

Avon CUSD #176
FY12 Budget Hearing
Regular Board of Education Meeting
September 14, 2011

The Avon Community Unit School District #176 Board of Education met September 14, 2011 to hold the annual budget hearing and to conduct its regular slate of business. Members in attendance were: Frank Craver, Brian Friedrich, Barbara Serven, JC Staggs, April Tatham, and Diane Thompson. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dan Oakley and 6-12 Principal Tina Stier.

The FY12 budget was presented during the budget hearing. Mr. Oakley outlined the budget, which includes deficits in the Education Fund of slightly more than \$1,000,000, in the Operations & Maintenance Fund of more than \$50,000, and in the Transportation Fund of more than \$20,000. Mr. Oakley stated that this is likely a worst-case scenario budget, and that the actual deficits will probably be less in the end, but that the budget prepares for issues that the district has been facing from both the state and federal levels for the last few years. Mr. Oakley did make clear that the district's budget concerns continue and that the district will continue to eat into reserves during the budget year.

In regular session, the Board heard from Mrs. Stier regarding initiatives at the junior/senior high school including networking with other schools and a return to the Drop Everything and Read program.

The Board approved the monthly consent agenda, which includes meeting minutes from August 2011, 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: waived the second reading of a policy update package; adopted the FY12 budget; approved the application to the Illinois State Board of Education for annual recognition of schools; and amended the public school calendar.

The Board also adopted a resolution approving a petition for consolidation between the Abingdon, Avon, and Bushnell-Prairie City school districts. If adopted by all three districts, the petition will be delivered to the McDonough-Hancock Regional Superintendent, John Meixner, to continue the legal process.

In personnel action, the Board: hired Terry Scarborough and Terry Myers as drivers in the district; and approved a list of sponsors and coaches for the year.

The board will meet in regular session Wednesday, October 12, 2011, at 6:30 pm in the Avon Board Room.