

AURORA, ILLINOIS  
JULY 9, 2007  
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  
Mr. James Toynton  
Mr. Alan Rhea, President  
Mr. Daniel Flaherty, Student Board Member

ABSENT: Ms. Angie Smith  
Mr. Jonathan Wood

PRESENT: Dr. James Rydland, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Peter Kerl, Assistant Supt. – Operations  
Ms. Vickie Nissen, Assistant Superintendent for Finance  
Mr. Mike Chapin, Community/Alumni Relations  
Mr. Jack Meyer, Treasurer  
Ms. Randi Ochsenschlager, Secretary to the Board  
Ms. Crysta Morrissey, Director of Special Education  
Mr. Dan Bridges, Principal, West High School  
Mr. Tom Kraus, President, AEAW  
Media  
Members of the West High School, Jewel Middle School, Transportation, SCAC, AEAW  
and the West Aurora Sports Boosters.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Rhea called the July 9, 2007 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Administration Office, 80 S River St., Aurora. The following Board of Education members were present: Herget, Hoffman, Ormond, Toynton, Rhea, and Flaherty.

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Sally Boynton, English Department Chair and Teacher at West High School who recently passed away.

### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

President Rhea recognized visitors from the AEAW, West High School, Jewel Middle School, Transportation, SCAC and West Aurora Boosters.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### ***FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY***

Ms. Hoffman moved that the Board of Education appoint Vickie Nissen, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, as the District 129 I.M.R.F. Authorized Agent.

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Ms. Herget moved that the Board approve the recommendations, as amended, contained in the Consent Agenda for July 9, 2007.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

RECOMMENDATION: That the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held June 18, 2007 be approved.

**BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept bill listings in the amount of \$7,440,397.22 and Hope Wall bill listings in the amount of \$319,551.02 for the period ending July 9, 2007.

Total Regular Bill Listing	\$3,450,168.67
Total (Net) Payroll	<u>3,990,228.55</u>
Total for Approval	\$7,440,397.22
Total Hope Wall Regular Bill Listing	\$ 117,182.34
Total (Net) Hope Wall Payroll	<u>202,368.68</u>
Total Hope Wall for Approval	\$ 319,551.02

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept the Personnel Report for July 9, 2007, including the resignations of Tom Jesse, Nicholson; Shannon Gonzalez, Jefferson; Luann Fitzpatrick, Administration; Debra Mayronne, Fearn; Kristin Cibulka, Goodwin; Gwendolyn Wells, West; Amy Kappel, Hall; Scott McPeak, West; Matt Kaplan, West; Lisa Retterer, Goodwin; Nikki Tammaru, McCleery; Dave Bieker, Fearn.

**APPOINTMENTS – CERTIFIED PROBATIONARY – FULL TIME**

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

Graciela Escatel, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Bilingual @ McCleery  
Jane Ha, Science @ Jewel  
Leticia Jessen, Bilingual Diagnostician @ District  
Jean Kindelin, Reading Improvement, Greenman  
Michelle McManus, Math @ West High  
Mindy Mueller, Art @ West High  
Kelly O’Keefe, Social Worker @ Jefferson  
Lee Ellen Sturm, Social Studies @ West High  
Kathleen Turnquist, Librarian @ West High

Grahame Wilkin, Art @ Herget  
Kristen Pircon, At Risk Pre-School @ Todd  
Christina Amico, Language Arts @ Washington  
Benjamin Bertelsman, Science @ West High  
Amy Brown, Math @ Jewel  
Adam Clayton, Diversified Chair @ West High  
Kristin Dent, Special Ed @ Hall  
Jolene Duet, Math @ West High  
Keri Eberly, 5<sup>th</sup> grade @ Goodwin  
Steven John, Guidance Counselor @ West High  
Kira Kiebles, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade @ Nicholson  
Greg Kirchoff, Social Studies @ West High  
Julie Medeles, Spanish @ Herget  
Sara Nagy, Physical Ed @ West High  
Kimberly Orchard, Student Services Specialist @ Washington  
Ayssa Richter, Special Ed @ Greenman/Nicholson  
Laura Salas, Title I Reading @ Greenman  
Megan Sally, Science @ Jewel  
Anne Wason, Language Arts/Science @ Herget  
Cynthia Planert, Language Arts @ Herget

***APPOINTMENTS – 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:

Jenne Saathoff, Interpreter for the Hearing Impaired @ Schneider  
Doris Stier, Interpreter for the Hearing Impaired, Nicholson  
Roberto Gonzalez, FT Night Custodian @ West High

***APPOINTMENTS – 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:

Eric Greenwald, Temporary Technology Assistant

***DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION***

This item was tabled for further discussion.

***TEXTBOOKS FOR REVIEW***

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the recommended textbooks for West High School for the 2007-08 school year.

***APPROVAL OF THE 2008-09 CALENDAR***

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the 2008-09 school calendar.

***APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH AURORA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION-WEST***

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the one-year agreement between the Aurora Education Association-West and the Board of Education of School District 129.

## **APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH CUSTODIAL UNION**

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the bargaining agreement with Local 73 Service Employees International Union, CTW and the Board of Education of School District #129 for the 2007-08 through the 2009-2010 school years.

## **ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Hoffman moved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Daniel Bridges as Principal of West High School.

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

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

Ms. Herget moved that the Board of Education uphold the administrative recommendation that Student #1100293 be expelled for the 2007-08 school year for insubordination to staff; abusive language; refusal to follow staff directives; physical threat to staff, violating Article II, B.1, 11, 12 and 13.

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

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

Ms. Herget moved that the Board of Education uphold the administrative recommendation that Student #1103329 be expelled for the 2007-08 school year for insubordination to staff and gang identifiers violating Article II, B.1 and 13.

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

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

## **VISION 129**

### **TEACHING AND LEARNING**

The Board reviewed information from the Northwest Illinois Association regarding their upcoming election of members for the N.I.A. Executive Board.

### **SAFE SECURE FACILITIES**

#### ***Recertification and Certification of Transportation Safety Areas***

The Board reviewed the information provided to recertify transportation safety areas. This is an annual event and a recommendation for approval will be submitted for the August 6, 2007 Board meeting.

#### ***ADA Accessibility***

A phone conference was held with Dr. Steve Nourse regarding ADA Accessibility in District 129. Members of the Board and staff were able to ask questions of Dr. Nourse regarding his study and the needs of the district in order to make facilities accessible. Dr. Rydland assured the Board that this

information would be incorporated into the Facilities Plan. Also, review will be done on parking facilities throughout the district to make sure they are also accessible. Dr. Nourse mentioned that there are Federal dollars available that could assist in accessibility issues.

***Financial Responsibility***

Nancy Vatch, Vice President of HRH, the District's insurance Provider, provided information on the renewal agreement between the district and HRH. Ms. Vatch provided the Board with a review of the benefit program for District employees and the changes in benefits that has been provided for the 2007-08 school year.

Mr. Toynton moved that the July 9, 2007 meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned.

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

AYES: Herget, Ormond, Rhea, Toynton

NAYES: None

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Randy Ochsenschlager, Secretary

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ALLAN RHEA, PRESIDENT