

AURORA, ILLINOIS  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2007  
6:00 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  
Ms. Barbara Vlasvich, Director of the Partnership School  
Mr. Mike Chapin, Community/Alumni Relations  
Mr. Daniel Bridges, Principal, West High  
Ms. Kathy DeTolve, Principal, Smith School  
Ms. Randi Ochsenschlager, Secretary to the Board  
Mr. Tom Kraus, President, AEAW  
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Members of West High School, Transportation, Hope Wall, Partnership School, Smith  
Elementary, Village of Montgomery, West Aurora Sports Boosters, SCAC and AEAW.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Rhea called the September 4, 2007 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at West High School, 1201 W. New York 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, Transportation, Hope Wall, Partnership School, Smith School, Village of Montgomery, SCAC, AEAW, and the West Aurora Sports Boosters.

### **RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE WISHING TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD**

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

The Board of Education recognized students from Smith School who had submitted essays and were selected to attend Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama or iD Technology camp held on the campus of Northwestern University in Evanston. Those recognized were: Alex Evitts, Orestes Franco, Amber Stange, Anna Manning, Kaleigh Bright, Alyssa DeBolt, Brianna Franco, Angelica Escobar, Ola Dobrzelecka, Jessica Millan and Esmeralda Yanez.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### ***TEACHING AND LEARNING***

#### **DISTRICT TITLE I PLAN**

Ms. Herget moved that the Board of Education approve the Title I Plan for School District 129..

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

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

#### **AMENDMENT TO 2007-08 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Ms. Smith moved that the Board of Education approve the amendment to the 2007-08 school calendar to reflect October 17, 2007 as a half-day inservice day, levels K-12 and to cancel the October 10, 2007 half-day inservice, K-12 date.

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

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

#### **APPROVAL OF REVIEW OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT ENGLISH TEXTBOOKS FOR WEST HIGH SCHOOL**

Ms. Hoffman moved that the Board of Education approve placing the Advanced Placement English Textbooks on display for a 30-day review period.

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

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

### ***SAFE SECURE FACILITIES***

#### **WEST HIGH SCHOOL GYM FLOOR PROJECT**

Mr. Toynton moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution to Dispose of Personal Property for the gym floor at West High School.

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

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

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Wood moved that the Board approve the recommendations, as amended, contained in the Consent Agenda for September 4, 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 August 20, 2007 be approved.

**BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept bill listings in the amount of \$7,023,164.23; and Hope Wall bill listings in the amount of \$333,325.14 for the period ending September 4, 2007.

Total Regular Bill Listing	\$3,320,164.94
Total (Net) Payroll	<u>3,702,999.29</u>
Total for Approval	\$7,023,164.23
Total Hope Wall Regular Bill Listing	\$ 138,471.54
Total Hope Wall (Net) Payroll	<u>194,853.60</u>
Total Hope Wall for Approval	\$ 333,325.14

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept the Personnel Report for September 4, 2007, including the resignations of Lisa Rasche, 1:1 Para Pro @ Greenman; Mary Monroe, In-School Suspension, In-School suspension @ West.

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

**Tenured:**

Pamela Rutigliano

**Non-Tenured:**

Andrea Barbel

Laura Parkerson

Shannon O'Brien

**Part-Time**

Susan Randazzo

Ann Sixt

**APPOINTMENTS – CERTIFIED PROBATIONARY – FULL TIME**

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

Robert Bassett, English @ West  
Michael Bonner, Technology @ Jefferson  
Margaret Carlson Lane, Social Worker, District  
Elizabeth Favre, Science @ West High  
Margaret Finlayson, English @ West High  
Susan Garcia, Drivers Education @ West High  
Allysia Gidaszewski, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade @ Greenman  
Adam Godfrey, School Psychologist, District  
Emilia Kowalski, Business @ West High  
Lori Kuwik, Science @ West High  
Robert Mankivsky, Science @ West High

Laurie McCauley, Music @ Hill  
Meredith Moran, Special Ed @ West High  
Pamela Mosier, Child Development Ctr. @ Hope Wall  
Ronna Scruggs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade @ Hill  
Gayle Silagi, Science @ Herget  
Amanda Sundaramoorthy, Exceptional Needs @ Hope Wall  
Lilia Vera-Perez, Bilingual @ Washington  
Carrie Waterman, Reading @ Lincoln  
Jennifer Weeks, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade @ Freeman

### ***APPOINTMENTS – CERTIFIED PROBATIONARY – PART TIME***

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

Heather Smith, Reading @ Lincoln  
Shelly Walden, Kindergarten @ Nicholson

### ***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:

Melissa Baldwin, Title I Literacy @ Nicholson  
Ashley Caskey, 1:1 Para Pro @ Jewel  
Susan Guevara, Parent Program @ Todd  
Chad Kenner, Security @ West High  
Christina Padilla, Parent Program @ Todd  
Maricela Quintanilla, Child Development @ Wall  
Cynthia Solis, Health Assistant @ Greenman  
Maura Tumpane, Title I Literacy @ McCleery  
Charles Wolter, Title I Literacy @ McCleery  
Jennie Zajac, Title I Literacy @ McCleery  
Shirley Stokes, Bus Driver  
Terese McDonald, Bus Driver  
David Tyrawa, Custodian @ Smith

## **VISION 129**

### **TEACHING AND LEARNING**

Crysta Morrissey, Director of Special Education, provided an update on the program evaluation of Special Education Programs, discussing assessment, placement and alignment to the Priority Learning Targets.

Deb Quinn, Pat Butler and Dan Bridges provided additional information on the Revitalization Plan for West High and the 8 period day. They shared information on the instructional assistance and the instructional resource components, indicating that this has begun on a smaller scale for the 2007-08 school year. They answered questions from the Board and addressed concerns. They confirmed that this program is still in the planning phase and discussions are ongoing. They also shared that the 8 period day will allow students to have a lunch period and to be able to take advantages of electives. They felt confident that the results would show an increase in student achievement.

Cynthia Latimer, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, provided an update to the Board on the program evaluation for English Language Learners. She shared assessment information, the

instructional language program and the program being piloted at the elementary level. Both Cynthia and Crysta shared the frustration of not being able to disaggregate data easily due to the limitation of the present data system. Cynthia also shared information on the impact of the World Relief Program to the district. She indicated that this program brings children to the district that need additional resources with limited resources to support their needs.

### **SAFE SECURE FACILITIES**

The Board was given a construction update for the summer of 2007.

### **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

1. Fuel Bid

Information relative to the recent bid opening for fuel was presented to the Board.

2. Copier Lease

The Board was given background information on the recommendation to lease a copier for the Transportation Department.

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A copy of a thank you letter to Alderman Saville was included in the backup information.

Ms. Hoffman moved that the September 4, 2007 meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned.

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

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

NAYES: None

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Randy Ochsenschlager, Secretary

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ALLAN RHEA, PRESIDENT