

AURORA, ILLINOIS
AUGUST 20, 2007
7:00 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, Student Board Member

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
Ms. Chris Crouch, Interim Assistant Supt. For Human Resources
Ms. Barbara Vlasvich, Director of the Partnership School
Mr. Mike Chapin, Community/Alumni Relations
Mr. Daniel Bridges, Principal, West High
Ms. Randi Ochsenschlager, Secretary to the Board
Mr. Tom Kraus, President, AEAW
Media
Members of West High School, Transportation, Hall Elementary, Hope Wall, Greenman, SCAC, AEAW, West Aurora Sports Boosters, West Aurora Stage Crew and the Home School Group.

CALL TO ORDER

President Rhea called the August 20, 2007 meeting to order at 7:00 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 West High School, Greenman, Hope Wall, Transportation, Hall Elementary, SCAC, AEAW, West Aurora Stage Crew and the West Aurora Sports Boosters.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE WISHING TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD

Ms. Julie Pealstrom, representing the Home School parents, spoke to the Board about the district's procedure relating to participation of home schooled children in athletic programs. Dan Bridges provided information on the rules and regulations of the Illinois High School Association. Board Member Ormond provided historical information, indicating that some exceptions had been made and home schooled children were allowed to participate. It was determined that the administration would look at the rules and regulations of the IHSA as well as review possible policies and procedures that could be implemented.

Ms. Pamela Rowe was introduced to the Board of Education as the new Assistant Principal at Greenman Elementary School.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

AUDIT REPORT

Mr. John Weber from Crowe Chizek, the district's auditing firm, provided the Board with an update on the Audit Plan and Timeline. He reported on the schedule of work that was to be done and indicated that by September 4, there should be a preliminary audit report ready to present to the Board. On October 1, they are planning to have a draft of the final audit report and in order to meet the October 15 deadline for submission of the report to the Regional Office of Education; they will work to have the report ready for Board acceptance on the 1st. The report will include recommendations on what needs to be done, what needs to be changed and what needs to occur during the year. Other reports to be provided include fixed assets, Board level controls, risk management. They will be looking at the District's assets and will confirm those assets with third-parties such as the local banks, the Illinois State Board of Education.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Jack Meyer presented the Treasurer's report. He indicated that he will be reviewing 12-24 months of information with the Board and asked for the Board's feedback on the report. He indicated that it was necessary for the District to cash in a CD in order to be able to make payrolls, and that the district in doing so, had a \$30,000 penalty. The reason for this being necessary was because of the delay in funding coming from the state. Dr. Rydland emphasized the importance of the Board and taxpayers being aware of this situation. Mr. Meyers indicated that he would be providing the Board quarterly Treasurer's report.

ACTION ITEMS

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Ms. Hoffman moved that the Board of Education approve the School Improvement Plan for West High School.

Ms. Herget 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 Intergovernmental Agreement between District 129, District 131 and the City of Aurora relative to the Tax Increment Financing District.

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

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

Mr. Toynton moved that the Board of Education approve participation with the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) for purchase of paper for School District 129.

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

Mr. Wood moved that the Board approve the recommendations, as amended, contained in the Consent Agenda for August 20, 2007.

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 August 6, 2007 be approved.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept bill listings in the amount of \$1,077,563.90 and \$7,036,930.07; and Hope Wall bill listings in the amount of \$206,348.25 and \$347,496.17 for the period ending August 20, 2007.

Total Regular Bill Listing	\$1,077,563.90
Total (Net) Payroll	
Total for Approval	<u>\$1,077,563.90</u>
Total Hope Wall Regular Bill Listing	\$ 206,348.25
Total Hope Wall (Net) Payroll	
Total Hope Wall for Approval	<u>\$ 206,348.25</u>
Total Regular Bill Listing	\$3,322,795.48
Total (Net) Payroll	<u>3,714,134.59</u>
Total for Approval	<u>\$7,036,930.07</u>
Total Hope Wall Regular Bill Listing	\$ 121,743.76
Total (Net) Hope Wall Payroll	
Total Hope Wall for Approval	<u>\$ 347,496.17</u>

PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education authorize payrolls for the month of September, 2007, in an amount not to exceed \$5,600,000.00.

PERSONNEL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept the Personnel Report for August 20, 2007, including the resignations of Cheryl Andrade, Science @ Herget; Stephanie Diaz, Bilingual @ Washington; Mickie Kratochvil, Health assistant @ Greenman; William Lange, West High Security; Megan Murphy, Para Professional @ Fearn; Danette White, Para Professional @ Jewel.

Staff Members who taught in District 129 during the 2006-07 school year and are returning for the 2007-08 school year.

