

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR RESCHEDULED MEETING APRIL 19, 2010

**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 rescheduled session on Monday, April 19, 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 Barb Neece, Treasurer Linda Sturgeon, Principals Cindy Carlson Rice, Rick Hutchinson, and Mary Sorensen, Transportation Supervisor Dave Beck and Building Maintenance Director Dale Coffman also were in attendance.

**CONSENT ITEMS:
MINUTES;
BILLS;
REPORTS OF TREAS.,
PRINCIPALS,
TRANSPORTATION &
BUILDING & GROUNDS;
IHSA & IESA MEMBER-
SHIP; AGREEMENT FOR
UNEMPLOYMENT
CLAIMS COST
CONTROL;
FUNDRAISERS;**

A motion was made by Mr. Clanton, seconded by Dr. Woodlock, to approve the following consent agenda items: Minutes of the regular meeting of March 17, 2010, as presented; payment of bills as listed; Treasurer's Report and Update for the month of April; Building Principal reports of recent activities and events; Transportation Report and Buildings and Grounds Report for the month of March; renewal of membership with the Illinois High School Association and the Illinois Elementary School Association for 2010-2011 school year; renewal of agreement with NSN Services for management of unemployment claims cost control at \$1.88 per employee for 2010-2011; Catastrophic student athlete accident insurance with Guarantee Trust Life/Family Insurance Service at a cost of \$3.35 per student athlete and offer supplemental student accident insurance through Guarantee Trust Life/Family Insurance Service for purchase by students for the 2010-2011 school year as proposed; and Fundraising activities for the high school FFA to sell flowers from White's Greenhouse beginning at the annual Ag Day Event April 23 through May1.

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

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

**SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT--**

Superintendent Stevens gave reports on the following items:

1. Request of a group of volunteer parents to use the high school kitchen and Commons to prepare and serve an after-prom breakfast. A poll of the members resulted in approval, with no fees to be charged for use of the facilities.
2. Recent thank you notes and correspondence received was shared.
3. Reminded members to file their Statement of Economic Interest with the County Clerk by April 30.
4. Shared a state financial report regarding educational funding and reviewed activities by a group of superintendents that attended a recent

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legislative session that concerned the Governor’s budget for education. Superintendent Stevens gave testimony at the session regarding a request for no more unfunded mandates. An IASA Committee of superintendents later met to help develop resolutions calling for change to the way students with IEP’s requiring speech only services are counted and other requirement issues of special education.

5. Reported that Illinois finished in the top 5 of Phase I of the “Race to the Top” federal grant application process and that only 38% of schools signing on for participation will go through to the next round. Mr. Stevens reviewed the district’s response to the state as to why North Greene administration was not supportive of participation in the new grant program.
6. Reviewed a loss run history report of the district’s insurance claims filed with Indiana Insurance over the past three years. The number of workers’ compensation claims was noted. Superintendent Stevens is working on a risk management plan that includes conducting an air-quality review by using a free kit.
7. The project of getting running water to the athletic fieldhouse in Roodhouse is still ongoing, it was reported that portable toilets are being used in the meantime.

BOARD POLICY--

A motion was made by Mr. Clanton and seconded by Dr. Woodlock, to approve second reading of the proposed board policy revisions : 4:30, 4:60, leaving the dollar level of contracts requiring bids at \$10,000 rather than \$25,000, as suggested and allowed per School Code, 4:90, 4:110, 4:170, 5:20, 7:50, 8:20-E, 8:30.

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

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

Motion carried—4-yea; 3-nay.

ATHLETIC/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT--

Chairman of the Athletic/Personnel Committee, McMillen, reported that the committee met March 30 to discuss a proposal for a cooperative with the Carrollton School District for participation by North Greene students with the Carrollton Cross Country team for the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. McMillen reported that it was the recommendation of the committee to continue to operate as last year by allowing interested individual students to compete in Cross Country with a volunteer serving as coach and to encourage additional students to consider participating in the future before any further consideration is given for establishment of the sport.

