

AURORA, ILLINOIS
AUGUST 6, 2007
5:30 P.M.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT
NUMBER 129, KANE COUNTY, AURORA, IL

PRESENT: Ms. Sonni Herget
Ms. Laurie Hoffman
Mr. Neal Ormond
Ms. Angela Smith
Mr. James Toynton
Mr. Jonathan Wood
Mr. Alan Rhea, President
Mr. Daniel Flaherty, Student Board Member

ABSENT: None

PRESENT: Dr. James Rydland, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Peter Kerl, Assistant Supt. – Operations
Ms. Vickie Nissen, Assistant Superintendent for Finance
Ms. Rosemary Pinnick, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning
Ms. Cynthia Latimer, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services
Ms. Chris Crouch, Interim Assistant Supt. For Human Resources
Mr. Mike Chapin, Community/Alumni Relations
Mr. Daniel Bridges, Principal, West High
Ms. Pat Cross, Principal, Jefferson Middle School
Ms. Lisa Polomsky, Principal, Hall Elementary School
Ms. Randi Ochsenschlager, Secretary to the Board
Mr. Tom Kraus, President, AEA
Media
Members of West High School, Jefferson Middle School, Transportation, Hall
Elementary, SCAC, AEA, West Aurora Office Professionals and the West Aurora
Sports Boosters.

CALL TO ORDER

President Rhea called the August 6, 2007 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Administration Office, 80 S River St., Aurora. The following Board of Education members were present: Herget, Hoffman, Ormond, Smith, Toynton, Wood, Rhea, and Flaherty.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

President Rhea recognized visitors from West High School, Jefferson Middle School, Transportation, Hall Elementary, SCAC, AEA, West Aurora Office Professionals and the West Aurora Sports Boosters.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE WISHING TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD

Ms. Stella Ward, parent, spoke to the Board regarding the notification she received that transportation would no longer be provided to her student who was attending Fearn because of choice. The student's home school is Smith. Ms. Ward felt that her child should continue to receive transportation rights. It was explained that once school is no longer on choice, they can continue to attend the school they had chosen, but need to provide their own transportation.

TIF AGREEMENT

Discussion was held regarding the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement between District 129, District 131 and the City of Aurora regarding the Tax Increment Financing District. Mr. Peter Wilson was present to answer questions. The Board complimented Mr. Wilson on the work done with the City to gain the best benefit for the taxpayers of the district.

ACTION ITEMS

SAFE SECURE FACILITIES

Approval of Paint Bid

Mr. Toynton moved that the Board of Education approve the low responsible bid of Louis Painting Inc. in the amount of \$26,700 for painting at West High School.

Ms. Smith seconded the motion and the same was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Herget, Hoffman, Ormond, Smith, Toynton, Wood, Rhea
NAYES: None

Approval of Floor Tile and Mastic Replacement

Mr. Toynton moved that the Board of Education approve Jones Enterprises as the low responsible bidder for the replacement of floor tile and mastic replacement at Smith Elementary School in the amount of \$17,113.00.

Ms. Herget seconded the motion and the same was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Herget, Hoffman, Ormond, Smith, Toynton, Wood, Rhea
NAYES: None

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Ms. Smith moved that the Board of Education reject all bids submitted to provide fuel for District vehicles and that the administration be authorized to re-bid the same pursuant to the revised specifications as discussed.

Mr. Wood seconded the motion and the same was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Herget, Hoffman, Ormond, Smith, Toynton, Wood, Rhea
NAYES: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Hoffman moved that the Board approve the recommendations, as amended, contained in the Consent Agenda for August 6, 2007.

Ms. Herget seconded the motion and the same was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Herget, Hoffman, Ormond, Smith, Toynton, Wood, Rhea
NAYES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION: That the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held July 9, 2007 be approved.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept bill listings in the amount of \$1,811,521.10 and Hope Wall bill listings in the amount of \$55,007.74 for the period ending August 6, 2007.

Total Regular Bill Listing	\$1,811,521.10
Total (Net) Payroll	
Total for Approval	<u>\$1,811,521.10</u>
Total Hope Wall Regular Bill Listing	\$ 55,007.74
Total (Net) Hope Wall Payroll	
Total Hope Wall for Approval	<u>\$ 55,007.74</u>

PERSONNEL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept the Personnel Report for August 6, 2007, including the resignations of Deanna Konstans, Office Professional @ Fearn; Katie Corken, LD @ West; Kevin Matti, Bilingual @ Washington; Erin Hartman, SCED @ Herget; Carrie Niemet, Drivers Ed @ West; Carol Donovan, LD @ West; Judy Moser, Director of Community Service @ Todd; Lisa Wollnik, 1st @ Freeman; Lisa Sullivan, Diversified @ West; Mary Beth Lang, Social Worker @ Herget; Roxanne Jackson, LD @ West; Laura Malay, Reading Coach @ Greenman; Dan Schuth, Speech/Drama @ Jefferson; Brianne Benages, Music @ Goodwin; Elba Correa, Custodian @ Jewel.

