

**MINUTES
OF THE
PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE PROPOSED P.E. WAIVER
FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2014
HINCHCLIFFE ELEMENTARY BUILDING
1050 OGLE ROAD
5:00 P.M.**

President Hellin called the Public Hearing on the P.E. Waiver to order at 5:03 p.m. and asked for a Roll Call.

PRESENT: Becky Drury, Chris Pulcher, Steve Springer, John Wagon, and Steven Hellin

ABSENT: Mary Baskett and Todd Roach

Superintendent Koehl explained why the Public Hearing was held on a Friday night at 5 p.m. The date was to meet the timelines of the submission of the Waiver. The requirements for posting the Public Hearing for the P.E. Waiver are:

1. Must be posted 14 days prior to the Hearing;
2. A Notice placed in the paper seven (7) days prior to the Hearing; and
3. Cannot be held on a night of the Regular Board of Education Meeting.

A P.E. Committee was formed being comprised of Junior High and Elementary Principals, Teachers and a Parent. The Committee decided at this time, the Waiver was the best possible Option. The P.E. Waiver is good for two years with an option to renew for another two years.

The Administration and Board of Education applied for the P.E. Waiver because

1. We lack the facilities to have P.E. five days per week for each student;
2. We offer P.E. one day per week due to insufficient facilities; and
3. A Certified P.E. Teacher will be teaching P.E.

The process for applying for a P.E. Waiver is:

1. Hold a Public Hearing
2. Submit the Application and supporting documents to ISBE (Illinois State Board of Education);
3. ISBE makes a recommendation to the General Assembly which will act on the P.E. Waiver in the Spring Assembly.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Hellin introduced Sandy Shackelford, who asked to address the Board.

Mrs. Shackelford asked what the length of P.E. class would be according to the Waiver.

Dr. Koehl responded that each P.E. class will be 40 minutes in length.

Mrs. Shackelford stated that she did like the addition of extra activity during recess. This is a good idea and perhaps it could continue next year even when we have the one day of P.E.

Superintendent Koehl said he would need input from the staff on how the activity period has been working and how it fits into the schedule.

JoAnn Fischer graduated from Districts 90, 203 and SIU with a Bachelors and Masters in P.E. and has lived in O'Fallon for 64 years. I am concerned as a tax paying citizen. This Board has blatantly ignored the mandate for P.E. in the elementary buildings. Hinchcliffe is the worst facility in the District. P.E. more than one day per week is workable with a 3/2 split. My professional career has been teaching P.E. and health from kindergarten through Junior College. Mrs. Fischer stated that District 90 has adequate facilities for a comprehensive P.E. Program. There are federal and state guidelines for a comprehensive P.E. program with Standards, Goals and Objectives. Recess time is not an acceptable substitute for P.E. Recess can be fun for students, however, recess is not all-inclusive. Recess provides opportunities for cliques to survive and bullying to happen. Scheduling for daily P.E. can be made available because the length of the teaching day has been reduced. I commend the Administration for the class size, that is why we have good test scores. It doesn't appear that the Administration's priority is having daily P.E. Your energy should have been directed to making a schedule for daily P.E. instead of applying for a waiver. Mrs. Fischer asked if the District had an evaluation process for the movement activity. I have found that people can figure out how to finance things if they want it bad enough. It would cost \$135,000 to finance elementary P.E. To make more finances available:

1. Cut an administration position and go to a head teacher approach;
2. Cut non-mandated aides;
3. Cut a janitorial position;
4. Cut a secretarial position; and/or
5. Cut un-mandated testing.

I commend Illinois State Representative Linda Chapa Lavia for denying the waiver.

District 90 displays vindictive behavior at the expense of the students.

O'Fallon is the top place in the Metro East to Live. It's between Edwardsville and O'Fallon.

Does Hinchcliffe have P.E. currently because the website says you do.

Dr. Koehl said he would look into the Hinchcliffe website.

Springer commented that Mrs. Fischer stated she knew no one on the Board. I take offense to a couple of your comments. You stated that we blatantly defy state law and you accused us of vindictive behavior to the children of District 90.

President Hellin commented that we DO have a class size issue. We are here because the Board set priorities and preserving the integrity of the classroom was the top priority.

Kay Calhoun questioned if all members of the committee agreed on one day of P.E.

Sandy Shackelford asked to redirect. The P.E. Committee concluded that we have facilities for two days of P.E. per week. The one day of P.E. is based on finances which is not allowed for in the Waiver. As a parent, the one day of a quality P.E. program means more than five days not taught by a certified teacher.

President Hellin stated that the Committee is an ongoing Committee. Hopefully we can move to more than one day of P.E. down the road.

Hellin asked three times if there were any more public comments. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing on the P.E. Waiver. Springer moved, Drury seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Adjournment time was 5:44 p.m.

Steven Hellin, President

Becky Drury, Secretary

June Wilkey Isselhardt
Recording Secretary