

AURORA, ILLINOIS
OCTOBER 15, 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
Mr. Neal Ormond
Mr. James Toynton
Mr. Jonathan Wood
Mr. Alan Rhea, President
Mr. Daniel Flaherty, Student Board Member

ABSENT: Ms. Laurie Hoffman
Ms. Angie Smith

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. Randi Ochenschlager, Secretary to the Board
Mr. Tom Kraus, President, AEAW
Media
Members of West High School, AEAW, Partnership School, Hall School, SCAC, St.
Rita's, Aurora Division of the U.S. Air Corps

CALL TO ORDER

President Rhea called the October 15, 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, Ormond, Toynton, Wood, Rhea, and Flaherty.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

President Rhea recognized visitors from West High School, AEAW, Partnership School, Hall School, SCAC, St. Rita's and the Aurora Division of the US Air Corps.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Special Recognition was given to parents, students and staff from Hall School who helped raise awareness and funds for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Anna and Steve Kish were the JDRF Walk Organizers. Others involved were: Jena Palmby, Robin Chuk, Michelle Fogle, Kristen Siman, Marnie Noel and Dennis and Jean Ramsey.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE WISHING TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Wood moved that the Board approve the recommendations, as amended, contained in the Consent Agenda for October 15, 2007.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION: That the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held October 1, 2007 be approved.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept bill listings in the amount of \$820,454.59; and Hope Wall bill listings in the amount of \$34,675.23 for the period ending October 15, 2007.

Total Regular Bill Listing	\$820,454.59
Total (Net) Payroll	
Total for Approval	<u>\$820,454.59</u>
Total Hope Wall Regular Bill Listing	\$ 34,675.23
Total Hope Wall (Net) Payroll	
Total Hope Wall for Approval	<u>\$ 34,675.23</u>

PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education authorize payrolls for the month of November, 2007 in an amount not to exceed \$5,400,000.00.

PERSONNEL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept the Personnel Report for October 15, 2007, including the resignations of Christina Padilla, Parapro @ Todd; Anna Flaim, Registrar @ West High; Janet Perle, Bus Driver; Gwen Schleiss, Bus Driver; Judith Brown, Office Professional @ West.

APPOINTMENTS – CERTIFIED PROBATIONARY – FULL TIME

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

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:

Sharon Dempsey, Title I Para Pro @ Greenman
Chase Dooley, Special Ed Para Pro @ Herget
Adriana Pelletier, Title I Para Pro @ Smith
Jennifer Starai, Paraprofessional @ Hope Wall
Barbara Pryor, Custodian @ West

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:

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the request for leave of absence for Herbert Jenson, Custodian @ McCleery, through November 30, 2007..

REQUEST TO DISPOSE OF TWO VEHICLES

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the Resolution to Dispose of Surplus Property for one 1989 Ford F600 Tow Truck and one 1994 Ford E150 Van.

REQUEST TO DECLARE SURPLUS PROPERTY

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the Resolution to Dispose of Surplus Property for lunch tables at Goodwin Elementary School.

AGREEMENT WITH FOX VALLEY SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the agreement between School District 129 and the Fox Valley Special Recreation Association for use of the Vaughan Athletic Center for transition service for life skills to District 129 students in the Transition Program.

X. Action as a Result of Executive Session

Ms. Herget moved that the Board of Education uphold the administration's recommendation that Student #1102683 be expelled for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year for Gross Misconduct, including repeated acts of insubordination, disruption of the educational process, physical violence and physical violence-staff directed, violating Article II, B.1, B.12 and B.13.

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

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

Ms. Herget moved that the Board of Education uphold the administration's recommendation that Student #1082668 be expelled for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year for Gross Misconduct, including

repeated acts of insubordination, disruption of the educational process, physical violence and physical violence-staff directed, violating Article II, B.1, B.12 and B.13.

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

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

Ms. Herget moved that the Board of Education uphold the administration's recommendation that Student #1081106 be expelled for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year for Gross Misconduct, including repeated acts of insubordination, disruption of the educational process, physical violence and physical violence-staff directed, violating Article II, B.1, B.12 and B.13.

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

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

Ms. Herget moved that the Board of Education uphold the administration's recommendation that Student #1090698 be expelled for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year for Gross Misconduct, including repeated acts of insubordination, disruption of the educational process, physical violence and physical violence-staff directed, violating Article II, B.1, B.12 and B.13.