Staff Members who taught in District 129 during the 2006-07 school year and are returning for the 2007-08 school year.

TENURE STAFF

Adams, Lincoln
Alaniz Elena
Anderson, Laura
Armstrong, Marjorie
Barrett, Abigail
Baumert, Teresa
Bieritz, Kathleen
Carlson, April
Classen, Laura
Condict-Cochran, Chelley
Curtean, Mariana
Dahle, James
Debois, Jessica
Emmons, Ruth
Engen, Betty
Fraser, Nicole
Gibson, Lauren
Gramas, Kristin
Johnson, Lora
Jones, Meghan
Jones, Tamzen
Knott, Marti
LaPorta, Michael
Leonardo, Julie
Leverence, Abbie
McGreer, Pamela
Mercado, Elizabeth
Novotney, Sonja
Plachetka, Kristin
Seggerman, ker
Siegler, John
Sinnott, Matthew
Soulsby, Christopher
Szczepanik, Candance
Tena, Ireri
VanSlyke, Mark
Ward, Jason
Wendel, Elizabeth
Williams, Tawn
Young, Jenna
Zelman, Philip

PROBATIONARY
STAFF

Abbott, Pamela
Adamo, Lauren
Anderson, Jill
Awe, Melissa
Bajusz, Jill
Balbuena, Sarah
Banholzer, Mark
Bankhead, Adamma
Barows, Rachel
Behmer, Stacy
Bekkedal, Jennifer
Behda, Mary Joe
Bieker, S. Joy
Blondin, Robin,
Bozan, Sarah
Brady, Laura
Bransfield, Diane
Bremer, Julie

Brennan, Linda
Brown, Christine
Bryant, Jeffrey
Bryant, Theresa
Caliendo, Cynthia
Camino-Hernandez, Baili
Campos-James, Catalina
Cantu, Grace
Cascio-Mariana, Stephanie
Castillo, Eva
Collins, Lauren
Corn, Stephanie
Corral, Nydsiam
Coy, Janice
Crabbe, Elissa
Crawford, Ryan
Cresse, Jennifer
Cross, Kristine
Cyrus, Alina
DeLaurentis, Roberta
Dinelli, Anne
Dodson, Bobette
Doepel, Edwin
Doll, Amanda
Drach, Roger
Drayer, Stephanie
Dugan, Sarah
Duker, Jennifer
Duran, Maria
Elias, Annette
Erleben, Sandra
Farmer, Jennifer
Fasel, Jennifer
Finn, Joan
Garcia, Vanessa
Gehrke, Christa
Georgopoulos, Irene
Gibbons, Marion
Giraldo, Emily
Glogowski, Jeffrey
Gonzales, Susan
Gonzalez-Fonseca, Teresa
Grant, Deborah
Groves, Barbara
Guzman, Marisela
Hagan, Rosemary
Halstead, Thane
Ham, William
Hartsel, Lisa
Hatcher, Carol
Haynes, Kyra
Hebert, Nancy
Hegna, Tracy
Hill, Carly
Holda, Christine
Hudson, Jada
Huff, Maribel
Hunt, Elisa
Hutchinson, Kristen
Ideran, Alicia
Janca, Steven
Johnston, Maria

Jones, Valerie
Jorda, Amy
Jurkowski, Rebecca
Kanive, Sarah
Kaplan, Bradley
Karns, Lisa
Kerchner, Staci
Kerrins, Lisa
Kill, Stephanie
King, Margaret
Klomhaus, Laurie
Kohlmann, Laurel
Kral, Chrstine
Kulakowski, Anne
Laskowski, Karen
Lawley, Srah
LeClere, Barbara
Lee, Vas'Chenia
MacIntire, Sheila
McCloud, Claudia
McCormick, Jenny
McDonald, Michele
McKee, Jean
McKenna, Timothy
McKinney, Bradley
McLear, Jonathan
Markovich, John
Martin-Mancini, Brandi
Maskell, Darrell
Maston, Joseph
Matenaer, Dana
Meister, Amy
Meredith, Linete
Messerli, Denise
Miller, Johhanna
Miller, Richard
Mouhelis, Michelle
Mungia, Maria
Madherny, Kirk
Neukich, Joseph
Nilles, Jacqueline
Ozarka, Christopher
Paoletti, Tina
Petersen, Taylor
Peterson, Kristin
Place, Rhonda
Pegeman, Rebekka
Porter, Jo
Powers, Michael
Prince, Kristine
Proczko, John
Quinn, Megan
Ramirez, Michael
Ramos, Shelley
Rapp, Kristie

