

Avon CUSD #176
Regular Board of Education Meeting
February 9, 2011

The Avon Community Unit School District #176 Board of Education met February 9, 2011 to conduct its regular slate of business.

In regular session, the Board heard from Mrs. Amy Mayall, science teacher at Avon High School. She spoke to the board about using Moodle for her classes. Moodle is an online program provided through Carl Sandburg College that allows teachers to distribute assignments and documents online, and students to access those documents, complete assignments and submit them online. The teacher can then view and grade the assignments online. Other options are available through the program, including online group discussion capabilities.

Jonah Sheckler and Derron Herrington, representatives of the Avon High School SWAT team, spoke to the Board regarding the SWAT team's use of the Operation Teen Safe Driving grant. The team recently recorded a radio spot encouraging the four aspects of the program: Put it away... Slow it down... Buckle it up... I'm worth it! The team is also doing a few seat belt and cell phone checks as students enter the parking lot, and requested permission to put up signs with the four aspects listed on school property.

Mr. Dan Oakley, district superintendent, told the Board that although the state has passed the personal and business income tax, the comptroller's office is still behind on more than \$160,000 of payments to the district, an amount higher than last year at the same time. He also noted continued concerns with the state's financial condition: the declaration of the state's Capital Construction program since 2009 as unconstitutional; and the need for the state to address expenditure concerns, which was not done in the recent legislative session.

In non-action items, Mr. Oakley and the Board also discussed: questions posed to the Board by the Committee of Ten Media/Communications Subcommittee; an election ballot question; initial aspects of an evaluation of the Avon Elementary School reading program; the movement of ISAT testing dates back one week to March 7, as allowed by the Illinois State Board of Education; questions regarding the BPCA athletic code; and the status of the FY12 school year calendar.

The Board approved the monthly consent agenda, which includes meeting minutes from January, current bills to be paid, and the treasurer's report, as well as the destruction of legally allowable closed session audio recording tapes. The consent agenda also included a Board Policy update package.

In Board action, the Board: accepted the low bid for EPDM roofing for the Avon Elementary School from R.A. Oldeen Incorporated of Kewanee at \$317,516, with work to be completed in June and July of 2011; adopted a bond resolution for \$400,000, payable over an eight-year period, through First Midstate Incorporated of Bloomington; adopted an updated school year calendar that includes the recent snow days and a change on February 18 to a full day of school; and set a special meeting date on April 20, 2011 to seat the new Board of Education following the April 5, 2011 election.

In personnel action, the Board: took hold of Jean Kramer's resignation; and recalled April Fegan as an aide in the district.

The next regular Board meeting is Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 6:30 pm.