

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, JUNE 19, 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, June 19, 2008, commencing at 7:00 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, Scheuing, and Pedersen. Vice President Thompson and Member Smith were absent. Also present at the meeting were Dr. Sanders and Mrs. Wagner. Guests present: Pattie Adams, Linda Behrendt, Tina D'Ambrosio, David Hill, Alice Kaufman, Debbie Kuhlmeier, Mary Leidigh, Greg Leban, Kathy Martyn, Don Mrozik, Laurie Murray, Lynn Novak, James Rubino, Akemi Sessler, and Consuelo Wojtynek.

I.B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Mrs. Adams asked the Board to consider adding another section to 8th grade for the 2008-2009 school year to reduce class sizes and help control student behavior. Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Behrens also spoke in support of smaller 8th grade class sizes. Mrs. Martyn expressed concerns regarding disciplinary issues related to 7th graders for the 2007-2008 school year and consequences that were implemented.

Mr. Fejt arrived at 7:03 p.m.

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. Approve the bills and payrolls and authorize payment.
- C. Approve the resignations, with regret, of the following staff members, effective as stated:
 - Megan Anderson WIS-Grade 3 June 5, 2008
 - Margaret Fredian WPS-Registered Nurse June 13, 2008
 - Marcia Martinez WIS-Paraprofessional June 5, 2008
 - Jon-Anders Erickson WMS-Paraprofessional June 5, 2008
 - Dana Cipriani WIS-Paraprofessional June 19, 2008Approve the employment of the following certified staff members, as assigned by the administration, subject to certification, as placed on the salary schedule, effective as stated, for the 2008-2009 school year.
 - Soledad Marquez-Jimenez WIS-Grade 5 Aug. 20, 2008
 - Susan Battersby WIS-Grade 5 Aug. 20, 2008
 - Steven Hanus WPS-Physical Education Aug. 20, 2008
- D. Approve the resolution to establish the 2008 prevailing wage rates as presented.

- E. Authorize the destruction of Closed Session verbatim recordings from June-December 2006.
- F. Approve the Amendment of the DuPage/West Cook Low Incidence Service Agreement Articles of Agreement as presented.
- G. Approve the Westchester Youth Football League, Inc., special facilities use request to hold night games at the Westchester Primary School on Saturday, September 27, 2008, or Saturday, October 11, 2008.

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.

IV.A. APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2008: A motion was made by Mrs. Pedersen, seconded by Mr. Fejt, that the minutes of the May 15, 2008, Open Session be approved as written. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 2 Absent; 1 Present. The President declared the motion carried.

IV.A.2. APPROVAL OF THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2008: A motion was made by Mrs. Pedersen, seconded by Mr. Fejt, that the minutes of the May 15, 2008, Closed Session be approved as written/corrected. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 2 Absent; 1 Present. The President declared the motion carried.

IV.A.3. RELEASE OF APPROVED CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2008: A motion was made by Mr. Fejt, seconded by Mrs. Pedersen, to approve release of the approved Closed Session minutes of May 15, 2008. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 0 Ayes; 4 Nays; 2 Absent; 1 Present. The President declared the motion denied.

V.D. Finance Committee Report: Mrs. Pedersen, the Finance Committee Chair, reported that the Finance Committee met on June 9, 2008, to review the FY 2009 tentative budget prepared by Dr. Sanders and Mr. Hill. The balanced budget will provide quality education for students and is fiscally responsible to the taxpayers. The Finance Committee recommended that the Board approve the tentative budget as presented.

IV.B. APPROVE THE FY 2009 TENTATIVE BUDGET AS PRESENTED, SCHEDULE THE BUDGET HEARING FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2008, AT 7:10 P.M., PUBLISH THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THIS DATE AND DISPLAY THE TENTATIVE BUDGET IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE AS SPECIFIED BY STATE STATUTE: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Fejt, seconded by Mrs. Christopher, to approve the FY 2009 tentative budget as presented, schedule the budget hearing for September 18, 2008, at 7:10 p.m., publish the notice of public hearing for this date and display the tentative budget in the District Office as specified by state statute. 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.

V.D. Policy Committee Report: Lori Christopher, Policy Committee Member, reviewed the four policies being recommended for revision and highlighted the rationale behind the revisions. Mrs. Pedersen requested clarification on policy language.

IV.C. 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 Mr. Scheuing, to approve the First Reading of the following Board of Education Policies:

- Policy 4:140 - Waiver of Student Fees
- Policy 6:235 - Electronic Network and Internet Safety, Access and Use
- Policy 6:240 - Field Trips and Educational Tours
- Policy 7:190 - Student Discipline

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.

IV.D. BIANNUAL REVIEW OF UNRELEASED CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: Deferred until after the Closed Session.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Correspondence: President Stanger commented on how wonderful the 2008 WMS Yearbook was and thanked sponsors Valerie Fink and Debbie Jankiewicz for their efforts. She also shared the 8th Grade Washington, D.C., picture with Congressman Danny Davis with the Board.

A note received from the Leban Family thanking the Board for their expression of sympathy was shared. President Stanger also read a note received from Dr. Myra Sanders expressing her appreciation to the Board for honoring her at both the District Recognition Dinner and Retirement Open House and thanking them for their support over the past 19 years.

- B. Board President's Report: None
- C. Committee Reports: Reports were given prior to Board action (see IV.B. – FY 2009 Tentative Budget Adoption and IV.C. – Policy Revisions – First Reading).
- D. Reports from Superintendent and Staff:
1. WIS Plumbing Project Update: Dr. Sanders reported that she is pleased with the progress at WIS. The asbestos abatement of the hose bibs was completed and most of the project demolition has been completed. Plumbing work is beginning in the bathrooms and mostly completed in the tunnels. The project is on schedule, if not a little ahead of the planned schedule.

2. Rtl Self-Assessment Report: Mrs. Novak reported on the Response to Intervention Self-Assessment completed in May. Representatives from each building sat on the committee and helped to identify district and state needs in several areas. The self-assessment will be a beneficial tool in preparing the District's Rtl Plan which must be completed by January 1, 2009. LADSE will provide assistance in plan completion as needed by the District.
3. 2008-2009 Crossing Guard Services: President Stanger met with Village President Paul Gattuso, Village Trustee Rick Ryan, and Village Manager Carl Goldsmith to express the District's concerns regarding the Village's elimination of crossing guard services at WPS and WIS. If the services are indeed discontinued President Stanger requested the presence of police officers at those locations during student arrival and dismissal. President Stanger shared the District's survey that showed that all surrounding communities provide guard services for their schools, except the Village of Broadview which shares costs. The Village officials agreed to bring the issue back to the Village's Safety Committee for review and will be in contact with her.

VI.A. BOARD RETIRED TO CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Mr. Scheuing, seconded by Mrs. Pedersen, that the Board retire into Closed Session to conduct biannual review of unreleased Closed Session Minutes. 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 retired at 7:50 p.m.

A brief recess was held to thank Dr. Sanders for her service to the District.

VI.B. BOARD RECONVENES: At 8:29 p.m. the Board reconvened in Open Session after the conclusion of its Closed Session.

Action taken as a result of the Closed Session:

IV.D. BIANNUAL REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Fejt, seconded by Mr. Scheuing, to release the Closed Session minutes of September 20, 2008, October 22, 2008, October 25, 2008, November 5, 2008, November 6, 2008, November 26, 2008, and November 27, 2008, and that the remaining Closed Session minutes not previously approved for release should continue on file as confidential. 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 9:20 p.m.

Barbara L. Stanger, President

Melora S. Christopher, Secretary