

AURORA, ILLINOIS  
SEPTEMBER 17, 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  
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 Ochenschlager, Secretary to the Board  
Mr. Tom Kraus, President, AEAW  
Media  
Members of West High School, Washington Middle School, Transportation, Hope Wall,  
Partnership School, SCAC and AEAW.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Rhea called the September 17, 2007 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, and Flaherty.

### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

President Rhea recognized visitors from West High School, Washington Middle School, Transportation, Hope Wall, Partnership School, SCAC, and AEAW.

### **RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE WISHING TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD**

Susan Waldrop, a parent, spoke to the Board about the possibility of consideration being given to the transporting of her children to St. Rita's. Ms. Waldrop indicated that they do not live within the boundaries of School District 129, but felt that since they were only three houses out of the district, that this might be a consideration. She indicated that they were willing to pay for the transportation.

## **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

The Board of Education recognized the cast, the directors, the parents, the volunteers all affiliated with the Spring Musical, Miss Saigon. Ms. Meg Papadolias presented information to the Board regarding the upcoming Fine Arts Celebration on February 9, 2008.

The Board also recognized Dan Flaherty, Student Board Member, for being one of four West High Schools to be named a National Merit Scholarship finalist.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Ms. Hoffman moved that the Board of Education find that the Executive Session minutes for the period of March, 2006 until September, 2007 not be released for public review.

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

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

## **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Mr. Wood moved that the Board of Education authorize and direct the administrative staff of District 129 to prepare a tentative school district budget for the 2008-09 school year (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009). Such a budget shall be prepared for adoption on or before the end of the first quarter of the school fiscal year. Also, the Board of Education authorizes and directs the administrative staff to prepare a tentative budget for the 2008-09 fiscal year for the Hope D. Wall School prior to September 1, 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

Mr. Toynton moved that the Board of Education approve the low qualified bid and award the bid to Texor Petroleum Co. for unleaded gasoline at \$.0299 with no fuel transportation cost and B2 ULS diesel fuel bid at \$.03999 with no fuel transportation costs for the 2007-08 school year.

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 entering into a five-year lease agreement with Richo Business Solutions for a Richo MP 5500SP copier for the Transportation Department at a cost of \$864 per quarter.

Ms. Herget 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 entering into a one-year lease agreement with Sovereign Leasing LLC for two buses at a total cost of \$25,214.

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. Herget moved that the Board approve the recommendations, as amended, contained in the Consent Agenda for September 17, 2007.

Mr. Wood 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 September 4, 2007 be approved.

**BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept bill listings in the amount of \$1,161,299.93; and Hope Wall bill listings in the amount of \$12,033.89 for the period ending September 17, 2007.

Total Regular Bill Listing	\$1,161,299.93
Total (Net) Payroll	
Total for Approval	<u>\$1,171,299.93</u>
Total Hope Wall Regular Bill Listing	\$ 12,033.89
Total Hope Wall (Net) Payroll	
Total Hope Wall for Approval	<u>\$ 12,033.89</u>

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept the Personnel Report for September 17, 2007, including the resignations of Tina Schertzer, Drama Teacher @ Jefferson; Alicia Morales, Hearing Impaired Interpreter.

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

Denise Williams	Gary Long	
Garry Daly		Penny Ambre
Glen Meisner		

**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:

Andrew Madden, PE @ Washington  
Robin Marlowe, Long Term Substitute, PE @ Jewel  
Penny Mayer, Long Term Sub – Exceptional Needs @  
Hope Wall

#### **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:

Deborah Nardone, Community Relations Coordinator  
Stacy Rangel, Title I Paraprofessional @ Nicholson  
Bettie Buffer, Custodian @ West High  
Maria Morales, Custodian @ West High  
Taureen Price, Bus Driver @ Transportation  
Sheila Feliciano, PPS Bilingual Office Professional @  
Hope Wall  
Debra Glock, PPS Records Office Professional @ Adm.

#### **APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION**

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the 2007-08 Application for Recognition of Schools for the following District 129 schools:

Fearn Elementary School  
Freeman Elementary School  
Goodwin Elementary School  
Greenman Elementary School  
Hall Elementary School  
Hill Elementary School  
Lincoln Elementary School  
McCleery Elementary School  
Nicholson Elementary School  
Schneider Elementary School  
Smith Elementary School  
Todd Elementary School  
Hope Wall School  
Herget Middle School  
Jefferson Middle School  
Jewel Middle School  
Washington Middle School  
West High School

## **VISION 129**

### **TEACHING AND LEARNING**

#### *Plan of Work*

Board Members were provided an update copy of the Revised Teaching and Learning Plan of Work.

### ***Presentation of District 129's My e-PD***

Rosemary Pinnick provided an overview of Avatar PDMS, a full-featured web-based software solution that will provide 24/7 online registration for professional development activities with comprehensive attendance management, credit tracking, evaluations, certificates and transcripts for all District 129 employees.

### ***Doctoral Study***

The Board reviewed the request from Marin Gonzalez to conduct a research study in the district for her doctoral program.

### **SAFE SECURE FACILITIES**

Peter Kerl presented an update of facilities needs.

### **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

#### 1. Audit Update

John Weber from Crowe Chizek, presented information to the Board about the recent audit conducted in the District. Mr. Weber highlighted some of their findings, provided suggestions for resolution to any issues and informed the Board of changes in auditing practices.

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board received correspondence from Mayor Thomas Weisner, thanking the district for assistance during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

The Board also received a copy of a letter to Chief Tom Fetzer, thanking him for assistance in improving the traffic pattern around Goodwin Elementary School.

Mr. Toynton moved that the September 17, 2007 meeting of the Board of Education 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

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Randy Ochsenschlager, Secretary

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ALLAN RHEA, PRESIDENT