

VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Steve Anderson called the meeting to order on July 11, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. in the Elkhart Village Hall. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken. Answering present: Dave Barker, Peggy Lee, Lynnette Maske, and Nancy Moore. Brian Hinds was absent. Attorney Don Behle, Clerk Ann Curry, and Treasurer Edie Fairchild were also present. Visitors present were Joe Olson and Bob Gardner from the coal mine and Phil McCarty from Global Technical Systems.

Motion by Lyle Fout, second by Nancy Moore to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2011 meeting. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. One absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Lyle Fout second by Nancy Moore to accept the treasurer's report and authorize expenditures. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. One absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Nancy Moore, second by Peggy Lee to approve employee reimbursements. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. One absent. Motion carried.

Joe Olson from the coal mine was here to inform the board of the mine's overland belt project. Coal will come up at the Williamsville site and then be dumped onto the belt. The belt will run parallel with the railroad along old Route 66 to the Elkhart Fertilizer Plant. From there it will go east to the coal mine. This project will start in 30 to 60 days. This project will extend the life of the coal mine by 25 years. There will be a road on the north side of the belt for the village to have access to the village well. The coal mine will maintain the road and keep the snow clear on it. By spring of next year the project should be done.

It will be a 42 inch conveyer that has a cover on the top of it. The entire thing should be 5 feet wide and be 3 feet tall.

There shouldn't be any contamination to the village water system from this belt.

It should carry 750 tons of coal an hour. It will run 24 hours a day Monday through Friday.

Since the coal will be coming out of the ground at Williamsville the village will not receive tax money on it anymore.

POLICE

There were 11 traffic stops, 3 motorist assists, 1 theft, and 2 miscellaneous.

Ryan Gleason has been hired as a new police officer. He will work all different times and all different days.

ATTORNEY	LIQUOR	TIF REPORT	SOLID WASTE
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No report.	No report.	No report.	No report.
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WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

Lyle has sent the letter to the EPA about being in compliance with the inspection. We need to get this project done as soon as possible.

We are in compliance with the consumer confidence report.

STREETS/ALLEYS

They have been working on patching Main Street. We will look into what other communities are using to repair their streets.

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT

No report.

VILLAGE PARKS

No report.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

Lynnette finally got information on the owner of 109 Buttell Street. She has sent them a letter telling them they are out of compliance with the village ordinances. She is waiting to hear back from them

FINANCE

Dave had emailed some Representatives about the possible changes in TIF. He only received an answer from one of them. They indicated that they would not be voting on the TIF issue yet.

LOCAL EVENTS LIAZON

Horse Feathers has a billboard sign near Williamsville that they pay for, it is time for them to renew their contract for it and they wanted the village to pay for a billboard promoting the village. The village already has a sign south of the village so they will not be paying for another one.

The Historical Society has many events coming up in August, September, October, November, and December. In September they will be having a concert, dinner, and wine tasting event at the Bob Neil residence. They wanted the village to pay for fogging for bugs, port-a-potties, and want to be able to park in the village parking lot and be shuttled up to the residence. Steve will check with our insurance to see if we can use our fogger on private property. The village will not pay for the port-a-potties. They would need more information about the parking situation.

OLD BUSINESS

Phil McCarty from Global Technical Systems presented his proposal for the 2 new sirens.

Motion by Lynnette Maske second by Nancy Moore to accept the proposal from Global Technical Systems for 2 sirens and equipment for an outdoor warning system for \$19,850.00. TIF will pay for half the cost. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. One absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Lyle Fout second by Nancy Moore to accept the proposal from Ingram Electric for installation of poles for an outdoor warning system for \$11,400.00. TIF will pay for half the cost. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. One absent. Motion carried.

The system will be installed when it is available. One siren will be at the corner of Allison and Gillette Streets and the other will be near the Prairie Point subdivision.

NEW BUSINESS

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

ORDINANCE

Motion by Lyle Fout, second by Dave Barker to approve Ordinance #2011-06, An Ordinance Establishing a Prevailing Wage for the Village of Elkhart, Illinois. Those voting aye; Dave Barker, Peggy Lee, Lynnette Maske, and Nancy Moore. Brian Hinds absent. No nay. Ordinance passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lynnette Maske, second by Dave Barker to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By

Ann Curry

Village Clerk

If anyone wants to reserve the park pavilion or apply for a building permit, they are to contact Ann Curry at 737-4982.