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

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

Ms. Herget moved that the Board of Education uphold the administration's recommendation that Student #1103313 be expelled for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year for Gross Misconduct, including repeated acts of insubordination, disruption of the educational process, physical violence and physical violence-staff directed, violating Article II, B.1, B.12 and B.13.

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

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

Ms. Herget moved that the Board of Education uphold the administration's recommendation that Student #1080583 be expelled for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year for Gross Misconduct, including repeated acts of insubordination, disruption of the educational process, physical violence and physical violence-staff directed, violating Article II, B.1, B.12 and B.13.

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

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

Ms. Herget moved that the Board of Education moved the Administration's recommendation that Student #1103170 be expelled for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year for Gross Misconduct, including possession of a look-a-like weapon, insubordination, entering into unauthorized area, violating Article B.6, B.13.

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

AYES: Herget, Ormond, Toynton, Wood, Rhea

NAYES: None

Ms. Herget moved that the Board of Education uphold the Administration's recommendation that Student #1120260 be suspended for 10-days for threatened or actual infliction of bodily harm to a student, violating Article II, B.1 and B.12.

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

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

VISION 129

BOARD POLICY REVIEW

The process for review of Board policies began with the first three sections, School District Organization, School Board and General School Administration, being presented to the Board for discussion. The discussion of the proposed policies will begin at the November 5 meeting, with the policies being put on review for 30-days.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OR MODIFICATION OF STATE BOARD RULES

At the November 5 meeting, the Board will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of applying for a waiver of State Board Rules as it applies to the School Improvement Days.

SAFE SECURE FACILITIES

Security System for West High School

Pete Kerl, Matt Castle and Gail Wronski updated the Board on the proposed security system for West High, highlighting the additions to the security system, including more cameras.

Safe Secure Facilities Plan of Work

Pete Kerl and Jeff Schiller presented a draft of the timeline for safe secure facilities plan. The Board asked some questions and provided input as to other areas that might be considered to be included on the plan, one being district own facilities. More information will be presented at the November 5 meeting.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Copier Lease for Hill School

Vickie Nissen presented information on the proposed lease for a new copier for Hill Elementary School. Dr. Rydland indicated that future leases for copiers will be part of the refresh plan for district equipment.

Mr. Toynton moved that the October 15, 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, Ormond, Toynton, Wood, Rhea

NAYES: None

Randy Ochsenschlager, Secretary

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ALLAN RHEA, PRESIDENT

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Mr. Dan Bridges, Principal, West High
Ms. Joe Neukirch, Teacher @ West High
Ms. Gail Wronski, Assistant Principal, West High
Mr. Matt Castle, Assistant Principal, West High
Mr. Peter Wilson, Attorney, District 129
Ms. Randi Ochsenschlager, Secretary to the Board
Mr. Peter Wilson, Attorney

President Rhea called the Committee Meeting of the Board of Education to order at West High School at 5:00 p.m. on October 15, 2007. Members of the Board present were: Herget, Ormond, Toynton, Wood, Rhea.

Mr. Toynton moved that the Board adjourn to executive session to discuss matters related to Litigation, Student Discipline, Personnel and Collective Bargaining.

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

AYES: Herget, Ormond, Toynton, Wood, Rhea

NAYES: None

Mr. Toynton moved that the Board adjourn the executive session and return to open session.

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

AYES: Herget, Ormond, Toynton, Wood, Rhea

NAYES: None

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President Rhea convened the executive session with the following Board members and staff members present:

Herget, Ormond, Toynton, Wood, Rhea, Dr. James Rydland, Superintendent, Mr. Peter Wilson, Attorney, Ms. Rosemary Pinnick, Mr. Dan Bridges, Ms. Gail Wronski, Mr. Matt Castle, Mr. Joe Neukirch, Ms. Randi Ochsenschlager, Secretary.

The first portion of the meeting dealt with 8 discipline matters. The Board asked questions about the various situations and received detailed information from the staff of the high school. Concern was expressed on the part of the Board about some of the reports not containing detailed information which will be added in the future.

The High School staff assured the Board that they are working with local law enforcement to deal with the issue of gangs and neighborhood problems.

Ms. Pinnick and Ms. Ochsenschlager left the meeting.

The Board and high school staff then discussed a personnel issue.

Mr. Toynton moved that the Board adjourn the executive session and return to open session.

Mr. Wood 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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