

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, MAY 15, 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, May 15, 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 and Pedersen. Members Scheuing and Smith were absent. Also present at the meeting were Dr. Sanders and Mrs. Wagner. Guests present: Pattie Adams, Ginger DeFalco, David Hill, Judy Hosek, Ken Knutson (The Doings Newspaper), Greg Leban, Mary Mamolella, Don Mrozik, Lynn Novak, Celeste Reeda, Akemi Sessler, and Ellyn Ong Vea (Suburban Life Newspaper).

I.B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Mrs. DeFalco and Mrs. Reeda requested information on the gifted program at Westchester Middle School and how students would be grouped for the 2008-2009 school year. Dr. Sanders provided the history of District 92½ enrichment programs, how the District groups students for instruction and described the approved change in grouping for WMS for the 2008-2009 school year. Mrs. Novak described the screening process for gifted placement, as well as sharing research to support current District 92½ practices.

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

- A. Approve the amended Agenda.
- B.1. Approve the minutes of the April 17, 2008, Open Session as written.
- B.2. Approve the minutes of the April 17, 2008, Closed Session as written.
- B.3. Approve the release of the approved Closed Session minutes of April 17, 2008.
- B.4. Approve the minutes of the April 22, 2008, Open Session as written.
- C. Approve the bills and payrolls and authorize payment.
- D. Approve the resignation, with regret, of the following staff member, effective as stated:
 - Jayne Sievers WPS-Grade 1 June 5, 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.
 - Kristin Schmiedeknecht WIS-Grade 5 SCCC Aug. 20, 2008
- E. Gratefully accept the Class of 2008 monetary gift of \$847.50 to use toward a new entrance mat for the Westchester Middle School.

- F. Approve the formal Employment Contracts between the Board of Education of Westchester Public Schools, District 92½, and the following Administrative staff members, for the 2008-2009 school year, effective as stated:

• David Hill	Dir. of Finance and Operations	July 1, 2008
• Gregory Leban	Assistant Principal	Aug. 1, 2008
• Mary Leidigh	Principal	July 1, 2008
• Mary Mamolella	Special Needs Coordinator	July 1, 2008
• Donald Mrozik, Jr.	Principal	July 1, 2008
• Lynn Novak	Director of Curriculum	July 1, 2008
• Akemi Sessler	Principal	July 1, 2008

- G. Approve participation in the Westchester 4th of July parade.

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

IV.A.1. APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF APRIL 30, 2008: A motion was made by Mrs. Pedersen, seconded by Mr. Fejt, that the minutes of the April 30, 2008, Open Session be approved as written. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 2 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

IV.A.2. APPROVAL OF THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF APRIL 30, 2008: A motion was made by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Fejt, that the minutes of the April 30, 2008, Closed Session be approved as written. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 2 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

IV.A.3. RELEASE OF APPROVED CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF APRIL 30, 2008: A motion was made by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Fejt, to approve release of the approved Closed Session minutes of April 30, 2008. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 2 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Correspondence: President Stanger shared information on the new route for the 4th of July parade due to road construction on Balmoral Avenue.
- B. Board President's Report: President Stanger thanked the Administrative team and Mrs. Wagner for their efforts in making the Annual Recognition Dinner a success. She also congratulated staff members receiving recognition and extended best wishes to Mrs. Kraus, Mrs. Mock and Dr. Sanders on their upcoming retirements.
- C. Committee Reports: None.

D. Reports from Superintendent and Staff:

1. Rtl Self-Assessment Report: Mrs. Novak, Director of Curriculum, shared the Response to Intervention District Self-Assessment Template that the Illinois State Board of Education is requiring each district to complete by May 23, 2008. The purpose of the self-assessment is to identify district and state needs in several areas. The LaGrange Area Department for Special Education has provided outstanding leadership and training in assisting our District 92½ team in completing the self-assessment report and in developing the District Rtl Plan, which must be completed by January 1, 2009. Dr. Sanders shared that our District is in a solid position to implement Rtl and that we already have several of the required components in progress.

2. "Green" Maintenance Supply Report: David Hill, Director of Finance and Operations, updated the Board on the new state regulations that require school districts to use cleaning supplies that are "green-sealed" by the EPA. The legislation allows districts to exhaust their current inventory of cleaning supplies, but all new supply orders must comply with the act. Once the new products are received, an inservice will be held for the maintenance staff to instruct them on safe and efficient use and storage. Materials will be phased in beginning with the Westchester Intermediate School as part of the washroom renovation.

VI.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 facilities leasing. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 5 members voting Aye, Fejt, Pedersen, Christopher, Thompson, Stanger; 0 Nays; 2 Absent, Scheuing, Smith. The President declared the motion carried and the Board retired at 7:45 p.m.

VI.B. BOARD RECONVENES: At 8:44 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.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The Board meeting was adjourned by consensus of the Board of Education at 9:13 p.m.

Barbara L. Stanger, President

Melora S. Christopher, Secretary