TENURE STAFF

Tenured:

Jennifer Giese
Sergio Ros
Jerel Waide
Janet Willis
Mary Winchell

Probationary:

Laura Banks
Shawn Barnett
Rubi Cortes
Sara Barthelme Hovden
Michelle Galles (Arrocena)
Elizabeth Murphy
Victor Perez
Maureen Ryan
Patricia Sampson
John Sierakowski
Patricia Skly
Jeffrey Thompson
Sonia Villarreal

Part Time:

Robin Fisher

APPOINTMENTS – CERTIFIED PROBATIONARY – FULL TIME

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

Shana Alex, Special Ed @ West High
Vicki Baughman, Reading 1st Coach @ Nicholson
Jeffrey Bratko, Language Arts & Science @ Jefferson
Nancy Brown, Special Ed @ West High
Tracy Clements, Special Ed @ West High
James Connolly, Special Ed @ West High
Nancy Harper, Reading 1st Coach @ Hill
Shannone Hernandez, Family & Consumer Science @ West Jason Reiff,
Instrumental Music @ Jewel
Catherine Rotello, Special Ed @ West High
Tina Schertzer, Drama @ Jefferson
Courtney Stevenson, 4th grade @ Goodwin
Jessica York, 4th grade @ Fearn
Maya Chavez, Business @ West High
Judy Coenen, School Nurse, District
Elizabeth Freed, Language Arts @ Jefferson
Emily Garnett, Music @ Goodwin
Kara Gerstenkorn, Special Ed @ West High
Virginia Hardwick, Special Ed @ Herget

Katie Johnson, English @ West High
Megan Larson, Music, Lincoln & Nicholson
Robyn Ozelis, Special Ed @ Est High
Wayne Peterson, Industrial Tech @ Herget
Troidea Ringer, Special Ed @ West High

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:

Staff members who worked in District 129 during the 2006-07 school year and are returning for the 2007-08 school year.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following Educational Support Personnel – full-time:

Grant Hooper, Custodian @ Washington
Jtolentiono Rodriguez, Custodian @ Washington
Jose Vazquez, Custodian @ West High
Ken Apel, Bus Driver
Catalina Gomez, Bus Driver
Rosanja Price, Bus Driver
Sita Baichoo, Para Pro @ Schneider
Michael Fuller, Security @ West
Beth Gilfillan, Parent Program @ Todd
Susan Guevara, Parent Program @ Todd
Luann Manny, Para Pro @ Todd
Dawn Miller, Security @ West High
Jacqueline Vaughn, Security @ West High
Dee Sandra Williams, Para Professional @ McCleery

ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Herget moved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Shawn Munos as Dean of Students for West High School.

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

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

VISION 129

TEACHING AND LEARNING

REVITALIZATION PLAN – WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Ms. Deborah Quinn and Ms. Pat Butler provided background information on the West Aurora High School's Revitalization Plan – An 8 Period Day – What it Means for You and Your Student. The report, which was included in the background information, was reviewed. Questions raised will be researched and further information provided at the next Board meeting on September 4. Ms. Quinn and Ms. Butler reviewed the process used to develop the plan, which included complete buy-in from the staff at West High School.

DISTRICT TITLE I PLAN

Ms. Barbara Vlasvich presented information on the District Title I plan. The Illinois State Board of Education now requires school districts receiving Title I Federal funds to develop and submit a District Title I Plan on the Illinois Interactive Report Card website. The plan will be approved at the September 4 Board meeting.

DISTRICT 129 JOB POSTINGS

A current list of remaining job openings was provided to the Board

SAFE SECURE FACILITIES

Mr. Carl Franco, President of the West Aurora Sports Boosters, reported to the Board the plans the Boosters have put together relative to the sale of the old gym floor. He indicated that pieces of the floor will be auctioned sometime this winter and indicated that plans were being developed on how the public will be notified and how the process will work. Mr. Franco indicated that the Boosters plan to turn the proceeds over to the high school and it is hoped that these dollars can be used to complete needed work in the gymnasium. The Board will be kept updated on the progress of the sale of the floor.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Board was provided an updated list of the members of the Superintendent's Community Advisory Council as well as the agenda topics for the 2007-08 school year.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board's attention was called to the letter from the City of Aurora indicating that funds would be used to make improvements around Hill Elementary School. The Board will send a thank-you note to the City for this work.

Mr. Wood moved that the August 20, 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, Hoffman, Ormond, Smith, Toynton, Wood, Rhea

NAYES: None

Randy Ochsenschlager, Secretary

A True Record

ALLAN RHEA, PRESIDENT