

AURORA, ILLINOIS
NOVEMBER 5, 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
Mr. Mike Chapin, Community/Alumni Relations
Ms. Randi Ochsenschlager, Secretary to the Board
Mr. Tom Kraus, President, AEAW
Media
Members of West High School, AEAW, West Aurora Paraprofessionals, West Aurora
Girls Badminton Team; Alderman Rick Lawrence

CALL TO ORDER

President Rhea called the November 5, 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.

PART I – PUBLIC HEARING

President Rhea announced the Public Hearing to seek waivers to amend school calendar requirements for school improvement purposes. The waiver would allow the district to take three full days for school improvement purposes, rather than half days as specified in the Illinois School Code. Prior to the school improvement waivers, the calendar reflected seven half-days through a school year. Since moving to full days, District 129 students are in session an additional half-day. In the past, parents have favored this approach because it is easier to secure childcare. If approved, the waiver would be in place for five years.

There was no public comment received during the Public Hearing. There were also no comments received via mail or e-mail relating to this request.

The Board indicated that they were in favor of seeking this waiver.

President Rhea adjourned the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

President Rhea recognized visitors from West High, AEAW, West Aurora Paraprofessionals, West Aurora Girls Badminton team, Alderman Rick Lawrence.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Special Recognition was given to West High Girls Badminton Team for their participation in the Making Strides Walk. The team raised over \$1200 to support Team 129's fundraising efforts.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE WISHING TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD

ACTION ITEMS

Safe Secure Facilities

Prior to the final vote being taken, the Board received an update on the components of the Security System being presented for approval. Mr. Flaherty asked for clarification of the system due to concerns expressed to him on the part of students at West High School. The system is being designed to provide security and safety for all students and staff.

Mr. Toynton moved that the Board of Education enter into a Security System and Services Agreement with Alarm Detection Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$232,571.00 and a monthly service and monitoring fee of \$1,956.00

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 & Learning

Ms. Smith moved that the Board of Education approve the submission of an Application for Wavier or Modification of State Board Rules and/or School Code Mandates to amend school calendar requirements for school improvement purposes.

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

Prior to the vote, Vickie Nissen, Assistant Superintendent for Finance presented the Tax Levy timeline and explained the percentage for the levy.

Ms. Hoffman moved that the Board of Education approve the attached Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts necessary to be Levied for the Year 2007 in compliance with the Truth in Taxation Law, 35ILCS 200/18-16 of the Illinois School Code.

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 November 5, 2007.

Ms. Hoffman 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 November 5, 2007 be approved.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept bill listings in the amount of \$820,454.59; and Hope Wall bill listings in the amount of \$34,675.23 for the period ending October 15, 2007.

Total Regular Bill Listing	\$4,031,776.25
Total (Net) Payroll	<u>3,999,672.41</u>
Total for Approval	\$8,031,448.66
Total Hope Wall Regular Bill Listing	\$ 191,267.40
Total Hope Wall (Net) Payroll	<u>196,315.12</u>
Total Hope Wall for Approval	\$ 387,582.52

PERSONNEL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept the Personnel Report for November 5, 2007, including the resignations of Mary Yarbrough, Office Professional at McCleery (retiring effective June 13, 2007).

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:

Linda Armintrout, Kindergarten @ Greenman

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:

Deanna Konstans, Office Professional @ West
Johanna Arroyo, Bilingual Parent Program @ Todd
Carolyn Krainak, Reading Parapro @ Freeman

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:

Linda Armintrout, Reading Parapro @ Greenman
Shari Wells, Reading Parapro @ Hall

APPROVAL OF COPIER LEASE FOR HILL SCHOOL

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve entering into a five-year lease agreement with Ricoh Business Solutions for a Ricoh MP7500SP copier for Hill Elementary School at a cost of \$1138 per quarter.

X. Action as a Result of Executive Session

Mr. Toynton moved that the Board of Education approve the termination of Employee #3651 effective immediately.

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

BOARD POLICY REVIEW

Board Policies have been up for review beginning with the October 15, 2007 Board Meeting. The Board has discussed these at both the October 15 and November 5 meeting and approval will be requested at the December 3, 2007 meeting. Input from the Board was received at the November 5 meeting.

SAFE SECURE FACILITIES

Water Heater Bid

The Board was provided backup information on the bid for the Domestic Hot Water Tank replacement. This will be brought to the Board for approval at the November 19, 2007 meeting.

Safe Secure Facilities Plan of Work

Pete Kerl and Jeff Schiller presented a draft of the timeline for safe secure facilities plan. The Board asked for cost information that would relate to the items listed. The Board praised the administration for the comprehensive list.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Vickie Nissen, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, presented the Board with an update of the FY 08 budget. Ms. Nissen explained the need for tax anticipation warrants and the fact that less interest would be earned for the district due to the delay in payments from the State for State Aid purposes.

Ms. Smith moved that the November 5, 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

Randy Ochenschlager, Secretary

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ALLAN RHEA, PRESIDENT