

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, APRIL 17, 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, April 17, 2008, commencing at 7:04 p.m.

I.A. ROLL CALL: On the call of the roll the following members were found to be present: President Stanger, Vice President Thompson, Secretary Christopher, Members Fejt, Pedersen, Scheuing, and Smith. Also present at the meeting were Dr. Sanders and Mrs. Wagner. Guests present: Jules Bax (The Doings Newspaper), David Hill, Mary Mamolella, Irma Martinez, Don Mrozik, Lynn Novak, and Akemi Sessler.

I.B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 Mrs. Smith, 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:
 - Anthony Bruce District-Bus Driver April 11, 2008
 - Soledad Jimenez WIS-Grade 4 Bilingual June 11, 2008Approve the resignation for retirement, with regret, of the following staff member, effective as stated:
 - Wilhelmina Mock District-Bus Driver June 11, 2008Approve the employment of the following certified staff member, as assigned by the administration, subject to certification, as placed on the salary schedule, effective as stated, for the 2008-2009 school year.
 - Carrie Mitchell WPS-Early Childhood August 20, 2008
- D. Approve the Resolution authorizing the transfer of interest income from the Transportation Fund to the Building Fund in the amount of \$5,850. Approve the Resolution authorizing the transfer of interest income from the Bond and Interest Fund to the Building Fund in the amount of \$8,250. Approve the Resolution authorizing the transfer of interest income from the Working Cash Fund to the Building Fund in the amount of \$27,000.
- E. Approve the Resolution abating the Working Cash Fund in the amount of \$824,000 and authorizing the transfer of \$824,000 currently in the Working Cash Fund to the Building Fund.
- F. Approve the 2007-2008 calendar amendment to rescind unused emergency days and set Thursday, June 5, 2008, as the last day of school.

- G. Approve the retirement resolutions for Suzanne Kraus, Wilhelmina Mock, and Dr. Myra Sanders, as presented.
- H. Gratefully accept the gift of twenty overhead carts to the Westchester Middle School from the WMS PTO.
- I. Approve the second 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
- J. Set the 2008-2009 Lunch Fee at the 2007-2008 level (meal with milk) at \$3.00 and milk, only at \$.25.
- K. Approve the 2007-2008 Linking for Learning Report as presented.

When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Fejt, Pedersen, Scheuing, Smith, Christopher, Thompson, Stanger; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

IV.A.1. ELECT THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION: A motion was made by Mr. Fejt, seconded by Mr. Scheuing, that Mrs. Thompson be nominated for the position of Vice President of the Board of Education, that nominations be closed, and a unanimous ballot be cast. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Fejt, Pedersen, Scheuing, Smith, Christopher, Thompson, Stanger; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

At this point, 7:10 p.m., the newly elected Vice President Thompson assumed the position of Vice President of the Board of Education.

IV.A.2. ELECT THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION: A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Thompson, that Mrs. Christopher be nominated for the position of Secretary of the Board of Education, that nominations be closed, and a unanimous ballot be cast. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Fejt, Pedersen, Scheuing, Smith, Christopher, Thompson, Stanger; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

At this point, 7:11 p.m., the newly elected Secretary Christopher assumed the position of Secretary of the Board of Education.

III.B.1. APPROVE THE CALENDAR OF MEETING DATES FOR MAY 2008 TO JULY 2009, AS PRESENTED: A motion was made by Mrs. Pedersen, seconded by Mr. Scheuing, to approve the calendar of meeting dates for May 2008 to July 2009, as presented. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Fejt, Pedersen, Scheuing, Smith, Christopher, Thompson, Stanger; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

III.B.2. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE STRUCTURE: A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Pedersen, to approve that the Board function as a Committee of the Whole with ad-hoc committees for Finance and Policy. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Fejt, Pedersen, Scheuing, Smith, Christopher, Thompson, Stanger; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

The President appointed Mrs. Pedersen to chair the Finance Committee and Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Stanger to serve as Finance Committee members.

The President appointed Mrs. Thompson to chair the Policy Committee and Mrs. Christopher, Mr. Fejt, and Mr. Scheuing to serve as Policy Committee members.

III.C.1. IASB REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE APPOINTMENTS: The President appointed Mrs. Thompson, IASB delegate representative, and Mrs. Christopher, as IASB delegate alternate.

III.C.2. WESTCHESTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPRESENTATIVE: The President appointed Mr. Fejt to serve as Board representative to the Westchester Chamber of Commerce.

V.A.1. APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2008: A motion was made by Mrs. Pedersen, seconded by Mrs. Smith, that the minutes of the March 10, 2008, Open Session be approved as written. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Absent; 2 Present. The President declared the motion carried.

V.A.2. APPROVAL OF THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2008: A motion was made by Mrs. Pedersen, seconded by Mrs. Smith, that the minutes of the March 10, 2008, Closed Session be approved as written. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Absent; 2 Present. The President declared the motion carried.

V.A.3. RELEASE OF APPROVED CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2008: A motion was made by Mr. Fejt, seconded by Mr. Scheuing, to approve release of the approved Closed Session minutes of March 10, 2008. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Absent; 2 Present. The President declared the motion carried.

V.A.4. APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2008: A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Pedersen, that the minutes of the March 13, 2008, Open Session be approved as written. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Absent; 1 Present. The President declared the motion carried.