NEWSLETTER INFO

All material for the August newsletter should be turned in before
5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3rd, 2011

Please email your article to icjkkutz@frontier.com

If there is any event that needs added to the calendar,

Please call (899-5306) or e-mail the information.

ECHO Bulletin Board

Elkhart Message Board

You can still contact Mona at maashouse123@gmail.com or [947-2083](tel:947-2083) with your requests for the message board. Community, special events, etc. **I am still looking for that sign helper! Training and support are provided!**

NOTE TO ALL ELKHART BUSINESSES and ORGANIZATIONS

We would like to invite all the businesses and organizations in Elkhart to be involved and take advantage of the additional potential customers that will be in the village during the Elkhart Historical Society dinner/lectures. The dates for activities for the Fall of 2011 are: Sept. 9 & 11, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, and Dec. 3. Please let us know if you want us to place your information in our publicity to advertise for you. Publicity releases are being coordinated now! Contact Peggy Lee, peg.lee1@gmail.com or 947-2046.

Senior Salute!



The Elkhart Historical Society will honor Elkhart's senior citizens (born in or before 1940) on Thursday, August 25 at The Wild Hare Café. Seniors are invited to enjoy the open house from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. A complimentary appetizer buffet will be provided by the Society for all who attend. This is an opportunity to express our appreciation for our seniors' efforts in making Elkhart the wonderful village it is today.

Reservations are required. Please call Horsefeathers, 947-2100, by Monday, August 22. When calling, indicate any seniors who have passed that you would like to have recognized. If you cannot attend, please feel free to send someone on your behalf.

Come and enjoy a well-deserved "thank you" for all you have done to make Elkhart a better place!

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Elkhart Historical Society Announces Fall 2011 Dinner/Lecture Dates



The Elkhart Historical Society is preparing an outstanding line-up of speakers for their 2011 fall dinner/lecture series. The dinner lecture series is held at The Wild Hare Cafe. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the lecture from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The following dates and topics have been selected for Fall 2011:

“The Music of Rt. 66” and “Elkhart's Place in Rt. 66 History”

Friday, September 9, 2011

“Bats! The Facts and Myths About Our Famous (Infamous?) Flying Mammals”

Friday, October 7, 2011

“The Scully Family – Draining the Prairie”

Friday, November 4, 2011

The cost of the dinner is \$25 per person and includes the meal, beverage (coffee or tea), dessert, tax, and gratuity. Diners are welcome to bring their own wine for the meal. More information and the online printable reservation forms will be available on www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org , by calling 217-947-2046 or at Horsefeathers in August.

Adult Art Classes

At Dragonfly Art Studio

July 19th is a painting class using acrylics and painting a still life of Stargazer lilies and July 28th is a Stained Glass effect class which uses special paints for painting on glass.

For more information contact:

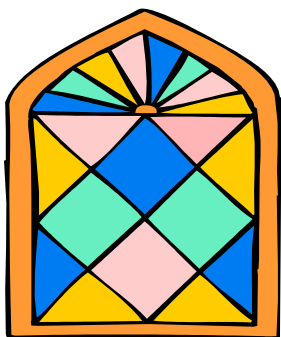
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Are you a Logan County Farmer?

Would you like to help our public school win up to \$25,000 for math and science education?



Farmers that live or farm in Logan County can log on to www.GrowRuralEducation.com or call 1-877-267-3332 and nominate Mt. Pulaski CUD #23 for a merit-based grant of up to \$25,000. This grant money must be used to enhance science and/or math education.

This is a pilot program sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. To nominate the school district, the farmer must be at least 21 years of age and "actively engaged in farming with a minimum of 250 acres of corn, soybeans and/or cotton; or 40 acres of open field vegetables; or at least 10 acres of vegetables grown in protected culture."

HUMANE SOCIETY OF LOGAN COUNTY

3rd ANNUAL ALES FOR TAILS FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2011

CHAD'S BLIND 6:00 pm TIL 10:00 pm

The Humane Society of Logan County (HSLC) is hosting the third annual Ales for Tails on Friday, July 15, 2011 at Chad's Blind, 6:00 PM till 10:00 PM.

Music will be provided by the famous band SHIFTIN' GEARS. Come join us for an evening of fun that includes beer and wine samplings, catering by Lincoln College, a door prize and a 50/50. Tickets are \$30.00 and can be purchased at www.hslclincoln.com or by calling 217.732.1979.