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A motion was then made by Mr. McMillen, seconded by Mr. Clanton, that if one or more individual students indicate interest in competing in Cross Country for the 2010-2011 school year, the Board will then approve a volunteer coach as was procedure for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

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

Motion carried—5-yea; 2-nay.

APPROVE BID-

CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

A motion was made by Dr. Woodlock, seconded by Mr. Reno, to accept the bid of School Specialty Company for purchase of classroom and teaching supplies for the 2010-2011 school year and Quill Corporation for purchase of any item not available through School Specialty or may be provided at a lesser price.

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

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

BOARD REORGANIZATION

ELECTION OF OFFICERS--

President Nell called for reorganization of the Board and nominations for the office of president, to serve a term of one year.

PRESIDENT--

Member McMillen nominated Member Jeff Clanton for the office of president, seconded by Mr. Reno.

Hearing no further nominations, Member Woodlock moved that nominations be closed, President Nell closed nominations and called for roll call declaring Jeff Clanton elected as President for the ensuing term.

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

VICE PRESIDENT--

Upon President Clanton assuming the chair, a request was made for nominations for the office of vice president, to serve a term of one year.

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Member Reno nominated Member Daniel Woodlock for the office of vice president to serve a term of one year, seconded by Mr. Bell.

Hearing no further nominations, President Clanton declared by acclamation that Member Daniel Woodlock was elected as vice president for the ensuing term.

**SECRETARY &
TREASURER--**

A motion was made by Member Nell, seconded by Member Woodlock, to appoint Barbara Neece as Secretary to the Board and Linda Sturgeon as District Treasurer for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

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

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

**MEETING PLACE
AND TIME--**

A motion was made by Mr. Reno, seconded by Dr. Woodlock, to re-establish the meeting schedule, as follows:

The regular meeting date will be the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the North Greene Administrative Education Center, in the Unit Office-Board Room, located at 407 North Main Street, White Hall, Illinois.

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

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

**ADJOURN-SINE DIE--
8:25 P.M.--**

President Clanton declared the Board adjourned *sine die* at 8:25 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER/
ROLL CALL--**

President Clanton called the reorganized Board to order and the following answered roll call: Members Brad Bell, Rob McMillen, Don Nell, Jerry Reno, Joe Schnelten, Daniel Woodlock and President Jeff Clanton. Superintendent Les Stevens, Secretary Barb Neece, Treasurer Linda Sturgeon, Principals Cindy Carlson Rice, Rick Hutchinson, Mary Sorensen, Transportation Supervisor David Beck, and Building Maintenance Director Dale Coffman were also present.

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RESIGNATIONS--

A motion was made by Dr. Woodlock, seconded by Mr. Reno, to accept the resignation of LeaAnn Brannan as a Sponsor of the Jr. High Literary Club, effective the end of the 2009-2010 school year.

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

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

RETIREMENTS--

M. RHOADES,

A motion was made by Mr. McMillen, seconded by Dr. Woodlock, to accept the notice of retirement of Marty Rhoades as a teacher and athletic director effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year and pay bonus of \$8,500 over the last four years of service per Article 9.5 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement as requested; and

N. RHOADES--

accept the notice of retirement of Nancy Rhoades as a teacher effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year and pay bonus of \$10,000 over the last four years of service, per Article 9.5 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement as requested.

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

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

EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL--

POST EXTRA-CURRICULAR STIPEND POSITIONS--

Recommendations regarding personnel appointment, employment were made and acted upon as follows:

A motion was made by Mr. Reno, seconded by Dr. Woodlock, to approve the recommendation of the administration to post the open extracurricular stipend positions for the 2010-2011 school year.

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

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

POST POSITION FOR RtI COORDINATOR--

A motion was made by Mr. Reno, seconded by Dr. Woodlock, to approve the recommendation of the administration to post a position for a District RtI (Response to Intervention) Coordinator/teacher to work with teachers in all buildings and students identified as needing intervention services.

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

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

**CALENDAR
2010-2011--**

A motion was made by Dr. Woodlock, seconded by Mr. Reno, to approve the recommendation of the Calendar Committee to approve the proposed calendar for the 2010-2011 school year with a first day institute day for staff of August 20, first day attendance day of August 23 for students and tentative end date of June 1 pending remaining unused emergency days, as attached.

