

AURORA, IL
MARCH 17, 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
Mr. Daniel Flaherty

ABSENT: None

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. Cynthia Latimer, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services
Mr. Mike Chapin, Community/Alumni Relations
Mr. Jack Meyer, Treasurer
Mr. Brett Burton, Principal, Nicholson
Mr. Dan Bridges, Principal, West High School
Mr. Rocky May, Assistant Principal, Herget
Ms. Randi Ochsenschlager, Secretary to the Board
Media
Members of AEAW, West High, Nicholson, Herget, Partnership School, Transportation,
SCAC.

CALL TO ORDER

President Rhea called the March 17, 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, Flaherty.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

President Rhea recognized visitors from AEAW, West High, Transportation, Partnership School, SCAC, Herget, Nicholson.

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 Eugene Brown, Bus Driver; Tom Greiner, Aurora Fireman and Lt. Ryan Lambert, North Aurora Policeman for their quick response to a student who was suffering from a severe asthma attack while on the bus going home.

ACTION ITEMS

Board

Mr. Toynton moved that the Board of Education find that the Executive Session minutes for the period of September 7, 2007 and March 3, 2008 not be released for public review.

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

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

NAYES: None

Teaching and Learning

Mr. Toynton moved that the Board of Education accept for a 30-day review period the new Advanced Placement Course offerings and corresponding textbooks to be purchased through the ISBE AP grant funds.

Ms. Herget 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 approve the submission of the 2007 West High School Improvement E-Plan.

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 accept for a 30-day review period, the recommended changes to the District's discipline policies.

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

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

NAYES: None

Safe and Secure Facilities

Mr. Toynton moved that the Board of Education approve Midwest Floor Covering Inc. as the low responsible bidder for carpeting work at West High in the amount of \$42,925.

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. Hoffman moved that the Board of Education approve MIC Inc. as the low qualified bidder for ventilation work at Freeman Elementary School in the amount of \$144,030, which includes the base bid proposal and allowances.

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

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

NAYES: None

Financial Responsibility

Ms. Smith moved that the Board of Education approve the following schedule for display and action on School District 129 budgets:

Hope D. Wall Budget: Display of the budget beginning May 14, 2008 with action on the budget scheduled for June 16, 2008.

School District 129 Budgets: Display of the budgets beginning May 14, 2008 with action on the proposed budget scheduled for June 16, 2008.

Mr. Wood 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 March 17, 2008.

Mr. Herget 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 March 3, 2008 be approved.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept bill listings in the amount of \$2,077,813.74 and Hope Wall bill listings in the amount of \$20,964.46 for the period ending March 17, 2008.

Total Regular Bill Listing	\$2,077,813.74
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Total (Net) Payroll	
Total for Approval	<u>\$2,077,814.75</u>
Total Hope Wall Regular Bill Listing	\$ 20,964.46
Total Hope Wall (Net) Payroll	
Total Hope Wall for Approval	<u>\$ 20,964.46</u>

PERSONNEL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept the Personnel Report for March 17, 2008, including the resignations of Laura Parkerson, West High; Jessica Lionhood, Hall; Kelly Haymond, Hall; Jean Spaeth, Freeman; Barbara Tuckman, Todd; Michael Koppenhoefer, Hall.

APPROVAL OF RETIREMENT – 2008-09

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the retirements of the following staff effective at the end of the 2008-09 school year, unless otherwise noted:

John Hellwig, West High

APPROVAL OF RETIREMENT – 2009-10

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the retirements of the following staff effective at the end of the 2009-10 school year, unless otherwise noted:

Diane Jangelis, McCleery
Nick Sawka, Hill
Kathy Wagner, Herget

APPROVAL OF RETIREMENT – 2010-11

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the retirements of the following staff effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year.

Deborah Meyers, Principal, Washington Middle School

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NON-REEMPLOYMENT OF EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the Resolution Authorizing Non-Reemployment of Educational Support Personnel.

