

AURORA, IL
FEBRUARY 19, 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. Alan Rhea, President
Mr. Dan Flaherty, Student Board Member

ABSENT: Mr. Jonathan Wood

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. Erin Slater, Principal, Greenman Elementary
Mr. Dan Bridges, Principal, West High School
Media
Members of AEAW, West High, Greenman, Transportation, Partnership School, SCAC,
West High Sports Boosters, West High Stage Crew, West Park Neighbors.

CALL TO ORDER

President Rhea called the February 19, 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, Rhea, and Flaherty.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

President Rhea recognized visitors from AEAW, West High, Partnership School, Greenman, West Park Neighbors, Transportation, SCAC, West Aurora Sports Boosters, West Aurora Stage Crew.

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 Board of Education recognized Tom Thill, Carl Franco, Debbie Nardone and Vickie Nissen for their work on the auction to dispose of the West High gym floor. The Boosters reported that over \$14,000 has been raised during the auction and that plans are underway to dispose of more flooring and garner more dollars for the projects to be done at the high school from the proceed of the floor memorabilia.

ACTION ITEMS

Teaching & Learning

Ms. Smith moved that the Board of Education approve Policy Section 4 – Operational Services.

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

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

NAYES: None

Safe & Secure Facilities

Mr. Toynton moved that the Board of Education enter into a Security System and Services Agreement for Greenman Elementary School with Alarm Detection Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$66,307 and a monthly service monitoring fee of \$617.00.

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

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

NAYES: None

Mr. Toynton moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution to Sell Personal Property included in the backup material for a Vulcan Filtration System and a RanServe Fiberglass refrigeration unit.

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

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

NAYES: None

Ms. Smith moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution to Dispose of Personal Property included in the backup material relative to 50 teacher task chairs at Jefferson Middle School.

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

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

NAYES: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Hoffman moved that the Board approve the recommendations, as amended, contained in the Consent Agenda for February 19, 2008.

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

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

NAYES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION: That the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held February 4, 2008 be approved.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept bill listings in the amount of \$1,626,439.59 and Hope Wall bill listings in the amount of \$208,386.44 for the period ending February 19, 2008.

Total Regular Bill Listing	\$1,626,439.59
Total (Net) Payroll	
Total for Approval	<u>\$1,626,439.59</u>
Total Hope Wall Regular Bill Listing	\$ 208,386.44
Total Hope Wall (Net) Payroll	
Total Hope Wall for Approval	<u>\$ 208,386.44</u>

PERSONNEL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept the Personnel Report for February 19, 2008, including the resignations of Emily Giraldo, McCleery and Donna Schmidt, Transportation.

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:

Paola Dominguez, Paraprofessional @ Todd
Grover Moss, Technology Support Technician
Laura Woods, Technology Support Technician

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 Elizabeth Peterson for the 2008-09 school year under the terms and conditions of the Flexible Job Plan.

REQUEST FOR PART-TIME STATUS

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the part-time status for Hannah Schecher and Patti Renaud-Gallagher, 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

VISION 129

TEACHING & LEARNING

K-12 Gifted Continuum

Cynthia Latimer, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, provided additional information on the Gifted Program for the District. She indicated that the Dibbles assessment tool had been added under Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades. She assured the Board that the Great Books program would be part of the program. The plans will begin to move forward, with the location of space for the program being the next step.

Rosemary Pinnick then shared information regarding AVID, a program to target non-traditional college-bound students, those that have the desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard. The program will teach students critical thinking skills and encourage them to take the Advance Placement courses and exam. The Board was very supportive of this program, which would encourage working with different groups of students to help them do better academically.

REQUEST TO DO RESEARCH

A proposal from Northern Illinois University was submitted to conduct a research study to understand the relationship between high school students' daily experiences in science courses and their achievement in these courses and general science interest. This study will be conducted at West High School.

A proposal from Waubensee Community College requesting the District's assistance in the evaluation and research plan for the Dunham Academy Program was also received. The research will be conducted by Learning Points Associates.

SAFE SECURE FACILITIES

TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULES

Lynn Head, Mark Engen and Pete Kerl provided additional information and scenarios on possible changes in transportation times. Lynn provided additional information based on feedback received from the Board. Discussion on the changes followed. Lynn shared information on bus capacity, times needed to make the runs, and the number of buses needed.

Discussion then followed on extending the amount of time that students are in school and the way in which additional instructional time can be accomplished. Dr. Rydland and members of the staff provided background information on steps being taken to accomplish this goal. Dr. Rydland assured the Board

that the staff is looking at what a day would look like for a student and how the additional time can be used to make sure that learning is being accomplished. Rosemary Pinnick indicated that the middle school department chairpersons have been working together and that the Teaching and Learning Team is beginning discussions this spring, with the goal to have a recommendation, with clear expectations, to the Board in the Spring of 2009.

DEBRIEFING OF EARLY DISMISSAL DAY

Dr. Rydland then provided information on the Early Dismissal Day and the feedback received from staff and community. He indicated that a review of the way in which parents are notified is being reviewed.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Board received information on actuarial services as part of the audit process.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Congratulations were given to the district for the 1st Annual Fine Arts Festival – a huge success.

2008-09 Board Meeting Dates

Board Members were provided a copy of the list of 2008-09 Board Meeting Dates.

CORRESPONDENCE

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 3, 2008 – Next Board of Education Meeting.

Ms. Smith moved that the February 19, 2008 meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned.

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

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

NAYES: None

Randy Ochsenschlager, Secretary

A True Record

ALLAN RHEA, PRESIDENT