

AURORA, IL
FEBRUARY 4, 2008
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

ABSENT: Mr. Dan Flaherty, Student Board Member

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. Christine Crouch, Interim Assistant Supt. for Human Resources
Ms. Cynthia Latimer, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services
Mr. Mike Chapin, Community/Alumni Relations
Ms. Randi Ochsenschlager, Secretary to the Board
Ms. Cindi Hamilton, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
Mr. Terry Collette, Co-President, AEAW
Mr. Tom Kraus, Co-President, AEAW
Ms. Erin Slater, Principal, Greenman Elementary
Ms. Pam Rowe, Assistant Principal, Greenman Elementary
Mr. Dan Bridges, Principal, West High School
Media
Members of AEAW, West High, Jewel, Hope Wall, Greenman, Transportation,
Partnership School, West Aurora Paraprofessionals, SCAC.

CALL TO ORDER

President Rhea called the February 4, 2008 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 AEAW, West High, Partnership School, Jewel, Greenman, Wall, Transportation, SCAC.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE WISHING TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD

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

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The West Aurora Step Team were honored at the February 4 meeting. The team won the 1st Place Championship in the DuPage Valley Conference competition and 1st Place at the IDTA Navy Pier Invitational Competition. Members of the team to be honored are: Camille Bailey, Trieana DePratto,

LaPree Guise, Sierra Henry, Ashle Jones, Jonelle Meeks, Laticia Moore, Shantell Passley, Printess Pryor, Ebony Russell and Mariah Smith. The coach for the Steppers is Judy Johnson, West High Guidance Counselor.

ACTION ITEMS

Teaching & Learning

Ms. Hoffman moved that the Board of Education approve for adoption the K-5 Science Text and Related Support Materials as proposed by the K-12 Science Committee.

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

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

NAYES: None

Safe & Secure Facilities

Mr. Toynton moved that the Board of Education approve the closed circuit and door access system from Alarm Detection Systems, Inc. for the Transportation facility at a cost of \$27,000, including a monthly repair and management fee of \$200.00/month.

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

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

NAYES: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Hoffman moved that the Board approve the recommendations, as amended, contained in the Consent Agenda for February 4, 2008.

Ms. Smith 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 January 22, 2008 be approved.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept bill listings in the amount of \$7,394,057.13; and Hope Wall bill listings in the amount of \$354,939.34 for the period ending February 4, 2008.

Total Regular Bill Listing	\$3,509,872.51
Total (Net) Payroll	<u>3,884,184.62</u>
Total for Approval	\$7,394,057.13

Total Hope Wall Regular Bill Listing	\$ 151,896.11
Total Hope Wall (Net) Payroll	<u>203,043.23</u>
Total Hope Wall for Approval	\$ 354,939.34

PERSONNEL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept the Personnel Report for February 4, 2008, including the resignations of Christa Toohill, Speech/Language Pathologist; Angela Glynn, Reading Coach @ Nicholson; Richard Ojeda, Security @ 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:

Diane Britton, Paraprofessional @ Hope Wall
 Jill Luckenbill, Paraprofessional @ Schneider
 Rosanja Price, Paraprofessional @ Hope Wall
 Elizabeth Keenan, Office Professional @ 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:

Danette White, Paraprofessional @ Hope Wall

REQUEST FOR PART-TIME STATUS

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the part-time status for Diane Angelo and Nicole Roberts, Math teachers at West High School for the 2008-09 school year only, based on the terms and conditions of the Flexible Job Plan.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Smith moved that based on Illinois School Code 10.20.12B and the report of the Hearing Officer for School District 129, it is the determination of the Board of Education that Student #1170283, is not a resident of School District 129.

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

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

Ms. Smith moved that the Board of Education uphold the administration's recommendation that Student #1110339 be expelled for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year and the first semester of the 2008-09 school year for gross misconduct, including insubordination, possession of an explosive, violating Article II, B.6 and B.13.

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

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

Ms. Smith moved that the Board of Education uphold the administration's recommendation that Student #1092639 be expelled for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year and the first semester of the 2008-09 school year for gross misconduct, including insubordination, possession of a controlled substance, possession of a cellular phone, violating Article II, B.8, B.13 and B.22.

Ms. Herget 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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TEACHING & LEARNING

K-12 Gifted Continuum

Cynthia Latimer, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, provided an update of the K-12 Gifted Curriculum. Cynthia reviewed the Gifted Program Development Plan, highlighting the Teaching and Learning portion which included needs assessment and information gathering, continuum of service and program design development, identification, staff development, program implementation, program monitoring, projects and supporting programs, program location and facilities, budget development and communication. She indicated that many people were involved in the plan development and thanked them publically for their work. Cynthia went on to review the K-12 Gifted Services Update, from Primary to High School. She highlighted the identification and delivery model, as well as showcasing many of the partnerships that have been developed, including one with Northwestern University – Project BLAST, IMSA E2K and NIU – Project WISE. Cynthia will be presenting additional information at the February 19 Board meeting.

SAFE SECURE FACILITIES

Proposed Security System for Greenman Elementary School

Erin Slater and Pete Kerl reviewed the proposed security system to be installed at Greenman School. Erin outlined the system that is being considered and highlighted some of the areas where cameras would be installed. It is hoped that the system will be in place at the end of March, beginning of April.

Transportation Schedules

Lynn Head and Pete Kerl then discussed a proposed revision of the existing transportation schedule. Lynn highlighted changes in bus pick-ups and drop-offs and answered questions regarding the possible need for additional buses in order to make the route times easier and more efficient. More information will be coming to the Board in the future.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Board's attention was called to a copy of a letter from Standard & Poor's regarding the Refunding Bonds and District's A+ Credit Rating.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Members of the Board were presented with a copy of the February 9 Fine Arts Festival flyer.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board's attention was directed to correspondence included in the backup material.

DATES TO REMEMBER

The Board was reminded of the February 9 Fine Arts Festival at West High School.

Mr. Rhea complimented the Board on their work over the month of January, 2008.

Ms. Smith moved that the February 4, 2008 meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned.

Ms. Hoffman 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