Humane Society of Logan County Pet of the week



Hi! I'm Star, remember me? I am a 6 year old declawed, female, beautifully marked orange cat. I need a forever home. My previous home had to give me up because of allergies. My foster home is fine, I can boss the two male cats around, but it would be really nice to have a forever home. I know how to purr, sit on laps, and be sweet. I am up to date with all of my shots, spayed, micro chipped, and I always use the litter box. Call 217-737-4042 to meet me or any of my HSLC friends.

Logan County Genealogical and Historical Society

The Logan County Genealogical and Historical Society will meet July 18, 2011 at the Lincoln Woman's Club Building at 230 North McLean St. in Lincoln at 6:30 p.m. The program "Abe and Mary Todd Lincoln" will be presented by Gary and Carol Simpkins, of the Simpkins Military History Museum of Heyworth, Illinois. After the presentation, Mary Todd Lincoln's favorite cake will be served and recipes of the same will be available. Public is welcome.

The Civil War Soldier Statue CD is available at the Logan County Genealogical and Historical Society. We are open Tuesday through Friday at 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$20.00

NAG Meeting

NAG will be holding their next meeting at 6 pm in the library on July 18th.

Looking for something to do on a hot summer night!!

Do a Village of Elkhart Word Search!!

Courtesy of Gwen Rosenfeld

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- 1 – He was known as the cattle baron
- 2 – Our oldest playground
- 3 – A true gentleman
- 4 – At times your neighbors might do this to you
- 5 – Our founder in 1855
- 6 – The west side of town
- 7 – Elkhart's original spelling
- 8 – You used to be able to buy one of these for \$52.50
- 9 – Our mayor tries to do this well
- 10 – This has never been found here
- 11 – The oldest business in town
- 12 – He was known as the captain
- 13 – Our high school yearbook's name
- 14 – We used to come down the hill on one of these
- 15 – Someday we will all have one of these
- 16 – The best chicken around is at the _____
- 17 – We have lots of these around
- 18 – They have over 54 members
- 19 – Something most of us miss that we used to enjoy
- 20 – There were lots of them around here years ago
- 21 – We have had years when we did not have one, and other years when we have had 4 or 5
- 22 – We have 3 now, but you would not be wrong if you said the we have 4
- 23 – It has 40 some members
- 24 – It has 42 names on it
- 25 – Most of the residents are just plain _____
- 26 – Some people are just a _____ of sunshine
- 27 – Something you can still see on the hill most any day, just like in the 1860's
- 28 – The oldest last name now being continued here in Elkhart, not only the actual bloodline, but the actual name
- 29 – A busy place in the good ole summer time for the children

Answers will be in next months ECHO.

Church



News

Elkhart United Methodist Church July 2011

Can summer be here already???—that's a mute question with all the 95 degree-plus weather that we have had recently. Anyway, the longest day is past and shorter days are ahead. Beth Anderson's recitals are over and we enjoyed meeting the pupils and their families as we served them cookies and punch. There is much talent in those young people. It was our privilege to have them.

When there is a steady stream of "customers" for Recycling, the time flies and we had not only our regular locals, but some came from neighboring towns. So, Thank You everyone for your glass and aluminum (proceeds will go to missions). And, those three LARGE black bags of used plastic bags will NOT go into our land-fills. Again, Thank you to our helpers—Bill Fairchild, Roger and Billie Bock, Gillette Ransom, Steve Bender and Vi Cook.

Our UMW meeting on June 20th was a "Birthday Party" to celebrate the establishment of the Church at Pentecost—hence the program "A Mighty Wind". We had a real cake and we each lit a candle and put it on the cake. This was a renewal of our baptism vows and our committing ourselves to strengthen the body of Christ in which we are members. The lighted candles were a symbol of the continued mission of the church.

The World Thank Offering Boxes were passed out. They are to be collected at our October meeting. Earline Miller and Eva Halladay will give the program at our July 18th meeting. Janet Hickey will be our hostess.

Pastor Darrell is on vacation two Sundays in July--the 10th and 17th. Tami Werschey was the speaker on the 10th and David Barker will be speaking on the 17th.

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

4th Bev Albert
6th Delbert Ford
19th David Barker
23rd Janet Hickey
31st Nicole Hanner Erlenbush

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Helen Tobias, Imo McCray, Kevin Sizemore, Denise Tucker, Loren Greer, Harold Kutz, Bill VanPelt, John Craner, Bob Olson, and Ehrica Reakenwalt (Harriet Richardson's granddaughter). And all the storm victims in southern Illinois. .

