

**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, AUGUST 14, 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, August 14, 2008, commencing at 7:02 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 Scheuing and Smith. Members Fejt and Pedersen were absent at the call of the roll. Also present at the meeting were Dr. Sophie and Mrs. Wagner. Guests present: Heather Escobedo, David Hill, Greg Leban, 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 Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

- A. Approve the amended Agenda.
- B. Approve the Open Session Minutes of July 17, 2008, as written.
- C. Approve the bills and payrolls and authorize payment.
- D. Approve the resignations, with regret, of the following staff members, effective as stated:

- Monique Martinez WPS-Gr. 3/4 Bilingual July 28, 2008
- Maria Piscitelli WMS-ELL July 28, 2008
- Corinne Bair WMS-Gr. 7 Parapro. July 28, 2008
- Amanda Lally WPS-EC Parapro. Aug. 1, 2008
- Jaime Joyce WMS-Library Aide Aug. 1, 2008
- Jaime Calusinski WMS-Gr. 7 Math/Science Aug. 8, 2008

Approve 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.

- Paula Krecun WMS-Media Aug. 20, 2008
- Elizabeth Robertson WMS-Gr. 6 LA/SS Aug. 20, 2008
- Bob Kang WPS-Gr.1 Aug. 20, 2008
- Taryn Tenhor WIS-Gr. 5 Aug. 20, 2008
- Jennifer Cohen WMS-ELL Aug. 20, 2008
- Mary Ann Quinlan WMS-Gr. 7 Math/Science Aug. 20, 2008

Approve the employment of the following support staff members, as assigned by the administration, effective as stated, for the 2008-2009 school year.

- Patrice Herbst WMS-Gr. 7 Parapro. Aug. 20, 2008
- Denise Eagins WMS-Gr. 7 Parapro. Aug. 20, 2008
- Marguerite (Michelle) Weber WPS-Registered Nurse Aug. 20, 2008
- Rhea Scheuing WPS-Gr. 2 Parapro. Aug. 20, 2008

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

IV.A. 2008-2009 CROSSING GUARD SERVICES: President Stanger, Dr. Sophie, and David Hill (Director of Finance and Operations) presented a proposal to the Village Board at its August 12, 2008, to create a partnership with an intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Westchester and District 92½ to provide police officers to perform crossing guard duties at the Westchester Primary and Intermediate Schools; sharing the cost 50/50. The Village Board determined that having police officers present on a daily basis is not feasible, but is willing to provide assistance until the issue is resolved. The Village Board will place this issue on its August 26<sup>th</sup> agenda for further discussion and action. The Board of Education did not take action on this item at tonight's meeting.

IV.B. APPROVE THE READING/LANGUAGE ARTS ADOPTION FOR SPANISH BILINGUAL STUDENTS, TESOROS, PUBLISHED BY MACMILLAN/MCGRAW-HILL; THE SUPPLEMENTAL ESL PROGRAM, TREASURE CHEST, PUBLISHED BY MACMILLAN/MCGRAW-HILL; AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL READING PROGRAM FOR GRADES 6-8, BRIDGES TO LITERATURE, PUBLISHED BY MCDUGALL LITTELL: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve the Reading/Language Arts textbook adoption for Spanish bilingual students, *Tesoros*, published by Macmillan/McGraw-Hill; the supplemental ESL program, *Treasure Chest*; published by Macmillan/McGraw-Hill; and the supplemental reading program for Grades 6-8, *Bridges To Literature*, published by McDougall Littell. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 5 members voting Aye, Scheuing, Smith, Christopher, Thompson, Stanger; 0 Nays; 2 Absent, Fejt, Pedersen. The President declared the motion carried.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Correspondence: None.
- B. Board President's Report: President Stanger congratulated Dr. Sophie, the administrative team, and staff on a successful superintendent transition and wished everyone a great start to the new school year.
- C. Committee Reports: None.

## D. Reports from Superintendent and Staff:

1. WIS Plumbing Project Update: Mr. Hill, Director of Finance and Operations, reported that the WIS plumbing project should be completed on August 18<sup>th</sup>. He commended the maintenance staff for all of their efforts in getting the buildings prepared the start of school.
2. Start of School/Registration Update: Dr. Sophie presented the Board with initial enrollment numbers based on the August 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> registration data. The preliminary numbers project an increase in enrollment. She also stated that it was exciting to see the staff, students, and community members eager to begin the new school year.
3. AYP Update: Mrs. Novak, Director of Curriculum, updated the Board on recent communications received from the Illinois State Board of Education regarding AYP. Pearson is rescoring the assessments due to flaws in how the test questions were weighted and is hoping to have the tests scored reported to districts by November 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. Strategic Planning Presentation: Dr. Sophie is in the process of conducting parent, staff, and community interviews. In September she would like the Board to finalize the online surveys, approve the meeting dates, and decide what strategic planning process the Board would prefer to use in goal setting.

VI. No Closed Session was held.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The Board meeting was adjourned by consensus of the Board of Education at 7:37 p.m.

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Barbara L. Stanger, President

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Melora S. Christopher, Secretary