

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday – December 11, 2012 6:33 P.M.
High School Media Center

Chairman Jurek called the meeting to order. Members present: Mike Horgen, Aaron Jurek, Mark Swanson, Bryan Olson, Phil Norgaard and Mark Lumley. Administrators present: Dr. Stephen Malone, Superintendent, and Jean Duffy, Director of Curriculum & Instruction.

A special meeting was held for the purpose of approving the reconsideration committee's recommendations regarding high school language arts curriculum materials. The recommendation was addressed by the school board as two separate items: Item 1: *I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou and Item 2: Various PowerPoint presentations from English 11.

Regarding Item 1: A motion was made by Lumley seconded by Horgen to accept the reconsideration committee's recommendation to continue using the book as part of the 9th grade language arts curriculum. Upon vote being taken, the following voted in favor thereof: Mark Swanson, Mike Horgen, and Phil Norgaard and the following voted against the same: Aaron Jurek, Bryan Olson, and Mark Lumley whereupon said resolution failed. There was no further action taken by the school board.

Regarding Item 2: A motion was made by Swanson seconded by Norgaard to accept the reconsideration committee's recommendations that the PowerPoint presentations in Phantom of the Opera, The Things They Carried, F. Scott Fitzgerald/Harlem Renaissance be retained in the curriculum, but eight PowerPoint slides, labeled HE10P12 – HE10P16 be removed; the remaining PowerPoint slides from the Stanford Prison Experiment remains in the curriculum. Motion carried.

Chair Jurek declared meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Mark Lumley, Clerk
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