking Federal funds to apply toward funding the project, that he had an agreement for a deal. Supervising Principal Scott stated that discussing the matter with a single board member was not adequate, that any action required support from a majority of the board. Superintendent Coultas remarked that the letter sent merely stated the district's interest in declaring the property as surplus and possible sale. He also stated that no deal was made as the property needed to be publicly advertised first and if there is question on the property description, then more research would be needed to clarify any discrepancy.

Jim Ballard, of Ballard Brothers Concrete and Excavating, spoke in support of Windsor Realty and the quality of work that the company does. He encouraged the board to postpone the sale of the property per the recently advertised deadline date of March 10 due to the question of property description raised.

Tom Martin, Mayor of Roodhouse, was present to encourage the board to support the project proposed by Mr. Niehaus at the Roodhouse Athletic Field of building additional housing due to the benefit it would be to the City of Roodhouse with the jobs it would provide to the area, in utilities paid to the City, and eventual taxes gained.

Cade Reno introduced himself to the board as an applicant for the position of Head Football Coach. He expressed his appreciation to the administration for the opportunity to interview and related his past experience as a volunteer assistant.

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Advisor Josh Lawson, along with members of the North Greene FFA, spoke to the board regarding National FFA Week and activities planned to be carried out during the week. The group presented the board and administration with a tray of sandwiches for the meeting refreshments as part of their week of activities. Advisor Lawson spoke about the organization’s upcoming raffle, application for a National FFA grant to help fund the greenhouse renovation project and requested the board to consider setting aside some of the future Sales Tax proceeds toward supplementing the grant funds for the project. The board acknowledged the group for their contributions to community projects and commended them for their recent help in securing some of the businesses in the downtown area during the recent fire.

Parent Tammy Kuykendahl spoke to the board in defense of her recent involvement in an incident during an activity at the Jr.-Sr. High School where she was accused of grabbing a student’s arm in an action which she felt was necessary in defense of her daughter’s situation.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Hallock, seconded by Mr. Pat Ford, to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of January 18, 2017, as presented; payment of bills as listed; Treasurer’s Report for the month of January and February 15 update; Building Principal reports of recent activities and events; Transportation Report and Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Report for the month; approve fundraising activities for the High School Softball team to host a Kid’s Camp on March 11 and hold a raffle of a processed whole hog, with date to be announced, to earn funds for equipment and supplies; Senior Class of 2017 to sell pizza and butter braid pastries through T.J.’S Pizza February 20-March 3, to earn funds for Senior trip 2017; Acknowledge donation of \$300 from United Community Bank for the STEM-Guitar Project;

DONATIONS/GIFTS;

USE OF FACILITIES--

Approve use of facilities by the North Greene Youth League Basketball for team evening practices and games at the Elementary gym on Saturday mornings beginning February 11 through March 18, with all fees waived, and the White Hall Fire Department to use the Jr./Sr. High School Commons to host a meeting and catered dinner for the County Fire Departments on the evening of February 22, with waiver of fees, pending receipt of proof of insurance.

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

Hallock, yea	Nichols, absent
P. Ford, yea	Bridges, absent
Killion yea	E. Ford, yea
Haskell, absent	

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SUPERINTENDENT REPORT--

Reports were made by Superintendent Coultas and Supervising Principal Scott on the following items:

1. Reminder of meeting date for the Two Rivers Division of IASB Dinner Meeting at North Greene Jr./Sr. High on March 7 at 5:30 p.m.;
2. A request was made for a date for the annual Calendar Committee meeting and designation of committee members, as well as, the annual Parent-Teacher Advisory Student Discipline Committee and board representative. It was suggested that the date and time of April 5 at 6:30 p.m. and May 3 at 7:00 p.m., respectively, be set for the 2017 meetings. Members Pat Ford will serve on the Calendar Committee and Members Ed Ford and Kevin Nichols will serve on the Parent-Teacher Advisory Discipline Policy Committee;
3. Mr. Coultas reported that the Transportation Fund negative is a result of the state owing the district over \$500,000 in payments but it is anticipated that transportation is to be fully funded this year.

Member Nichols entered the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

4. The STEM Guitar Project students will visit Nashville, Tennessee, and The Grand Ole Opry in late March, taking one of the guitars made by the students. They will visit a recording studio where a recording artist will play the guitar.
5. Mr. Scott reported that the competitive Prekindergarten Grant is in progress for submission and will be reviewed with the board when completed.
6. The insurance company has paid the district a depreciated value of \$1,300 toward the vandalism damage to the security cameras at the Jr./Sr. High building. Due to the age of the system, it was requested that consideration be given for seeking bids to replace the system.

DISCUSSION OF ROODHOUSE PROPERTY-

Discussion was held regarding the question of an error in the property description in the advertisement for bids for the sale of the Roodhouse Athletic field property. With the bid deadline coming due before the next meeting on March 10, it was determined that the administration will check with the courthouse on the legal description records to verify the if it is different from the deed that the district has on file. A decision will be made whether to go ahead with the bid process once the discrepancy is resolved.

DISCUSSION ON NGE PROJECTS & REQUEST FOR RFP'S--

Superintendent Coultas reported that three contractors have expressed interest in providing proposals in response to the district's advertisement regarding building infrastructure upgrades to the North Greene Elementary. They have visited the buildings to review the proposed upgrades. The proposals are due March 1, at 12 noon. Review of the proposals will be done with representatives of the companies prior to

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recommendation being made at the March 15 meeting for selection of a qualified energy services company to provide coordination of the selected projects through an energy savings performance contract.

