

AURORA, IL
SEPTEMBER 08, 2009
6:00 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 Assessment, Literacy, Professional Growth
Mr. Dan Bridges, Principal West High

Members of Herget, West, Transportation, SCAC and AEAW.

President Ormond called the September 08, 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: Bradford, Herget, Lockett, Perez, Smith, Toynton, Wood, Ormond and Hamilton.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

President Ormond recognized visitors from Herget, West, Transportation, SCAC and AEAW.

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

Sonni Herget's birthday was recognized at this meeting.

ACTION ITEM

Board

Mr. Wood moved that the Board of Education find that the Executive Session minutes for the period March 2009 until September 2009 not be released for public view.

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

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

NAYES: None

Teaching and Learning

Mr. Toynton moved that the Board of Education approve the Internet Safety instructional component to be taught to grades 3 and above at least once each school year.

Ms. Smith 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 approve the 2009-10 Application for Recognition of Schools for the following District 129 Schools:

Fearn Elementary School, Freeman Elementary School, Goodwin Elementary School, Greenman Elementary School, Hall Elementary School, Hill Elementary School, McCleery Elementary School, Nicholson Elementary School, Schneider Elementary School, Smith Elementary School, Todd Elementary School, Hope Wall School, Herget Middle School, Jefferson Middle School, Jewel Middle School, Washington Middle School and West High School.

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

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

NAYES: None

Safe Secure Facilities

Mr. Bradford moved that the Board of Education approve the disposal of 1993 Chevrolet G20 custom van with wheelchair lift as surplus, per Board of Education policy 4:80.

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

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

NAYES: None

Financial Responsibility

Ms. Smith moved that the Board of Education approve the transfer of funds \$4,200,000.00 from the Working Cash Fund as a loan to the Education Fund.

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

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

NAYES: None

Ms. Smith moved that the Board of Education approve the contract with NIU through the 2012 school year for use of their convocational center.

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

Ms. Perez moved that the Board of Education approve the items contained in the Consent Agenda for September 08, 2009.

Mr. Wood 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 August 17, 2009 be approved.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept bill listings in the amount of \$6,291,698.78 and Hope Wall bill listings in the amount of \$371,554.62 for the period ending September 08, 2009.

Total Regular Bill Listing	<u>\$6,291,698.78</u>
Total for Approval	\$6,291,698.78
Total Hope Wall Regular Bill Listing	<u>\$ 371,554.62</u>
Total Hope Wall for Approval	\$ 371,554.62

PERSONNEL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept the Personnel Report for September 08, 2009, including the resignations of:

Kristin Peterson – 5th Grade @ Goodwin
Alison Winter – Bilingual @ Smith
Jeanette Alcantar – Office Professional

APPOINTMENTS – CERTIFIED – FULL TIME

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

Kerry Anderson – Early Childhood @ Todd,
Geoff Bradley – Exploratory @ Jewel,
Christina Brzykcy - English @ West High,
Stephanie Campise – 1st Grade @ Hall,
Jennifer Carew – Kipp – 3rd Grade @ Goodwin,
Kathy Davila – Soc Sci/LA/Science @ Jewel,
Jamie Glass – Early Childhood @ Todd,
Jessica Korzelik – Early Childhood @ Todd,
Dolly Mandrelle – Early Childhood @ Todd,
Shawn McDowell – Early Childhood @ Todd,
Kristen Meyer – Early Childhood @ Todd,
Michelle Navarro – Early Childhood @ Todd,
Jennifer Phillips – Language Arts @ Jefferson,
William Pittluck – Science @ West High,
Steven Popp – 5th Grade – Goodwin,
Lindsay Pultz – Early Childhood @ Todd,

Kerry Ryan – 4th Grade – Hall,
Amanda Sipes – Kdg @ Freeman,
Brendan Wischweh – Science @ West High

APPOINTMENTS – CERTIFIED – PART TIME

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

Miriam Wandt – Bilingual @ Hall

APPOINTMENTS – EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL – FULL TIME

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

Miriam Wandt – Bilingual @ Hall,
Amanda Sipes – Paraprofessional @ Hall,
Lisa Tufano – Security @ West High,
Luz Palacios – Paraprofessional @ Todd – Rehire,
Quinn O'Malley – Paraprofessional @ Goodwin,
Roger Dee – Paraprofessional @ Washington – Rehire,
Danette White – Paraprofessional @ Jewel,
Jennifer Sosnowski – Paraprofessional @ Fearn,
Andrea Svejda – Paraprofessional @ Hill

RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Amy Velasquez as Dean of Students at West Aurora High School.