CONDOLENCES: To all the extended family and close friends of Margaret Lanterman who passed away Tuesday, July 12th at St Clara's Manor. We will miss her 96 years of sharp recall of Elkhart and Mt. Pulaski happenings. Also her ability to identify birds and their song. And for all the years that she nurtured her pupils—a great teacher!!!

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Wayne and Kay Hanner on the recent marriages of two of their grandchildren. Duane Gieseke was married to Heather Grant and Nicole Hanner was married to Craig Erlenbush.

To Pasator Darrell and Treva Howard on the June 11th wedding of their daughter Brooke to Max Gibson.

Hometown Realty

Some of you may be thinking about buying or selling a home. If you are a seller, you might want to look at this article written by John Riha. He makes many important points about keeping value in your home rather than letting it wear away. If you are a buyer, wouldn't you be impressed if the seller had a notebook with all of the maintenance and upkeep from the seller?

The Value of Home Maintenance

By: [John Riha](#)

Published: March 9, 2010

Regular home maintenance is key to preserving the value of your house and property.

"It's the little things that tend to trip up people," says Frank Lesh, former president of the American Society of Home Inspectors and owner of Home Sweet Home Inspection Co. in Chicago. "Some cracked caulk around the windows, or maybe a furnace filter that hasn't been changed in awhile. It may not seem like much, but behind that caulk, water could get into your sheathing, causing mold and rot. Before you know it, you're looking at a \$5,000 repair that could have been prevented by a \$4 tube of caulk and a half hour of your time."

Maintenance affects property value

Outright damage to your house is just one of the consequences of neglected maintenance. Without regular upkeep, overall property values are affected.

"If a house is in worn condition and shows a lack of preventative maintenance, the property could easily lose 10% of its appraised value," says Mack Strickland, a professional appraiser and real estate agent in Chester, Va. "That could translate into a \$15,000 or \$20,000 adjustment."

In addition, a house with chipped, fading paint, sagging gutters, and worn carpeting faces an uphill battle when it comes time to sell. Not only is it at a disadvantage in comparison with other similar homes that might be for sale in the neighborhood, but a shaggy appearance is bound to turn off prospective buyers and depress the selling price.

"It's simple marketing principles," says Strickland. "First impressions mean a lot to price support."

This gentleman has much more to say and if you would like a copy of the entire article, just email DanaHudson@DanaHudson.com and someone from the office will send you the entire article.

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Hudson's Talk of The Town

Wow, July will be half over by the time this reaches you. Be sure to mark the 16th of July on your calendar as "The New Rural Route #3" will be here providing live entertainment from 8:30 to 12:30. As if that is not enough, Elkhart's former resident, Jody Blissett, will return to bartend that night. He has a wager with a close friend (Dee Reed Foreman) that he will be able to earn more tips than she does. I am still trying to come up with a prize for the winner. If you have any ideas, be sure to post them on our Facebook Page or send them directly to me at DanaHudson@DanaHudson.com and I will get them posted for you and send you the link so that you can be sure to see them.

We have decided to put Taco Tuesday on hold until September. But all of you Taco Boat lovers have no need to worry, they will be back!! In the meantime, you'll have to come in on Tuesday to see what we have replaced it with. Also for the remaining of the summer, we will have drink specials throughout the week.

If you are planning on taking a hot summer Wednesday (Chicken) or Friday (Fish) night off from cooking, be sure to call 217-947-2770 and make a reservation. If you make that reservation 24 hours in advance, be sure to request your ½ price appetizer.

Watch Hudsons-TalkofTheTown.com for other events. We will be hosting Fireside Relics at the end of the month. If you know of a band that you would like to hear at the Talk, please get the information about the band or have the band call us. We are always looking for new ways to entertain.

Please mark July 30 thru August 6th on your calendars. TOTT will not be serving lunches this week. We will open at 4:00 each evening and we will have the grill open on Wednesday and Friday, but no chicken or fish those nights.

Have a small gathering coming up, but you don't want to be the cook? You are in luck! Just call 217-947-2770 and ask for Curt. He will help you come up with a great menu at a great price.

Don't be the Talk; Come to the Talk!

