



COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 18, 2009
4:30 p.m. – Board Conference Room

Communications Committee Closure Statements 02.18.09

Education Association of Pekin members present:

Jim Drainer
Vickie Koch
Donna Brantley [absent]
Cathy Powell
Jamie Dinkins [absent]

Board of Education/District Administration members present:

Chris Spanos [absent]
Bill Link
Marc Fogal
Karen Frazier
Stan Fitzanko
Joe Franklin
Linda Harris

The meeting was convened at 4:30 p.m. and facilitated by Association President Drainer and Superintendent Link. The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

I. Discussion Items

A. Draft 2009-2010 School Calendar

1. Review Dates

Superintendent Link shared the draft of the proposed 2009-2010 school year calendar for review. A draft of the proposed calendar will also be reviewed at the February BOE meeting and considered for approval at the March BOE meeting. The local area districts have made a commitment to aligning the school holidays and breaks.

B. For Resolution

1. Memo of Understanding – VIII A. 4. – Workers Compensation

Due to changes in the law the current contract language related to Workers Compensation is in conflict with statutory requirements. The Administration and Association reviewed this matter and drafted appropriate changes in the contract language. The Communications Committee approved the Memo of Understanding – VIII A.4. – Workers Compensation.

C. Pending Resolution

1. Memo of Understanding - Family Medical Leave Act

Due to changes in the law regarding the Family Medical Leave Act the Administration and Association will review the law and our contract and determine if any changes in language may be needed.

D. FYI

1. IRS Standard Mileage Rate

Superintendent Link shared the IRS mileage reimbursement rate has decreased to \$.55.

2. Upcoming Communications Committee Business

The Communications Committee will complete the following tasks by March of each year:

- Review and approve seniority list categories (completed annually by the March Communications Committee meeting)
- Review and approve tax-sheltered annuity providers (completed annually by the March Communications Committee meeting)
- Review and approved the colleges and universities (completed annually by the March Communications Committee meeting)

II. Board Vice President Frazier reviewed the agenda for the February 23, 2009 Board of Education Meeting

III. Other – *Next Meeting is on March 19, 2009* - Communications Committee members agreed to carry over the March business until the April meeting if there are no pressing concerns that arise.

IV. Adjourn