V.A.5. APPROVAL OF THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2008: A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Pedersen, that the minutes of the March 13, 2008, Closed Session be approved as written. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Absent; 1 Present. The President declared the motion carried.

V.A.6. RELEASE OF APPROVED CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2008: A motion was made by Mr. Fejt, seconded by Mr. Scheuing, to approve release of the approved Closed Session minutes of March 13, 2008. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 0 Ayes; 6 Nays; 0 Absent; 1 Present. The President declared the motion denied.

V.A.7. APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2008: A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Fejt, that the minutes of the April 1, 2008, Open Session be approved as written. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Absent; 1 Present. The President declared the motion carried.

V.A.8. APPROVAL OF THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2008: A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Fejt, that the minutes of the April 1, 2008, Closed Session be approved as written. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Absent; 1 Present. The President declared the motion carried.

V.A.9. RELEASE OF APPROVED CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2008: A motion was made by Mrs. Pedersen, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve release of the approved Closed Session minutes of April 1, 2008. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Absent; 1 Present. The President declared the motion carried.

V.B. APPROVE THE 2008-2009 STUDENT FEES AS DISCUSSED: A motion was made by Mrs. Pedersen, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve the 2008-2009 student fees as discussed (\$5.00 increase in Kindergarten-Grade 8 student fee, technology fee and band fee). When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Fejt, Pedersen, Scheuing, Smith, Christopher, Thompson, Stanger; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

V.C. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 250 HP COMPUTERS WITH 17" MONITORS AND 10 LAPTOP COMPUTERS AT A COST OF \$176,710: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Scheuing, seconded by Mr. Fejt, to approve the purchase of 250 HP computers with 17" monitors and 10 laptop computers at a cost of \$176,710. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Fejt, Pedersen, Scheuing, Smith, Christopher, Thompson, Stanger; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

V.D. COMPENSATION CONSIDERATION: Deferred until after Closed Session discussion.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Correspondence: A note received from Matt Huizinga thanking the Board for their get-well wishes was shared.
- B. Board President's Report: President Stanger extended condolences to the Leban family on the passing of Dr. William Leban, Jr. Bill was a great asset to our school district and community and his insight and leadership will be missed. President Stanger congratulated Dr. Myra Sanders on receiving the Community Builder Award from the Old Glory Lodge. She also thanked the WMS PTO for their generous gift and congratulated WIS on raising \$3,964.86 for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society by participating in the Pennies for Patients project.

- C. Committee Reports: Finance Committee - The Finance Committee met prior to tonight's Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. to take an initial look at the FY 2009 budgeting process and review the Building Fund. The overall Building Fund being developed will be a balanced budget with debt services from the fund being retired.
- D. Reports from Superintendent and Staff:
1. School District Financial Profile: David Hill, Director of Finance and Operations, reported that District 92½ has achieved, for the fourth consecutive year, the highest financial recognition possible from the Illinois State Board of Education. Dr. Sanders stated that public information is available on the ISBE website.
 2. ISBE Certificates of Recognition: President Stanger presented Akemi Sessler (WPS Principal), Don Mrozik (WIS Principal), and Lynn Novak (Director of Curriculum - on behalf of WMS) with their building's Illinois State Board of Education Certificate of Recognition for the 2007-2008 school year and presented Dr. Sanders with the District's ISBE Certification of Recognition for the 2007-2008 school year. She also presented David Hill (Director of Finance and Operations) with District 92½'s Certificate of Financial Recognition from ISBE for the 2007-2008 school year.
 3. WMS PBIS Report: This is the third year of implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) for WMS. Irma Martinez, WMS SCCC teacher, reported to the Board that WMS is experiencing positive indications that the program is working. Students know behavior expectations and staff is able to be pro-active in dealing with behavioral issues. There is a positive change in the school climate.
 4. Future Policy Reviews: Dr. Sanders suggested that the Policy Committee and Board may want to review two additional policies in the near future. Model policies from our law firm and IASB PRESS updates for Policy 6:235 - Computer Network and Internet Safety, Access and Use, and Policy 7:190 - Student Discipline will be gathered for the Policy Committee to review this spring.

5. Village Cancellation of WPS/WIS Crossing Guard Services for 2008-2009 School Year: Chief of Police Matt Evans sent a letter to Dr. Sanders stating that the Village will not be funding the crossing guard salaries for the 2008-2009 school year. The Board believes that the services are essential for the safety of our students and that traffic control is a police issue. President Stanger will contact Village President Paul Gattuso to discuss the issue, and the Board requested that Dr. Sanders survey area schools to determine who has crossing guards services and who is responsible for funding those services.

VII.A. BOARD RETIRED TO CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Pedersen, 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: 7 members voting Aye, Fejt, Pedersen, Scheuing, Smith, Christopher, Thompson, Stanger; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried and the Board retired at 9:12 p.m.

VII.B. BOARD RECONVENES: At 9:45 p.m. the Board reconvened in Open Session after the conclusion of its Closed Session.

Action taken as a result of the Closed Session: None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: The Board meeting was adjourned by consensus of the Board of Education at 9:49 p.m.

Barbara L. Stanger, President

Melora S. Christopher, Secretary