

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

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

In regular session, the Board heard from Mrs. Kathryn Cunningham, music teacher. Mrs. Cunningham spoke to the board regarding what her classes are learning. Of particular interest was the new Sebelius program being used in the department, which allows students to compose their own music and have it automatically scored and transmitted to the classroom whiteboard. The students who are using the program are planning to perform their own composition this spring.

Mr. Dan Oakley, district superintendent, told the Board that the recent spate of school consolidation bills and reforms have been momentarily tabled, but that this is probably not the last of the attempts to reduce the number of school districts in the state of Illinois. Mr. Oakley also informed the board that the district has seen its first allotment of dollars for the Pre-Kindergarten program, but overall, the state is behind in payments of all kinds by around \$140,000. In other items, Mr. Oakley informed the board that: the district's special education profile for the past year was given a good rating; money for summer school has been allotted, and the discussion of staffing is beginning; and plans for the elementary roof replacement for this summer are proceeding well.

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

In Board action, the Board: approved the superintendent's evaluation as completed in February; waived the first reading of the FY12 elementary handbook; and waived the first reading of a board policy update package.

In personnel action, the Board: adopted a resolution concerning the dismissal of non-certified staff, which included district aides Brittany Knapp and April Fegan, and head maintenance director Trevor Sloan; adopted a resolution of non-re-employment of certified staff, including teacher Erika Kelly; and took hold of resignations from teacher Sarah Bainter and Head Transportation/Grounds director Chad Fengel. The Board also eliminated the contract job positions of Head Maintenance and Head Transportation/Grounds in preparation for a new position to be announced in April of 2011

The next regular Board meeting is Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 6:30 pm.