

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 92½, COOK COUNTY, WESTCHESTER, ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE WESTCHESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM, 1620 NORFOLK AVENUE, AT 7:00 P.M., ON THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2008.

I. The regular meeting of the Board of Education of School District 92½, Westchester, Illinois, was held in the Westchester Middle School Multi-Purpose Room, at 1620 Norfolk Avenue, on Thursday, March 13, 2008, commencing at 7:03 p.m.

I.A. ROLL CALL: On the call of the roll the following members were found to be present: President Stanger, Secretary Christopher, Members Fejt and Scheuing. Vice President Thompson, Members Pedersen and Smith were absent at the call of the roll. Also present at the meeting were Dr. Sanders and Mrs. Wagner. Guests present: Bob Detmers, Laura Detmers, Dean Grilli, Lorinda Grilli, Maria Haraus, Nancy Higgins, David Hill, Greg Leban, Mary Leidigh, Mary Mamolella, Don Mrozik, Lynn Novak, Bob Rakow (The Doings reporter) Akemi Sessler, and Margo Umens.

I.B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Smith arrived at 7:04 p.m.

II. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

III. APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Scheuing, seconded by Mr. Fejt, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

- A. Approve the amended Agenda.
- B. Approve the bills and payrolls and authorize payment.
- C. Approve the resignations, with regret, of the following staff members, effective as stated:
 - Kathy Kaiser DO-Special Needs Secretary March 31, 2008
 - Paul Kristopaitis WMS-Grade 7 Math/Science June 11, 2008
- E. Gratefully accept the monetary donation of \$2,350 to WPS and \$2,350 to WIS from the WPTC.
- E. Approve the 6th Grade Outdoor Education trip scheduled for September 15-17, 2008, and set the fee at \$198.00 per student.

When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 5 members voting Aye, Fejt, Scheuing, Smith, Christopher, Stanger; 0 Nays; 2 Absent, Pedersen, Thompson. The President declared the motion carried.

V.D.1. 2008 SCOTY Awards Recognition: Emily Detmers (WPS SCOTY award recipient), Lindsey Grilli (WIS SCOTY award recipient), and Nicholas Haraus (WMS SCOTY award recipient) were introduced to the Board by their respective principals, Akemi Sessler, Don Mrozik, and Mary Leidigh. On behalf of the Board, President Stanger congratulated Emily, Lindsey, and Nicholas on being recognized as "School Citizen of the Year" for 2008. The students will receive their SCOTY awards at the West 40 recognition program on March 19, 2008, at Mannheim Middle School in Melrose Park, Illinois.

IV.A.1. APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2008: A motion was made by Mr. Scheuing, seconded by Mrs. Christopher, that the minutes of the February 21, 2008, Open Session be approved as written. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 3 Ayes; 0 Nays; 2 Absent; 2 Present. The President declared the motion carried.

IV.B. APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Fejt, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve the First Reading of the following Board of Education Policies:

- Policy 2:10 - School District Governance
- Policy 2:20 - Powers and Duties of the Board of Education
- Policy 2:50 - Board Member Term of Office
- Policy 2:80 - Board Member Oath and Conduct
- Policy 2:110 - Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers
- Policy 2:125 - Board Member Expenses
- Policy 2:130 - Board-Superintendent Relationship
- Policy 2:140 - Communications To and From the Board
- Policy 2:150 - Committees
- Policy 2:200 - Types of Board of Education Meetings
- Policy 2:210 - Organizational Board of Education Meetings
- Policy 2:220 - Board of Education Meeting Procedure
- Policy 2:230 - Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings and Petitions to the Board
- Policy 2:240 - Board Policy Development
- Policy 3:10 - Goals and Objectives
- Policy 3:40 - Superintendent
- Policy 3:50 - Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent
- Policy 3:60 - Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal
- Policy 4:10 - Fiscal and Business Management
- Policy 4:40 - Incurring Debt
- Policy 5:30 - Hiring Process and Criteria
- Policy 5:90 - Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- Policy 5:140 - Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information
- Policy 6:60 - Curriculum Content
- Policy 6:250 - Community Resource Persons and Volunteers
- Policy 7:270 - Administering Medicines To Students
- Policy 8:30 - Conduct On School Property

