

Northwestern Community Unit School District #2

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
NORTHWESTERN ELEMENTARY BUILDING
UNIT OFFICE**BOARD OF EDUCATION CONFERENCE ROOM
30953 ROUTE 111
PALMYRA, IL 62674**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2010

Time: 7:00pm

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: PLEDGE/PRAAYER/ ROLL CALL**
- 2. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: (Public Comments)**
 - 2.1 Sign in at podium-Five Minute Limit.
 - 2.2 Please Note: Public Comments on Northwestern CUSD #2 personnel should be made in closed session.
- 3. CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - 3.1 Congratulations to Linda Eades-obtained IASB Master Board Member Status.
 - 3.2 Thank You Card from the Family of Vivian Chandler
- 4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: (Board Packet Information)**
 - 4.1 Approve Agenda
 - 4.2 Approval of Regular Board Minutes: September 22, 2010
 - 4.3 Approval of Executive Session Minutes: September 22, 2010
 - 4.4 Approval of Finances
 - 4.4.1 Payment of Bills
 - 4.4.2 Treasurer's Report
 - 4.4.3 Activity Funds
 - 4.5 Superintendent and Principal Reports
 - 4.6 Approve FY11 State Library Grant
 - 4.7 Approval of Destruction of 19 Month Old Audio Tapes of Executive Session Minutes (Closed Session):
April 15, 2009 or before.
- 5. REPORTS:**
 - 5.1 Student Council Report
- 6. MONITORING PROGRESS:**
 - 6.1 IASB Fall Dinner Meeting & Conference-October 28, 2010 @ Germantown Elementary.
 - 6.2 Update on Solar Panel Installation-Jason Waters/Mr. Scott.
 - 6.3 School Board Convention Update-Transportation/Mr. Scott
 - 6.4 Community Involvement Project-Ms. Mitchell & Dr. Rule
 - 6.5 2009/10 & 2010/11 Enrollment Figures. Mr. Scott
 - 6.6 Tuition Waiver-ISBE/Mr. Scott
 - 6.7 FY 11 Grant Opportunities-Mr. Scott
- 7. OPEN SESSION/NEW BUSINESS:**
 - 7.1 Adopt: August 2010 Revisions to School Board Policies. [Action Item](#)
 - 7.2 Approve: Agreement with Bushue Human Resources Inc-3 year contract with the 60 day opt out clause.
[Action Item](#)
 - 7.3 Approve: Technology Leadership Team to attend ISTE 2011 Conference June 26-29th in Philadelphia Pennsylvania. [Action Item](#)
 - 7.4 Approve: The High Cheerleaders would like to purchase new uniforms. The cost is \$1,680.00, Athletic Association will donate \$600 toward the purchase and the cheerleaders are requesting a \$600 donation from the board of education. Heather Hampton will address the board of education. [Action Item](#)
 - 7.5 Approve Amendment to 2010-11 Public School Calendar to allow for PSAE Testing. [Action Item](#)

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Student Handbook

7.6 Student Handbook: Delete Homework Policy on Page 48 of Student Handbook. District Policy on Page 9, 10 enforced district wide. [Action Item](#)

Page 9-10**District Policy

- **MAKE-UP WORK/INCOMPLETE GRADES/HOMEWORK POLICIES**—If a student is absent from class, it is his/her responsibility to make up the work missed, according to each individual teacher's directions. All students will be able to make up work missed during an excused absence. Students will be allowed one more day than the number of days missed to make up assignments. For example, if a student misses Monday, is present Tuesday, the assignment missed on Monday is due Wednesday. No incomplete grades will be given at the end of the school year except in emergency situations such as accident, illness, or funeral. Students who have irregular attendance and/or whose absences are unexcused may face grade retention due to lack of basic skill development. In grades 7–12 multiple day absences should occur before a parent may request work from the teacher. Requests should be made twenty-four hours in advance. It is recommended that students check with classmates for assignments.

Page 48-Delete Policy Language

- **HOMEWORK POLICY**-Homework is an important part of the home-school connection. Homework is intended to improve student skills. Work sent home will be work that the student has previously learned in class but needs to practice at home. Homework will not count more than 10% of a student's overall grade in any subject, but it is expected to be turned in when due. If a student has an excused absence, he/she will be given the number of days he/she was gone plus 1 day to turn in assignments. Assignments not turned in on time may receive a lowered grade, and if they are more than a week late they will only be worth half of the original value.

Building & Transportation Items:

7.7 Discuss: The possibility of replacing the current Fire & Burglar Alarm System district wide, along with several Risk Management issues/Tort eligible. [Possible Action Needed](#)

7.8 Discuss: Purchase of an extended warranty for Bus #7-2005 International. Paul Harris will address the board of education. [Possible Action Needed](#)

7.9 Discuss: The purchase of a transportation vehicle to replace the 1996 red Ford van (225,000 miles). Paul Harris will address the board of education [Possible Action Needed](#)

7.10 Discuss: Advertise bids on the purchase of a new bus. Paul Harris will address the board of education. [Possible Action Needed](#)

8. CLOSED SESSION REGARDING MATTERS RELATING TO STUDENT DISCIPLINE, THE EVALUATION, EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, RESIGNATION, DISMISSAL, RETIREMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF ANY EMPLOYEE AND ACTION TO FOLLOW THEREAFTER.

9. ACTION ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

- Approve employment of an Assistant Girls Junior High Volleyball Coach
- Approve employment of an Assistant Boy's High School Basketball Coach
- Approve employment of a District Custodial Position (s).
- Approve 2010/11 Superintendent Goals per Contract.

10. ADJOURNMENT

11. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING-NOVEMBER 17, 2010