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:

Stacy Decoster, Paraprofessional @ Hope Wall
Ann Tovar, Paraprofessional @ McCleery

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 LEAVES OF ABSENCE

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the leave of absence for Nicole Fraser for the 2008-09 school year.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the leave of absence for Evelyn Cassano for the 2008-09 school year, consistent with the terms of the Flexible Job Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the leave of absence for Jennifer Beetham for the 2008-09 school year, consistent with the terms and conditions of the Flexible Job Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the leave of absence for Gina Zager for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year due to necessities of the home, consistent with the agreement between the Board of Education and the Aurora Education Association-West.

REQUEST FOR PART-TIME STATUS

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the part-time status for the 2008-09 school year for Amy Riddle, consistent with the terms and conditions of the Flexible Job Plan.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Herget moved that the Board of Education uphold the recommendation of the administration that Student #1110695 be expelled for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year and the first semester of the 2008-09 school year for gross misconduct, physical violence/student directed; gang identifiers and major disruption to the educational process, Violating Article II, B.1, B.12 and B.13.

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

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

Ms. Herget moved that the Board of Education uphold the determination of the Hearing Officer which found that Student #1160134 is not a resident of West Aurora School District 129, and the Board will therefore pursue the collection of tuition owed from the beginning of the 2007-08 school year.

Ms. Smith 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

Verification of Residency

Peter Wilson and Cynthia Latimer presented information and discussed the District's procedures for the verification of residency. Ms. Latimer also explained the regulations relative to Homeless students. Cynthia indicated that in 2006-07 there were 48 homeless students in the district, in 2007-08 there are 52.

Discussion on the Regional Office of Education's role in establishing guardianship, monitoring homeless cases, etc. was also brought to the attention of the Board.

The administration and Board indicated that the issue of residency is very serious and the district will actively pursue those families who are not residents of the district.

Assessment Changes for English Language Learners

Cynthia Latimer provided information concerning changes in the State assessment as it relates to English Language Learners. She provided background information on the State Assessment, the timeline of changes by the Illinois State Board of Education and the impact of the changes. She explained the timeline for notification of the changes, the IMAGE test and how proficiency will be measured and the goals of the test. She indicated that accommodations were recommended to extend the time for those having an understanding of the language; providing scribes for every student taking the test (not all districts can meet this accommodation); allow native language support. Students are expected to perform at the same level as all other students. Concern about scores being counted with the student body taking ISAT tests has been expressed. The Board also expressed concern about these requirements and changes and asked the administration to communicate to the legislators concern about these changes.

The affects of students coming into the District from World Relief, was also discussed. Students come into the district with a variety of needs and the lack of resources available to assist these students, has been a strain on the district's budget.

Dunham Academy Update

Rosemary Pinnick, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning, updated the Board on the success of the Dunham Academy through Waubensee Community College. Twenty-five juniors spend a half day at West High and a half day at Waubensee Community College. They are enrolled in dual credit courses and have been performing very well.

SAFE SECURE FACILITIES

The Board reviewed information on Field Care at West High. The Board received information on the cost of the fields, upkeep, mowing, fertilizing, etc. Dialogue was held relative to the type of fields that could be provided and the opportunities associated with the turf-type fields, including the increase of educational spaces and opportunities.

Discussion will continue at future meetings.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Treasurer's Report

Jack Meyer, Treasurer, presented an update on the District's revenue and expenditures. He indicated that the District realized a \$144,225 decrease in available resources due to the need to cash in a Certificate of Deposit because state monies were not received in a timely manner.

Auditors will in the district in May and in August and an entrance and exit meeting will be scheduled with the Board, Treasurer and auditors.

E-Rate Audit

Vickie Nissen provide the Board information on the recent E-Rate Audit, highlighting the findings that were communicated to the District by the Federal auditors.

Other Financial Items:

The Board will be acting on a copier lease for Nicholson School, a request for proposals for appraisals and the disposal of surplus equipment at the April 7, 2008 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board's attention was called to two letters included in the backup material. One being to Mayor Tom Weisner, thanking the City for their assistance in a crisis lockdown at West High. The other was a letter and DVD of the Fine Arts Festival sent to key partners of the district.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 21-28 - Spring Break
April 7, 2008 – Board of Education Meeting

Ms. Hoffman moved that the March 17, 2008 Board meeting be adjourned.

Mr. Wood 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