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

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

Motion carried—4-yea; 3-nay

DISCIPLINE POLICIES—Superintendent Stevens reported that the Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee on Student Discipline met on April 7 to review the discipline policies and No Child Left Behind procedures and did not recommend any major changes, however, he requested that action to approve the policies for the coming year be tabled to the May regular meeting, so that a meeting may be held with the principals to discuss some possible refinement in the policy language for alignment of procedures.

**SUMMER
MAINTENANCE
PROJECTS--**

Discussion of summer maintenance projects was tabled for approval at the May regular meeting so that a more complete list may be presented.

**DISCUSSION OF
JOHNSON CONTROLS
AGREEMENT—**

Upon presentation of the renewal agreement of Johnson Controls for HVAC controls maintenance at a cost of \$14,544 for one-year and an option for a two-year agreement with the second year cost of \$14,992 or a three-year agreement with the third year cost of \$15,440, some concerns were voiced regarding the past services provided by Johnson Controls and discussion was held regarding a desire to seek bids for such services. It was mentioned that the current Board Policy calls for bidding of contracts over \$10,000.

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Following discussion, it was moved by Dr. Woodlock, seconded by Mr. Nell, to seek bids for HVAC controls maintenance service for the 2010-2011 school year and notify Johnson Controls of possible termination of renewal agreement.

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

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

Motion carried—5-yea; 2-nay.

APPROVAL OF SENIOR TRIP--

A request and tentative itinerary for the Senior Class trip for the class of 2010 for an overnight stay in Chicago was reviewed. Following discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Woodlock, seconded by Mr. Reno, to approve the tentative itinerary as presented.

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

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

REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION OF i3 TECHNOLOGY GRANT APPLICATION—

Superintendent Stevens presented a request for authorization to apply for an Investing in Innovation grant (i3) for funding to assist the district with costs of development and reorganization of the high school curriculum due to the high school’s identification as a “high priority school” As a result of three years of low-performance test results and need for preparing students for the 21st Century by providing necessary skills and knowledge. The process will include submitting the application by May 11, which will require the district to match 20% of the funds awarded, forming a High School Renewal Committee to explore change, as early as the 2011-2012 school year for complete implementation by 2014-2015. Superintendent Stevens noted that the district will need to reorganize the high school due to the high-priority designation regardless of a grant award and formation of a High School Renewal plan will begin. A brief of a tentative plan was presented by Principal Hutchinson for review and request was made for two board members to serve on the committee.

Following discussion a poll was taken of the board resulting in a consensus in favor of pursuing the submission of a grant application as proposed. Further information will be provided regarding upcoming meetings of the High School Renewal committee.

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**CLOSED SESSION-
8:55 P.M.--**

A motion was made by Mr. Reno, seconded by Dr. Woodlock, to go to closed session at 8:55 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); 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 was taken:

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

RECONVENE-10:00 P.M.- A motion was made by Dr. Woodlock, seconded by Mr. Reno, to return to open session at 10:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Approval of closed session minutes was tabled until the next regular meeting in May.

**EMPLOY SUMMER
WORKERS--**

A motion was made by Dr. Woodlock, seconded by Mr. Schnelten, to employ the following as part-time, temporary summer maintenance workers to work 20 hours per week for up to 12 weeks beginning late May or early June at \$8.00 per hour through June 30, 2010, and \$8.25 per hour thereafter: Brennan McMillen, Amy Ross, Cade Reno, and Adam Zupanci.

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

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

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**EMPLOY TEACHER
6TH GRADE
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

A motion was made by Dr. Woodlock, seconded by Mr. McMillen, to employ Andrea Reiser as a 6th grade teacher for the Middle School for the 2010-2011 school year.

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

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

STATEMENTS--

Teacher Kyle Pohlman asked if there would be an elementary summer school this summer. Response was that there were no Title I funds for supporting the costs of the summer school as was done in the past.

ADJOURN-10:05 P.M.--

With no further business to come before the Board, President Clanton adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Jeff Clanton, President

Barbara Neece, Secretary