

AURORA, ILLINOIS
OCTOBER 1, 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. Peter Wilson, Attorney
Mr. Daniel Bridges, Principal, West High
Ms. Randi Ochenschlager, Secretary to the Board
Mr. Tom Kraus, President, AEAW
Media
Members of West High School, AEAW, Partnership School, SCAC, St. Peter's, St. Rita's.

CALL TO ORDER

President Rhea called the October 1, 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, AEAW, Partnership School, SCAC, St. Peter's, St. Rita's.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Board of Education recognized National Merit Semi-Finalists Daniel Flaherty, Amy Fairgrieve, Elizabeth Peterson and Joseph Riddle.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE WISHING TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD

Mr. Guy Prisco, representing St. Peter's School, read a letter to the Board requesting the Board's consideration of the continuation of transportation for St. Peter's students living in District 129. Father Edwards also spoke on behalf of the students attending St. Peter's.

ACTION ITEMS

Financial Responsibility

The Board received information from Mr. John Weber, Crowe Chizek, on the FY 07 Draft Audit Report.

Ms. Smith moved that the Board of Education accept the FY 07 Audited Financial Statements as presented by Crowe Chizek.

Ms. Herget 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. Toynton moved that the Board approve the recommendations, as amended, contained in the Consent Agenda for October 1, 2007.

Ms. Hoffman 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 September 17, 2007 be approved.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept bill listings in the amount of \$5,784,938.43; and Hope Wall bill listings in the amount of \$348,124.14 for the period ending October 1, 2007.

Total Regular Bill Listing	\$3,854,512.16
Total (Net) Payroll	<u>1,930,426.27</u>
Total for Approval	\$5,784,938.43

Total Hope Wall Regular Bill Listing	\$ 148,681.44
Total Hope Wall (Net) Payroll	<u>199,442.70</u>
Total Hope Wall for Approval	\$ 348,124.14

PERSONNEL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept the Personnel Report for October 1, 2007, including the resignations of Theresa Jiminez, Paraprofessional @ Hope

Wall; Ed MacMillan, Bus Driver @ Transportation; Hazel Olmedo, Paraprofessional, George Grant (effective 2/29/08)..

APPOINTMENTS – CERTIFIED PROBATIONARY – FULL TIME

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

Tom Anderson, 5th Grade @ Nicholson
Joan Johns, ESL Teacher, District
Stephanie Campise, 3rd Grade @ Hall

APPOINTMENTS – CERTIFIED PROBATIONARY – PART TIME

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

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:

Josefina Lopez, A-Room @ West
Dolly Mandrelle, Community Services Coordinator
Norma Nava, Bilingual Parent Parapro @ Todd
Ana Tovar, Paraprofessional @ McCleery
Barbara Tuckman, Bilingual Parent Parapro @ Todd
Richard Schoenwetter, Custodian @ Jewel

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:

Jennifer Carew-Kipp, Paraprofessional @ Goodwin

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the request for leave of absence for Nicole Frazer, commencing November 30, 2007 and continuing until the end of the 2007-08 school year.

REQUEST FOR PART-TIME STATUS

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the request for part-time status for Christa Toohil for the remainder of the school year.

APPROVAL OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT ENGLISH TEXTBOOKS FOR WEST HIGH SCHOOL

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the purchase of textbooks for the Advanced Placement English classes for the 2007-08 school year.

VISION 129

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Agreement with Fox Valley Special Recreation Association

The draft copy of the agreement between School District 129 and the Fox Valley Special Recreation Association was presented for review. Action will be requested at the October 15, 2007 meeting.

SAFE SECURE FACILITIES

Request to Dispose of Vehicles and Surplus Property

The Board was asked to consider two resolutions seeking to dispose of surplus vehicles and lunch tables at Goodwin Elementary School. These items are no longer needed and action will be requested at the October 15, 2007 Board Meeting.

Security System for West High School

John Spooner from Alarm Detection Services presented the proposal for the installation of a security system at West High School. Mr. Spooner, Matt Castle and Gail Wronski provided background on the development of the system needed for the high school. Mr. Spooner provided details on the system and how it would work, including camera placement, a 24-hour database which keeps an ongoing log of the system's use. The Board will be asked to approve the proposal at the October 15, 2007 meeting.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

FY 08 Budget Update

Vickie Nissen, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, provided a FY 08 Budget update for the Board. Ms. Nissen showed revenue vs. revenue generated and addressed the need for the issuance of tax anticipation warrants due to the delay in the State's payments.

BOARD UPDATE

Jim Toynton, Neal Ormond and Sonni Herget provided an update on the Legal Conference they attended sponsored by Robbins, Schwartz, Lifton. They felt that the conference was beneficial and very informative and encouraged other Board members to attend in the future.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Ms. Hoffman moved that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session to discuss matters related to litigation.

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

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

NAYES: None

Mr. Toynton moved that the October 1, 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