

AURORA, IL
JULY 06, 2009
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. Maricela Perez
Ms. Angie Smith
Mr. James Toynton
Mr. Jonathan Wood
Mr. Neal Ormond, President
Ms. Jazzlyn Lockett

ABSENT: Mr. Mark Bradford

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
Mr. Mark Engen, Director of Transportation

Members of Herget, Hope Wall, Jefferson, Jewel, Smith, Washington, West, Transportation, AEAW, WAOPA, SCAC, West Maintenance Staff and Board Treasurer, George Malina.

President Ormond called the July 06, 2009 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, Lockett, Perez, Smith, Toynton, Wood, Ormond and Hamilton.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

President Ormond recognized visitors from Herget, Hope Wall, Jefferson, Jewel, Smith, Washington, West, Transportation, AEAW, WAOPA, SCAC, West Maintenance Staff and Board Treasurer, George Malina

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

There were no audience members requesting the opportunity to speak to the Board.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

State Track Finalist for West High

The Board of Education recognized the following track members who qualified for state finalist. Congratulations on your dedication and success! We are proud of all of you!

Girls track members: Kristin Holmes, Kehlay Dunah, Cynthia Smith, Markesha Davis, Brittany Loza, Shanice Andrews, Jasmine Ranson, Mariah Smith, and Tracy William-Moore.

Boys track members: Steve McMullen, Leon Spears, Darron Guyton, Josh Zinzer, Markus Cocroft, George Handley, Marcus Waller, Kevin Costin, and Aviance King.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Wood moved that the Board of Education approve the disposal of the following items that have been identified in the attic at the Administration Office. Per Board of Education policy 4:80,

Six teacher desks, three computer desks, various drawer organizers, three small cabinets, three single chairs, one folding lunch table.

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

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

NAYES: None

Mr. Wood moved that the Board of Education not continue busing in the areas listed in backup material. The serious safety hazards are for Schneider School does not qualify for the 20 points necessary for bussing to continue.

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

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

NAYES: None

Mr. Toynton moved that the Board of Education approve the emergency corrective work to fix water infiltration at Hall Elementary School to begin as soon as possible.

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

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

NAYES: None

Mr. Toynton moved that the Board of Education approve the following lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Clean School Bus Grant to Inland Power Group, in the amount of \$118,000 for FY10.

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

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

NAYES: None

Financial Responsibility

Ms. Smith moved that the Board of Education approve the following lowest responsive, responsible bidder for beverages to PepsiAmericas. It is estimated that the annual discretionary funding and marketing will be \$23,317.00, which will be distributed to the High Schools and Middle Schools.

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

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

NAYES: None

Ms. Smith moved the Board of Education approve the following lowest responsive, responsible bidder for elementary planners to premier Agendas, Inc. (School Specialty) in the amount of \$2.45 per planner.

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

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

NAYES: None

Ms. Smith moved that the Board of Education direct the Board President and Board Secretary to sign the enclosed resolution which disclaims and waives any interest in the proceeds of Mr. Thomas Wolfsberger's estate.

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

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

NAYES: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Perez moved that the Board of Education approve the items contained in the Consent Agenda for July 06, 2009.

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

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

NAYES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION: That the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held June 15, 2009 be approved.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept bill listings in the amount of \$9,547,996.14 and Hope Wall bill listings in the amount of \$411,912.69 for the period ending July 01, 2009.

Total Regular Bill Listing	<u>\$9,547,996.14</u>
Total for Approval	\$9,547,996.14
Total Hope Wall Regular Bill Listing	<u>\$ 411,912.69</u>
Total Hope Wall for Approval	\$ 411, 912.69

PERSONNEL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept the Personnel Report for July 01, 2009, including the resignations of:

Kenny Randle- Custodial Supervisor
Brian Johnson – PE
Kristin Schultz - English

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATORS – FULL TIME

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

Rachell Hattendorf – Assistant Principal Herget Middle School

APPOINTMENTS – CERTIFIED – FULL TIME

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

Jonathan Bacheller – LBS @ District
Sally Hepler – Music @ Hall
Kevin Mortlock – Special Ed @ West
David Norman – Special Ed @ West
Alexandra Perez – Bilingual Assessor @ District
Rebecca Robins – Music @ Nicholson/Hope D. Wall
Angie Abbott- English @ West -Rehire
Andrea DiDonato – PE @ West – Rehire
Jolene Duet – Math @ West – Rehire
Annette Hensley – Special Ed EC @ HDW – Rehire
Ryann Jensen – 4th Grade @ Nicholson – Rehire
Katie Johnson – English @ West – Rehire
Stephanie Leo – 1st Grade @ Fearn – Rehire
Nancy Wolfe – LBS @ McCleery - Rehire