Reinhard, Corinn
Richardson, Regenia
Rocha, Jesus
Rodriguez-Trout, Jennifer
Ruddy, Eizabeth
Russ, Randi
Sall, Debbie
Salsbury, Haley
Schetz, Sera
Schultz, Kristin
Siljendahl, Connie
Sipes, Amanda
Smith, Carley
Smith, Ramona
Sprau, Jill
Stevenson, Kimberly
Sunday, Beth Ann
Suri, Neeraji
Swenson, Barbaa
Talkington, Amy
Tanner, Lisa
Tazelaar, Jamie
Thornton, Charles
Toohill, Christa
Townsend, Lindsay
Tummillo, Jill
Tydd, Sue
Tyler, Chrstie
Urbanski, Cynthia
Vanhooser, Catherine
Vostal, Reed
Wagner, Richard
White, Brooke
Wiener, Ellen
Williams, Melissa
Williams, Steven
Winslow, Amy
Wolf, Molly
Zager, Regna
Zayed, Noora
Zenz, Kimberly

PART TIME:

Fisher, Robin
Helfrecht, Paula
Hensley, Annette
Hillenburg, Stacy
Liro, Deborah
Lundberg, Kimberly
Royer, Jennifer

APPOINTMENTS – CERTIFIED PROBATIONARY – FULL TIME

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following full-time Certified Probationary Personnel:

Will Hartsell, PE @ West High
Adam Godfrey, Psychologist @ Washington
Joshua Toopes, Psychologist, Greenman/Linc.
Elliot Coffey, Math @ Jewel
Kristina Neville, Hearing Impaired @ Schneider
Megan Anderson, 4th @ Goodwin
Michelle Daniels, Reading @ Nicholson
Ryann Jensen, 5th @ Nicholson
Joanna Johnson, 2nd @ Goodwin
Dana Loague, Kindergarten @ Nicholson/Linc.
Anthony Rizzo, English @ West High
Nancy Wolfe, 5th @ McCleery/Partnership
Eric Buhot, Business @ West High
Jennifer Dupus, Social Worker, Greenman/Linc.
Breanne Krueger, English @ West High
Julie Medeles, Spanish @ Herget
Anita Reifel, Psychologist
William Vega, Guidance @ West High
Christopher Aderhold, Science @ West High
Angel Birkelbach, Reading @ Jewel
Geoffrey Bradley, Drama @ Jewel
Nancy Elbon, Music @ Hall
Karen Hamilton, LBS @ Fearn
Kathy Martin, Drama @ Washington
Adam Metcalf, PE @ Fearn
Barbara Metz, Student Svcs. Specialist @ Wash
Cynthia Planert, 8th English @ Herget
Melody Smith, Reading Intervention @ Hall
Christine Wiegert, Art @ Freeman
Jennifer Zak, Drama @ Herget
Bonnie Hebden, Kdg.;LBS @ Fearn
Emily Barry, Title I @ Smith
Julie Fritz, LBS @ McCleery/Smith
Todd Gingerich, PE @ Jefferson
Julia Linden, LMC Director @ Lincoln
Melissa Mach, 6th Reading/Language Arts/Science @ Herget
Jennifer Phillips, Graphic Arts @ Jeff.
Kristen Pircorn, At Risk Pre School @ Todd
Karen Puscas, LMC Director @ Hill
Meghann Sienkiewicz, 7th grade Social Studies at Jefferson
Meghan Smith, Reading Intervention @ McCleery

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the appointments of Daniel Riggs, Assistant Principal of West High School; Andrew Lutzenkirchen, Director of Athletics; Melena Gaspadarek, Assistant Principal of Jefferson Middle School; Pamela Rowe, Assistant Principal of Greenman Elementary and David Russell, Assistant Principal of Hall Elementary.

APPOINTMENTS – CERTIFIED PROBATIONARY – PART TIME

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following part-time Certified Probationary – Part-Time Employees:

Shirleen Thomson, Reading @ Hill

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL – FULL TIME

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following part-time Educational Support Personnel subject to the conditions set forth in the backup material:

Staff members who worked in District 129 during the 2006-07 school year and are returning for the 2007-08 school year.