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July 2011

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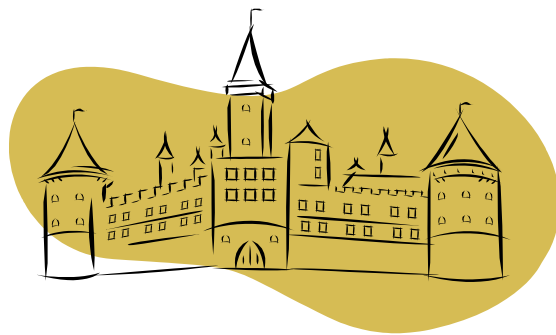
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A Midsummer Knight's Read

July 20- 1-3pm Knight in Shining Armor

July 23 2-4pm Family Bowling at Logan Lanes



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August 16th 2011

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"Volunteers don't necessarily have the time, but they have the heart." -- Anonymous

"Destiny is not necessarily what we get out of life, but rather, what we give." -- Cary Grant

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23
Board of Education
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office
June 20, 2011

President Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the unit office. Roll call was taken. Present were Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson. Todd Cyrulik was late. Also present was Phil Shelton.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Kathy Boward to enter executive session for employment, evaluation, compensation, discipline of personnel, compensation of personnel. Roll call vote. All Ayes. No Nay. Motion Carried.

The board entered executive session at 6:02 p.m.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Diane Deppe to exit executive session. Roll call vote. All Ayes. No Nay . Motion carried.

The board exited executive session at 6:52 p.m.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Kathy Boward to accept Donna Dulle's letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2014 – 2015 school term. Roll call vote. All ayes. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Joe Olson to employ Sarah Wilham as the assistant high school secretary beginning 2011 – 2012 school term. Roll call vote. All ayes. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Jeff Beccue to hire Ron Tisdale for the grades 6 – 12 Social Studies position and the junior high basketball coach. Roll call vote. All ayes. No Nay. Motion carried.

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Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Kathy Boward to hire James Lawson as the high school soccer coach. Roll call vote. All ayes. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Todd Cyrulik to hire Tim Koehler and Joel Davis as student summer workers. Roll call vote. All ayes. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Mike Toohey to approve consent agenda items

a. Approve May 16, 2011 minutes

b. Payment of bills

c. Approve Cathy Shull as the School District Treasurer 2011 – 2012

Roll call vote. All ayes. No Nay. Motion carried.

Reports

It is important to review and revise the school district textbook replacement cycle. The cycle has been slowed down due to financial concerns.

The district is still waiting on about \$250,000 from the state of Illinois. Half is transportation money, the balance is education fund money.

Unfinished Business

If a decision is made to leave the Sangamon Conference, a letter will have to be prepared by the August meeting if we are going to withdraw.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Joe Olson to approve the final amended school calendar for the 2010 – 2011 school year. Roll call vote. All ayes. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Todd Cyrulik to approve the two year computer lease in the amount of \$50,831.88 with QNS. Roll call vote. All ayes. No Nay. Motion carried.

New Business

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Kathy Boward to approve the asphalt parking lot repave and repair at the high school and grade school to Ace Blacktop in the amount of \$18,803. Roll call vote. All ayes. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Mike Toohey to approve mowing assistance at veterans park in the amount of \$3,000. Roll call vote. All ayes. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Todd Cyrulik for the board members to attend the school board convention in Chicago on November 18 – 20, 2011. Roll call vote. All ayes. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Joe Olson to employ the Illinois Association of School Boards to conduct a superintendent search for the Mt. Pulaski CUD #23. Roll call vote. All ayes. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Jeff Beccue to enter executive session for employment, evaluation, compensation, discipline of personnel. Roll call vote. All ayes. No Nay. Motion Carried.

The board entered executive session at 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Todd Cyrulik, second by Kathy Boward to exit executive session. Roll call vote. All ayes. No Nay. Motion carried.

The board exited executive session at 8:16 p.m.

Tom Leahy, IASB, discussed the superintendent search and timeline with the school board.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Jeff Beccue to enter executive session for employment, evaluation, compensation, discipline of personnel, and review of executive session minutes. Roll call vote. All ayes. No Nay. Motion Carried.

The board entered executive session at 8:45 p.m.

Motion by Kathy Boward, second by Todd Cyrulik to entertain a motion to exit executive session. Roll call vote. All ayes. No nay. Motion carried.

The board exited executive session at 8:47 p.m.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Diane Deppe to approve executive session minutes as presented in executive session. Roll call vote. All ayes. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Joe Olson to schedule a special board meeting on July 13th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the superintendent search. Roll call vote. All ayes. No Nay. Motion carried.

Items of Information

Doug Martin attended a Workshop for School Board Presidents by IASB, stated it was an excellent experience.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue to adjourn. Voice Vote. All Ayes. Motion passes. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Submitted by
Diane Deppe
School Board Secretary