

AURORA, IL
AUGUST 03, 2009
7:00 P.M.

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

PRESENT: Mr. Mark Bradford
Ms. Sonni Herget
Ms. Maricela Perez
Ms. Angie Smith
Mr. James Toynton
Mr. Jonathan Wood
Mr. Neal Ormond, President
Ms. Jazzlyn Lockett

ABSENT: None

PRESENT: Dr. James Rydland, Superintendent
Mr. Pete Kerl, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Ms. Christi Tyler, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Ed Howerton, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Ms. Cindi Hamilton, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & Board Sec.
Mr. Mike Chapin, Community Relations
Ms. Erin Slater, Director of Elementary Education
Ms. LuAnne Kelsey, Director of Secondary Education
Ms. Barb Vlasvich, Director of Literacy, Assessment and Prof. Dev.
Mr. Dan Bridges, Principal West High
Ms. Michelle Shabaker, Director of Early Childhood

Members of Hope Wall, Jewel, Nicholson, Todd, Washington, West, AEAW, WAOPA, SCAC, West Maintenance Staff and Alderman Rick Lawrence.

President Ormond called the August 03, 2009 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at West High School, 1201 W. New York St., Aurora. The following Board of Education members were present: Bradford, Herget, Lockett, Perez, Smith, Toynton, Wood, Ormond and Hamilton.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

President Ormond recognized visitors from Hope Wall, Jewel, Nicholson, Todd, Washington, West, AEAW, WAOPA, SCAC, West Maintenance Staff and Alderman Rick Lawrence.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE WISHING TO SPEAK TO AN AGENDA ITEM

There were no audience members requesting the opportunity to speak to the Board on and agenda item.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE WISHING TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD

Ms. Lydia Bartell spoke about the positive exploratory options that West Aurora middle school students have and how having those choices have made our band wonderful. That education and practice carries over to the high school band. She expressed her appreciation of the double block of reading and language arts.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Gift of Life Blood Drive Organizer – Ms. Becky Jo Tabone

The Board of Education recognized Ms. Becky Jo Tabone for her coordination of the 4th Annual Community Gift of Life Blood Drive that was held at West High at July 11, 2009. The Heartland Blood Centers collected 167 units with 28 deferrals. She also had posters for the blood drive.

She has also coordinated with School Specialty to give each school an MP3 player to give as an incentive for first day of school drawing.

ACTION ITEMS

Board

Mr. Toynton moved that the Board of Education authorize the Board Secretary to cast ballot for the proposed member for the NIA (Northwestern Illinois Association) Executive Board.

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

AYES: Bradford, Herget, Perez, Smith, Toynton, Wood, Ormond

NAYES: None

Mr. Toynton moved that the Board of Education authorize the Board Secretary to cast ballot for the proposed member for the Director of Special Education.

AYES: Bradford, Herget, Perez, Smith, Toynton, Wood, Ormond

NAYES: None

Teaching and Learning

Ms. Herget moved that the Board of Education approve the renewal of District 129 Transition Program, Pathways for another year.

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

AYES: Bradford, Herget, Perez, Smith, Toynton, Wood, Ormond

NAYES: None

Financial Responsibility

Ms. Smith moved that the Board of Education approve the Letter of Agreement between West Aurora School District 129 and CSIG Management, Inc., d.b.a. Laurus Strategies for the services identified.

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

AYES: Bradford, Herget, Perez, Smith, Toynton, Wood, Ormond

NAYES: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Wood moved that the Board of Education approve the items contained in the Consent Agenda for August 03, 2009.

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

AYES: Bradford, Herget, Perez, Smith, Toynton, Wood, Ormond

NAYES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION: That the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held July 06, 2009 be approved.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept bill listings in the amount of \$1,904,281.09 and Hope Wall bill listings in the amount of \$5,939.58 for the period ending July 15, 2009.

Total Regular Bill Listing	<u>\$1,904,281.09</u>
Total for Approval	\$1,904,281.09

Total Hope Wall Regular Bill Listing	<u>\$ 5,939.58</u>
Total Hope Wall for Approval	\$ 5,939.58

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept bill listings in the amount of \$7,743,238.70 and Hope Wall bill listings in the amount of \$393,820.97 for the period ending August 3, 2009.

