

AURORA, IL
APRIL 7, 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. Greg Scalia, Principal Jewel
Mr. Dan Bridges, Principal, West High School
Ms. Randi Ochsenschlager, Secretary to the Board
Ms. Cindi Hamilton, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
Members of AEAW, AEAW Bargaining Team, West High, Nicholson, Herget, Greenman,
Smith, McCleery, Fearn, Washington, Hope Wall, Paraprofessionals Association, Office
Professional Association, Transportation, SCAC.

CALL TO ORDER

President Rhea called the April 7, 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, AEAW Bargaining Team, West High, Nicholson, Herget, Greenman, Smith, McCleery, Fearn, Washington, Hope Wall, Paraprofessionals Association, Office Professional Association, Transportation, SCAC.

Dr. Edward Howerton was formally introduced as the new Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources.

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 students from West High who recently placed first in the Regional Illinois Drafting Contest at Waubensee Community College. The Board honored Chad Becker, 1st place in Mechanical Computer Aided Design (CAD) Drafting Division; Vinny Sotto, third place in Introduction to CAD Drafting Division and Kat Davids, 3rd Place in Architectural CAD Drafting Division. Other students who competed were sophomore Sean Gregg, senior Liz Chollet, senior Mike Roggeman and junior Chad Jimenez

ACTION ITEMS

Board

Mr. Toynton moved that the Board of Education accept for a 30- day review period, Policy Section 5-General Personnel.

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

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

NAYES: None

Financial Responsibilities

Ms. Hoffman moved that the Board of Education approve the lease for a Ricoh 5500 Copier from Ricoh Business Solutions in the amount of \$1116 per quarter for 13 quarters, for Nicholson Elementary School.

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 approve the an agreement with American Appraisal Company in the amount of \$19,250.00 for appraisal services as recommended by the District's Auditing Firm.

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

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

NAYES: None

Mr. Wood moved that the Board of Education approve the resolution to dispose of surplus equipment for a pizza warmer, model # SM4830-070787-15.

Ms. Smith 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. Smith moved that the Board approve the recommendations, as amended, contained in the Consent Agenda for April 7, 2008.

Ms. 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 17, 2008 be approved.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept bill listings in the amount of \$7,971,945.47 and Hope Wall bill listings in the amount of \$379,169.60 for the period ending April 7, 2008.

Total Regular Bill Listing	\$4,065,040.72
Total (Net) Payroll	<u>3,906,904.75</u>
Total for Approval	\$7,971,945.47
Total Hope Wall Regular Bill Listing	\$ 169,523.58
Total Hope Wall (Net) Payroll	<u>209,646.02</u>
Total Hope Wall for Approval	\$ 379,169.60

PERSONNEL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept the Personnel Report for April 7, 2008, including the resignations of Rosemary Pinnick, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning; Rachel Barrows, Bilingual Teacher @ Smith School; Michelle McManus, Math Teacher @ West High; Andrew Fitzsimons, Technology Directors; David Hall, Custodian @ Todd.

PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve payrolls for the month of May, 2008 in an amount not to exceed \$5,550,000.00.

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:

Mark Rettore. Custodian @ Washington

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APPOINTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Dr. Edward Howerton to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources.

REQUEST FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE CERTIFIED

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the Parenting Leave of Absence for Vanessa Garcia for the 2008-09 school year, consistent with the terms and conditions of the collective bargaining agreement between the Board of Education and the Aurora Education Association-West.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE NON CERTIFIED

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the leave of absence for William McLaughlin for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

VISION 129

TEACHING & LEARNING

Library Per Capita Grant

The District 129 Library Media Centers were awarded the Library Per Capita Grant through the Illinois State Library and the Illinois Secretary of State's office in the amount of \$8,819.20. One of the requirements of this grant is a presentation to the School Board assessing the progress toward three of the goals spelled out in Linking for Learning: The Illinois School Library Media Program Guidelines. The presentation will be done by Bridget Fitzsimons, Technology Director at West High; Pam McGreer, LMC Director at Washington Middle School and Kathie Bieritz, LMC Director at McCleery Elementary School.

Information about the proposed 6-8 Science text and related materials

Science tri-chairs Mike Runge, Debbie McKenna and Ann Butcher will present information about the proposed new middle school science text and related support materials, *Glencoe Science: Levels Red, Green and Blue*. This recommendation comes forward with a unanimous endorsement from the K-12 Science Committee. With life, Earth and physical science in each level of this three-book series, *Glencoe Science* leads students through an inquiry approach to science using real-world content, technology resources, and a variety of lab options that encourage active involvement and deeper understanding. This adoption will support instruction in the science curriculum via its alignment to the Illinois Learning Standards and the District's Priority Learning Targets. The tri-chairs will return to the second meeting in April to answer questions and seek approval for a 30-day public review of materials.

Illinois' AYP Accountability Plan -- NCLB Restructuring Plan for West Aurora High School

Rosemary Pinnick, Cynthia Latimer and LuAnne Kelsey will present the District 129 Restructuring Plan for West Aurora High School. The *No Child Left Behind* Act of 2001 (*NCLB*) and the Illinois School Code contain restructuring requirements that commence when a school does not make adequate yearly progress (AYP) for a fifth consecutive year. (*NCLB* Section 1116(b) (8); 105 ILCS 2-3.25d) The restructuring plan fulfills the **Other Major Restructuring** option under the law with a focus on the demonstrated support for implementation of the Revitalization Plan for the Eight Period Day of instruction.

SAFE SECURE FACILITIES

Field Care for West High

The Board received additional information regarding field care at West High.

Serious Safety Hazard Finding

Pete Kerl, Assistant Superintendent for Operations and Mark Engen, Director of Transportation, presented a recommendation of a Serious Safety Hazard Finding on Route 31 and Route 56 in North Aurora.

Asbestos Bids for Hall, Smith, Washington and West High

Information relative to asbestos abatement bids for Hall, Smith, Washington and West High was presented to the Board. Action will be requested at the April 21, 2008 meeting.

Review of Security System Proposal for the Administration Office

The Board was presented with the proposal submitted by Alarm Detection Systems for a security system for the Administration Building. Action will be requested at the April 21, 2008 meeting.

Financial Responsibility

FY 09 Budget Update

Vickie Nissen, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, updated the Board on the development of the FY 09 budget, specifically staffing at the elementary and middle school levels.

Renewal of Chartwells Agreement

A proposal from Chartwells Food Service Provider was presented relative to the renewal of their contract for the 2008-09 school year.

Community Involvement

Registration – 2008-09

Chrissy Poppen reviewed with the new procedures to be used for registration for the 2008-09 school year.

Correspondence

President Rhea called the Board's attention to the following items of correspondence:

Letter from Dr. Rebecca Sherrick

Note from Rosemary Pinnick

Note from Butch Musson and Family

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 21, 2008 - Board of Education Meeting

May 1,2,3, 2008 – RENT at West High

May 5, 2008 Board of Education Meeting

May 9, 2008 Kane County Educator of the Year Banquet

Ms. Herget moved that the April 7, 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

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ALLAN RHEA, PRESIDENT