Albright, Julie
Behena, Maria
Roaches, Konstantina
Cuevas, Ana
Deligiannis, Danette
Dewitz, Valentina
Gomez, Jayne
Greenwald, Laura
Horvath-Kruger, Joan
Hubbard, Kathleen
Johnson, Linda
Johnson, Stephanie
Kerckhove, Karen
Ladewig, Joyce
Lopez, Martha
Magtanong, Jeweline
Martinez, Maria
Mayer, Penelope
McConkey, Lisa
McWilliams, Allison
Misner, Angela
Moreno-Gomez, Lluvia
Murphy, Megan
Ormond, Laurel
Potes, Deborah
Serrano, Raquel
Stoner, Patricia
Thomas, lisa
Vargas, Alana
Walker, Karen

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following Educational Support Personnel – full-time:

Patricia Ashman, Fearn Office Professional
Leslie Jeziorski, Hearing Improvement
Interpreter @ Schneider
Jacqueline Vaughan, Security @ West High
Judy Potilechio, 1:1 @ Hall

APPOINTMENTS – EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL –PART TIME

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following part-time Educational Support Personnel subject to the conditions set forth in the backup material:

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the Parent/Child Rearing Leaves of Absence for Julie Bremer (16 weeks beginning December 3, 2007) and Kim Lundberg (second semester, beginning January 22, 2008), consistent with the terms and conditions of the negotiated contract between the Board of Education and School District 129.

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the recommended changes to Policy JCA – Specific Actions Denoting Gross Disobedience or Misconduct.

NORTHWEST ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education authorize its secretary to cast its ballot for the proposed members of the NIA Executive Board.

RECERTIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY HAZARD AREAS

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the recertification of those areas as described in the backup material as hazardous and authorize staff to pursue reimbursement for students transported from these areas.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH HRH BENEFITS PROVIDER

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the renewal of the Agreement between the district and Hilb Rogal & Hobbs (HRH) of Chicago, as the benefits provider for District 129.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Toynton moved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Michael Slou as Assistant Director of Athletics for School District #129.

Ms. Hoffman seconded the motion and the same was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Herget, Hoffman, Ormond, Smith, Toynton, Wood, Rhea
NAYES: None

Ms. Herget moved that the Board of Education uphold the administrative recommendation that Student #

Ms. Hoffman seconded the motion and the same was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Herget, Hoffman, Ormond, Toynton, Rhea
NAYES: None

Ms. Herget moved that the Board of Education uphold the administrative recommendation that Student #1092787 be expelled for the 2007-08 school year for insubordination to staff and threatened or actual infliction of bodily harm to a staff member, Article II, B.1 and 12.

Ms. Hoffman seconded the motion and the same was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Herget, Hoffman, Ormond, Smith, Toynton, Wood, Rhea
NAYES: None

Ms. Herget moved that the Board of Education uphold the 10-day suspension of Student #1072900 for violation of Article II, B.12 and B.13, disruption of the educational process and refusal to go along with the reasonable and lawful instructions of school personnel (insubordination).

VISION 129

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Ms. Rosemary Pinnick, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, Mr. Dan Bridges, Principal of West High School and Ms. LuAnne Kelsey, Assistant Principal for West High School presented the School Improvement Plan for West Aurora High School. Under the No Child Left Behind legislation, schools in School Improvement Status must submit this plan in the E-Plan format. Questions from the Board were part of the discussion, including concerns about the subgroups who are not achieving at State acceptable levels. The high school staff outlined steps that will be implemented to address the needs of the students and to increase student achievement.

SAFE SECURE FACILITIES

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Board was provided an update on construction projects throughout the district. The Board requested that they be provided a report on upcoming projects for the 2007-08 school year.

HERGET MURAL

The Board was provided a drawing of the mural that will be placed at Herget Middle School. This mural was donated by Cordogan and Clark Architects and R.C. Wegman Construction Company.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Paper Bid

Vickie Nissen provided background information on the upcoming paper bid.

The Board was informed that the Auditors and the Treasurer will be providing updates at the August 20, 2007 Board Meeting.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Board was provided an updated list of the members of the Superintendent's Community Advisory Council as well as the agenda topics for the 2007-08 school year.

Ms. Herget moved that the August 4, 2007 meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned.

Mr. Wood seconded the motion and the same was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Herget, Hoffman, Ormond, Smith, Toynton, Wood, Rhea

NAYES: None

Randy Ochsenschlager, Secretary

A True Record

ALLAN RHEA, PRESIDENT