Total Regular Bill Listing	<u>\$7,743,238.70</u>
Total for Approval	\$7,743,238.70

Total Hope Wall Regular Bill Listing	<u>\$ 393,820.97</u>
Total Hope Wall for Approval	\$ 393,820.97

PERSONNEL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept the Personnel Report for August 03, 2009, including the resignations of:

Stacy Behmer-Director of Technology
Sarah Martine-Kgd @ Hall/Greenman
Maria Duran –Spanish @ West
Rachel Montgomery- Paraprofessional
Nathan Cotter- Paraprofessional
Dorothy Smith – Bus Driver
Darrell Smith- Security
Lee Bee – Custodian
Bobby Tenner-Custodian
Leslie Jeziorski- Sign Language Interpreter

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATORS – FULL TIME

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the appointment of an administrator at :

Amy Townes – Assistant Principal Washington Middle School

APPOINTMENTS – CERTIFIED – FULL TIME

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

Stephanie Barbel – LBS @ Smith – Rehire
Sandra Carroll – LBS @ Jewel
Kristen Coronado – Credit Recovery @ West High – Rehire
Amy Hurt – Spanish @ West High – Rehire
Kim Johnson – Title One @ Nicholson – Rehire
Sarah Mallas – Biology @ West High
Denise Reed – Spanish @ West High – Rehire
Alyssa Richter – LBS @ McCleery – Rehire
Sarah Saghir – Psychologist @ Greenman
Joshua Turner – Music @ Hill
Laura Wagley – PE @ West High

APPOINTMENTS – CERTIFIED PROBATIONARY– PART TIME

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

Ann Sixt – Title One at parochial school – Rehire
Sheryl Mezger – Title One at parochial school –
Kristina Hettinger – Art @ Nicholson

APPOINTMENTS – EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL – FULL TIME

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following Educational Support Full Time personnel:

Justine Sykora – Parapro @ Washington – Recall
Lara Nendick – Parapro @ Goodwin – Recall
Brienne McCoy – Parapro @ Hill – Recall
Monick Ramos – Parapro @ Hill – Recall
Jennifer Schiber – Arciga – Parapro @ Smith – Recall
Julie O'Malley – Parapro @ Goodwin – Recall
Elia Arcilla – Parapro @ West High – Recall
Joe May – Custodian – Recall, John Berenyi – Custodian – Recall
Kevin Nelson – Custodian – Recall
Teresa Powers – Health Assistant - Rehire

RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Field Trip Update

Director of Elementary Education, Erin Slater and Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Cynthia Latimer presented the proposed plan for elementary field trips. Field trip recommendations create alignment with the PLT (Priority Learning Targets) and consistency between the elementary schools. Buildings may add additional trips.

Internet Safety school Code

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Cynthia Latimer, presented the new school code which requires Internet Safety instruction grades three and above. The Board of Education is required to determine the scope and duration of this unit of instruction. This curriculum must be taught at least once each school year. Questions can be presented at the next BOE meeting on August 17th with approval at the September 8th BOE meeting.

SAFE SECURE FACILITIES

West Aurora High School Surplus Auditorium Light Fixtures

West Aurora High School has 60 surplus auditorium light fixtures and they have been replaced by newer fixtures with funds raised by West High Stage Crew. Approximately one third of the lights will be sent to the middle schools in our district and the others would be sold. Recommendation is made to request Board of Education approval to dispose of these items

Equipment Disposal Technology/Electronic Equipment: In the district we have technology/electronic equipment that are no longer being used because they are broken and unable to be repaired or obsolete. If applicable, this equipment has had its usable components removed to be used as repair parts in other technology equipment. This technology/electronic equipment is: Printers – 12, LCP Projectors – 5, Scanner – 1, Keyboard – 24, Computers – 40, Monitors – 35, Laptops – 8, Server – 1, Per Board of Education policy 4:80, a request for recommendation that the Board of Education approve the disposal of these items, through a recycling program. Recommendation to be requested at the 8/17/09 Board of Education meeting.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Financial Update:

Chief Officer of Finance, Christi Tyler, gave a financial update. We are \$3.5 million in the rear for funds from the state. The state is approximately 3-4 months lag in payments. Many grants have been completely cut or decreased by large percentages and affect our Early Childhood program. Bill 2051 is due to be signed by August 8th. Todd Early Childhood Director, Michelle Shabaker, gave an update regarding early childhood funding. The school is capable of serving 320 students but right now will serve 80 students due to funding issues. We are \$420, 763 dollars behind in that funding.

Correspondence

Newsletter articles

Prior Trip Approval – Students

None

DATES TO REMEMBER

<i>August 17, 2009</i>	<i>Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 pm</i>
<i>August 19, 2009</i>	<i>First Day of Student Attendance</i>
<i>August 24, 2009</i>	<i>SCAC Meeting in B140 – 7:00 pm</i>
<i>August 26, 2009</i>	<i>West High School Open House – 6:30 pm</i>
<i>September 8, 2009</i>	<i>Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 pm</i>
<i>September 21, 2009</i>	<i>Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 pm</i>
<i>September 28, 2009</i>	<i>SCAC Meeting in B140 – 7:00 pm</i>
<i>October 26, 2009</i>	<i>SIP Presentation to Board of Education 4:00</i>
<i>November 20-22, 2009</i>	<i>Triple I Convention in Chicago</i>

Ms. Smith moved that the August 03, 2009 Board meeting be adjourned.

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

AYES:	Bradford, Herget, Perez, Smith, Toynton, Wood, Ormond
NAYES:	None

Adjourn 9:22 p.m.

Cindi Hamilton, Secretary

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