APPOINTMENTS – CERTIFIED PROBATIONARY– PART TIME

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

None

APPOINTMENTS – EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL – FULL TIME

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

None

RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

BOARD

Northwestern Illinois Association

The Northwestern Illinois Association has sent their annual election ballot to be completed by Board members. The letter regards the election of member of N.I. A. Executive Board and a special ballot for Director of Special Education. Ballot will be completed at the August 3, 2009 meeting.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Middle School Curriculum Overview

Middle School principals were there to cover the middle school exploratory and curriculum that was approved on February 17, 2009. They answered question from BOE members on how the change will affect next year's schedule. Several audience members were present to speak to the BOE regarding their dissatisfaction with their students having to decide which exploratory they would take for next year and the lack of options they believe will occur from the change to the curriculum. Parents would prefer the 7th and 8th grade band be allowed to alternate each day with an exploratory option. West High band director, Steve Orland spoke of the commitment that is necessary to produce the quality band members that represent the district

Annual Contract for District 129 Transition Program, Pathways

A recommendation for renewal for our annual contract for District 129 Transition Program, Pathways which is housed at the Vaughn Athletic Center and serves special education students from 18-22 as a transition from school to "independence" as an adult, will be requested at the August 3, 2009 Board of Education meeting.

Spring Test Battery Proposal

West High Principal, Dan Bridges, presented the proposal for the Spring Test Battery to the Board of Education. He would like this to be the standard for 2009/10 school year for all West High testing dates and standard procedures.

SAFE SECURE FACILITIES

Emergency Preparedness Update

Miriam Wade-Hicks, Lynn Head and Pete Kerl presented the four stages of the Emergency Preparedness program to the BOE members. They included Prevention and Mitigation, Security, Response, and Recovery Phase. Group is looking for federal grants.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Arbor Food Service Management

Representatives Kathy Carter and Jack Bortko from Arbor Food Management were at the meeting to introduce themselves and answer questions regarding the new contract.

Letter of Agreement

The Letter of Agreement with West Aurora School District #129 and Laurus Strategies was included in the BOE packet and representative Rob Dorsey was present to answer any questions regarding their services. Request for recommendation will be asked for at the August 3, 2009 Board of Education Meeting.

Financial Update

Chief Financial Officer, Christi Tyler, gave the financial update to the board on the lack of funding still continuing from the state. We are to receive six payments from the state but will only receive four and this might be the pattern for next year as well. We are currently \$6,522,824.62 behind in payments from the state.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Update on the First Day of School

Mike Chapin, Director of Community Relations; update the Board on what is being done to communicate with the community about the start date of August 19th. We are having yard signs, newsletter, phone blasts, posters for business owners to hang, post cards, school website and as many items in Spanish as possible. The more students we have in school that day, the more money the district will receive.

Correspondence

Thank You card from Hill Elementary School Principal, Cindy Larry to Kohl's Department Store for \$500 donation.

Thank you letter from Jane Addams Band Boosters Association for \$50 donation in the memory of Dr. Ortho Lang.

Prior Trip Approval – Students

None

MISCELLANEOUS

Student Board member, Jazzlyn Luckett updated the Board of Education members about the presentation that was given to the National School Board Trainers in Chicago. The presentation included information from our student board member forum that was held at West, training for student board members at the National School Board Association and other feedback.

Dr. Rydland said that we would decline the letter from East Aurora School District #131 asking us to allow student from their district to register at our school.

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 11, 2009	4 th Annual Community Gift of Blood Drive at West High 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
August 3, 2009	Board of Education Meeting
August 17, 2009	Board of Education Meeting
August 19, 2009	First Day of Student Attendance
October 26, 2009	SIP Presentation to Board of Education
November 20-22, 2009	Triple I Convention in Chicago

Ms. Smith moved that the July 06, 2009 Board meeting be adjourned.

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

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

Adjourn 9:50 p.m.

Cindi Hamilton, Secretary

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Neal Ormond, President