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS-SECURITY CAMERAS--

As a result of the age of the current security camera systems at both the Jr./Sr. High School and North Greene Elementary, as well as recent vandalism of four cameras at the Jr./Sr. High, a motion was made by Mrs. Killion, seconded by Mr. Nichols, to authorize the administration To seek bids for purchase of a new system, and to include additional exterior cameras at both buildings.

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

Killion, yea	P. Ford, yea
Nichols, yea	Hallock, yea
Bridges, absent	E. Ford, yea
Haskell, absent	

APPROVE OVERNIGHT SENIOR TRIP--

Following discussion at the regular meeting in February with members of the Senior Class of 2017, additional information was gathered regarding specific costs involved as well as class revenue available and information regarding additional funding through planned fundraisers was presented for board consideration.

After review of the information provided, a motion was made by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Pat Ford, to approve the plans of the Senior Class for an overnight trip to Grand Haven, Michigan, from May 30 and returning the evening of June 2, 2017, with the district providing the bus and driver, and the class reimbursing the cost of the driver's salary and fuel, all pending adequate funding.

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

Nichols, yea	Killion, yea
P. Ford, yea	Bridges, absent
Hallock, yea	E. Ford, yea
Haskell, absent	

APPROVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE--

A motion was made by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mrs. Killion, to approve the request for maternity leave of absence of Elementary Teacher Lindsey Coultas, effective from approximately April 10, 2017 through the end of the 2016-17 school year.

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

Nichols, yea	Bridges, absent
Killion, yea	P. Ford, yea,
Hallock, yea	E. Ford, yea
Haskell, absent	

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SET HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION DATE-

It was recommended by the administration to set high school graduation for Friday, May 26, at 7:00 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Pat Ford, seconded by Mr. Hallock, to approve the recommendation to set the date for the 2017 High School Graduation Ceremony for Friday, May 26, at 7:00 p.m.

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

P. Ford, yea	Bridges, absent
Hallock, yea	Killion, yea
Nichols, yea	E. Ford, yea
Haskell, absent	

CLOSED SESSION-8:00 P.M.--

A motion was made by Mr. Pat Ford, seconded by Mr. Hallock, to go to closed session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss Closed Session minutes for approval, per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21); 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); Evidence or testimony presented in open hearing, or in closed hearing where authorized by law, to a quasi-adjudicative body, as defined in the Open Meetings Act, provided that the body prepares and makes available for public inspection a written decision with its determinative reasoning, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(4); Student Disciplinary cases, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9); The placement of individual students, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10); 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 session minutes, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

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

P. Ford, yea	Nichols, yea
Hallock, yea	E. Ford, yea
Killion, yea	Bridges, absent
Haskell, absent	

RECONVENE-11:08 P.M.- A motion was made by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mrs. Killion, to return to open session at 11:08 p.m.

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

Nichols, yea	E. Ford, yea
Killion, yea	P. Ford, yea
Bridges, absent	Hallock, yea
Haskell, absent	

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ACTION/REPORT-

**CLOSED SESSION
MINUTES--**

A motion was made by Mr. Hallock, seconded by Mr. Pat Ford, to approve the closed session minutes of the regular meeting of January 18, 2017, as reviewed during the closed session.

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

Hallock, yea	Nichols, yea
P. Ford, yea	Bridges, absent
Killion, yea	E. Ford, yea
Haskell, absent	

**TERMINATE SUSPENSION
FROM ACTIVITIES--**

Based on evidence presented during a closed session hearing, a motion was made by Mr. Ed Ford, seconded by Mr. Hallock, to terminate the administrative issued suspension of specific individuals from school grounds and activities, effective February 16, 2017.

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

E. Ford, yea	Bridges, absent
Hallock, yea	P. Ford, yea
Killion, yea	Nichols, abstain
Haskell, absent	

EMPLOYMENT/APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL-- Upon the recommendations for employment/appointment of personnel the following the action was taken:

**REEMPLOYMENT OF
ADMINISTRATORS--**

A motion was made by Mr. Ed Ford, seconded by Mr. Hallock, to reemploy Keppen Clanton as Jr./Sr. High School Principal and Jaclyn Kuchy as North Greene Elementary Principal for the 2017-18 school year, with salary and other contract terms to be determined at a later date.

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

E. Ford, yea	Nichols, yea
Hallock, yea	Bridges, absent
Killion, yea	P. Ford, yea
Haskell, absent	

**MAINTENANCE
SUPERVISORS--**

A motion was made by Mr. Ed Ford, seconded by Mr. Pat Ford, to reemploy Dale Coffman as Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Director for the 2017-18 school year, with salary to be determined at a later date.

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

E. Ford, yea	Killion, yea
P. Ford, yea	Nichols, yea
Hallock, yea	Bridges, absent
Haskell, absent	

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A motion was made by Mr. Ed. Ford, seconded by Mr. Nichols, to reemploy John Davidson as Transportation Supervisor for the 2017-18 school year, with salary to be determined at a later date.

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

E. Ford, yea	P. Ford, yea
Nichols, yea	Hallock, yea
Bridges, absent	Killion, yea
Haskell, absent	

**APPOINTMENT OF
EXTRA-DUTY
ASSIGNMENTS--**

A motion was made by Mr. Ed Ford, seconded by Mr. Nichols, to approve extra-duty assignment for the following for the 2016-17 school year:

Steve Evams, as Volunteer Assistant High School Track Coach

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

E. Ford, yea	P. Ford, yea
Nichols, yea	Hallock, yea
Bridges, absent	Killion, yea
Haskell, absent	

ADJOURN-11:12 P.M.--

With no further business to come before the Board, Vice-President Ed Ford adjourned the meeting at 11:12 p.m.

Edwin Ford, Vice-President

Barbara Neece, Secretary