LEAVES – EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the request for leave of absence for Jennifer Duker for the period of November 04, 2009 through the remainder of the 2009/10 year, consistent with the terms and agreement between the Board of Education and the Aurora Education Association-West.

BOARD

Northwest Illinois Association:

In June NIA held two elections; a regular election and a special election. Because the special election resulted in a tie, the NIA has chosen to repeat the election process. A special ballot for the election of a Director of Special Education from Subregion I and this will be a one (1) year term. The candidates are Dr. Carolyn Beard and Dr. Crysta Morrissey. The Board of Education will consider the candidates and authorize the Board Secretary to cast its ballot at the September 21, 2009 Board of Education meeting.

SAFE SECURE FACILITIES

Disposal of Surplus Items:

Request to dispose of the following items: one electric kiln Scutt model 1027-208 Serial number A001747-10 that does not work properly and cannot be repaired, one band saw that is broken and not repairable, one document viewer that no longer works. Per Board policy, 4:80, recommendation is made to request Board of Education approval Recommendation to be requested at the 9/21/09 Board of Education meeting.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Auditor's Presentation:

John Weber from Crow Horwath was present to review the preliminary District audit findings. He covered the Education Fund, Operations and Maintenance fund, Debt Services fund, Transportation fund, IMRF/Soc. Security fund, Working Cash fund, Site and Construction fund, and the Fire Prevention and Safety fund. Their firm also discussed other results from the audit which included Fraud Risk Assessment, tracking property tax distribution, controls on the SAS 70 Report, errors in compensated absences, cash receipt segregation, Capital Assets in final amounts, National School Lunch Program (NSLP) verification report and several students not receiving the proper benefits, NSLP cash management missing supporting documentation, payroll controls for TRS, control of wire transfers, student activity funds issues with the exception of West High Student Activity funds, Title 1 Group Eligibility monitoring to make sure schools expend all their grant allotment for Title 1, and Claims for General State Aid and Transportation. John Weber did state that he has overseen the last three audits and each time worked with a different Chief Financial Officer and this has been difficult for the District. Audit findings will be available online once the final form is completed.

Financial Update:

Chief Financial Officer, Christi Tyler, gave a financial update. She presented information on FY10 Expenditures. The District has received all FY09 outstanding grant payments on 8/31/09 and we were informed that we will receive the Arts and Foreign Language Grant for \$49,210, the SB2051 has not yet been recalculated and the Average Daily Attendance for 2008-09 payable in 2009-10 is \$11,198.78. She also discussed the Education Fund for FY10 Budget and will save \$920,000 with reallocation of Lincoln students, streamlining copier leases with minimum of \$50,000 savings, writing textbooks \$310,000, math textbooks K-5 \$485,000, West High servers \$112,500, E-School student information software \$175,000, decrease of approx. 60 staff members \$3.9 million savings, unemployment compensation \$200,000 and service credit for certified staff \$850,000 and increase in employee benefits rates \$568,600. Operations and Maintenance Fund FY10 Budget – Capital projects \$350,000, Asbestos abatement for Washington and West (a grant was awarded to help with this but grant delayed) \$300,000, summer projects \$96,000 and increase in salaries per negotiated contractual agreements. Transportation Fund – no capital purchases planned, Special Ed Transportation \$2.7 million, Homeless Transportation \$40,000 and Quad County Urban League Transportation \$60,000.

Correspondence

Newsletter articles from August 28, 2009.

Prior Trip Approval – Students

None

DATES TO REMEMBER

<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 18, 2009</i>	<i>Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk</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>
<i>April 10-12, 2010</i>	<i>National School Board Association (NSBA) Conference in Chicago</i>

Ms. Smith moved that the September 08, 2009 Board meeting be adjourned.

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

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

Adjourn 8:10 p.m.

Cindi Hamilton, Secretary

A True Record

Neal Ormond, President