

# EVANSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of the Board of Education Special Meeting Held January 25, 2010

A special meeting of the Evansville Community School District Board of Education was held January 25, 2010 at 6:15 p.m. in the Theodore Robinson Intermediate School LMC.

**Members Present:** Hammann, Herbers, Pierick, Skinner, Swanson. Rossmiller arrived at 6:20 p.m.; Hatfield arrived at 6:25 p.m.

## Business

Approve Open Enrollment Class Limits.

Mr. Pierick moved, Ms. Swanson seconded, moved that we not accept **students new to the district** in grades K-5 due to SAGE limits in grades K-3 and space limits in grades 4-5, unless other siblings in the same household attend our district or they themselves currently attend school in our district and have or anticipate moving out of the district.

Discussion included expected class sizes in grades 4 and 5 next year, historical open enrollment (in and out) actual vs. expected based on February petitions, Program Based Budgeting process may include not replacing one retiree in that grade range next year, thereby causing class enrollments to rise to the maximum levels as stated in our policy. The downside is the loss of revenue the district has endured since we implemented class limitations during open enrollment. Last year OUT less IN resulted in approximately \$50,000 loss in revenue to the district. This years OUT less IN results in approximately \$110,000 loss in revenue. Previous to limiting open enrollment in crowded grades, the IN vs. OUT was essentially a wash. A hundred thousand dollars lost in open enrollment OUT is mitigated by salary needs for another teacher (total package usually over \$50,000) and certainly by the need to buy new facilities (tens of millions of dollars) to accommodate the additional students, especially in the SAGE grades.

Mr. Hatfield moved and Ms. Rossmiller seconded, moved we call the question. Motion passed 7-0 (voice vote).

Mr. Herbers moved and Mr. Pierick seconded, moved we reword the motion as follows for clarity only.

I move we not accept **new open enrollment students** to the district in grades K-5 due to SAGE limits in grades K-3, space limits in grades 4-5, unless other siblings in the same household attend our district or they themselves currently attend school in our district and have or anticipate moving out of the district.

Friendly amendment vote: 7-0 (voice vote).

Vote on amended motion: 6-1 (voice vote, Rossmiller opposed).

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Herbers at 6:40 pm.

Submitted by Melissa Hammann, Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Melissa Hammann, Clerk

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Approved: 2-8-10