When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 5 members voting Aye, Fejt, Scheuing, Smith, Christopher, Stanger; 0 Nays; 2 Absent, Pedersen, Thompson. The President declared the motion carried.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Correspondence: A note received from Greg Leban thanking the Board for their get-well wishes was shared.
- B. Board President's Report: Dr. Jean Sophie spent her first day in District as part of the Superintendent Transition Plan. President Stanger attended the breakfast at WPS and commended the staff for such a positive experience. The building looked wonderful; student entrance was exceptional; and the staff was welcoming. She also thanked the Westchester Band Parents' Association for donating books to the school libraries in memory of former band director Ray Bulleri and to the WPTC for their generous monetary gifts to WPS and WIS. Consensus was reached to hold a special Board meeting on April 1, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the WMS Media Center for discussion with the Administrative Team and to approve contract goals for Dr. Sophie.
- C. Committee Reports: Policy Committee - The Policy Committee held three meetings in February to update and revise current Board Policy necessitated by recent legislative changes. The committee was appreciative of the way in which materials for review were organized, the direction received from District Attorney Terry Hodges and Superintendent Sanders, and found the process valuable to the committee members.
- D. Reports from Superintendent and Staff:
 2. Village of Westchester TIF Planning: Carl Goldsmith, Village Manager, addressed the Chamber of Commerce at their monthly February luncheon and stated that the Village Board is considering two TIF districts as part of Westchester's Economic Development Plan. Dr. Sanders has requested that David Hill, District 92½'s Director of Finance and Operations, look into impact fees and she encouraged Board members to be pro-active by attending Village Board meetings to hear first hand the direction the Village Board decides to take as TIF districts will have a significant, negative impact on future District 92½ levies.

Mrs. Pedersen arrived at 7:38 p.m.

3. District Preparations to Meet New Auditing Standards: In March 2006 new auditing standards were implemented to improved an auditors' understanding of a district, the environment in which it operates, its internal controls and the risks involved in an audit. Mr. Hill reviewed the progress District 92½ has made toward complying with the new standards. The Board was appreciative of the efforts of the Business Office in compiling this information as it resulted in a tremendous cost-savings to the District. It was the consensus of the Board to complete our internal control procedures and to continue to work the Township Treasurers' Office and our auditing firm to complete and review documentation.

VI.A. BOARD RETIRED TO CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Mrs. Pedersen, seconded by Mrs. Smith, that the Board retire into Closed Session to discuss matters related to the employment and performance of specific employees. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Fejt, Pedersen, Scheuing, Smith, Christopher, Stanger; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Thompson. The President declared the motion carried and the Board retired at 8:07 p.m.

Mrs. Smith left Closed Session at 8:21 p.m.

VI.B. CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNED: The Closed Session was adjourned by consensus of the Board of Education at 9:25 p.m.

VI.C. BOARD RECONVENES: A motion was made by Mrs. Pedersen, seconded by Mr. Scheuing, to reconvene the regular meeting of the Board of Education. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 5 members voting Aye, Fejt, Pedersen, Scheuing, Christopher, Stanger; 0 Nays; 2 Absent, Smith, Thompson. The President declared the motion carried and the Board reconvened at 9:26 p.m.

Action taken as a result of the Closed Session:

III.D. APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR DISMISSAL OF FOURTH-YEAR PROBATIONARY TEACHER FOR REASONS OTHER THAN REDUCTION-IN-FORCE: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Fejt, seconded by Mrs. Pedersen, to approve the Resolution for Dismissal of Fourth-Year Probationary Teacher for Reasons Other Than Reduction-in-Force (Carrie Mitchell). When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 5 members voting Aye, Fejt, Pedersen, Scheuing, Christopher, Stanger; 0 Nays; 2 Absent, Smith, Thompson. The President declared the motion carried.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The Board meeting was adjourned by consensus of the Board of Education at 9:27 p.m.

Barbara L. Stanger, President

Melora S. Christopher, Secretary