

**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, OCTOBER 27, 2011.**

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, October 27, 2011, 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 Thompson, Secretary Wilhight, Members Christiansen, Lasky, and Stanger. Vice President Christopher and Member Pedersen were absent at the call of the roll. Also present at the meeting were Dr. Sophie, Mr. Prombo, and Mrs. Wagner. Guests present: Stephen Battersby, Erin Dwyer, Mary Ann Jasper, Greg Leban, Mary Leidigh, Mary Mamolella, Lynn Novak, and Akemi Sessler.

I.B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Mr. Battersby requested information on action approved by the Board at previous Board meetings.

III. APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Wilhight, seconded by Mrs. Christiansen, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

- A. Approve the Consent Agenda as amended.
- B. Approve the bills and payrolls and authorize payment.
- C. Accept the resignation, with regret of the following staff member, effective as stated:
  - LuAnn Cassata WPS-Cafeteria Supervisor October 12, 2011Approve the employment of the following support staff member, as assigned by the administration, effective as stated, for the 2011-2012 school year:
  - Teresa Soria WPS-P/T EC Bilingual Parapro. Sept. 28, 2011
- D. Approve the Second Reading of the following Board of Education Policies as presented:
  - Policy 2:20 Powers and Duties of the Board of Education
  - Policy 2:90 Board Self-Evaluation
  - Policy 2:140 Communications To and From the Board
  - Policy 2:200 Types of Board of Education Meetings
  - Policy 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedure (as amended)
  - Policy 2:230 Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings and Petitions to the Board
  - Policy 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure

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

IV.A.1. APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2011:

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilhight, seconded by Mrs. Lasky, that the minutes of the September 22, 2011, Open Session be approved as corrected. 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 OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2011:

A motion was made by Mrs. Lasky, seconded by Mrs. Christiansen, that the minutes of the October 3, 2011, 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.3. APPROVAL OF THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2011:

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilhight, seconded by Mrs. Lasky, that the minutes of the October 3, 2011, 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.4. RELEASE OF APPROVED CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2011:

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilhight, seconded by Mrs. Thompson, to approve release of the approved Closed Session minutes of October 3, 2011. 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.5. APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2011:

A motion was made by Mrs. Christiansen, seconded by Mrs. Lasky, that the minutes of the October 13, 2011, 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.

Mrs. Christopher arrived at 7:24 p.m.

IV.B. APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE ESTIMATED TAX LEVY FOR 2011 AND SCHEDULE THE TAX LEVY HEARING FOR NOVEMBER 30, 2011:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Christiansen, seconded by Mrs. Lasky, to approve the resolution to establish the estimated tax levy for 2011 and schedule the tax levy hearing to be held on November 30, 2011. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Christiansen, Lasky, Stanger, Wilhight, Christopher, Thompson; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Pedersen. The President declared the motion carried.

IV.C. APPROVE THE WMS SCIENCE LAB AND ADJACENT OFFICE FLOOR REMEDIATION PROJECT: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Wilhight, seconded by Mrs. Christiansen, to approve the WMS floor remediation project to be completed over the Winter Break as detailed in the Board Packet memo. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Christiansen, Lasky, Stanger, Wilhight, Christopher, Thompson; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Pedersen. The President declared the motion carried.

IV.D. APPROVE THE FORMAL BOARD AGREEMENTS AS DISCUSSED IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND BOARD WORKSHOPS: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Lasky, seconded by Mrs. Christiansen, to approve the formal Board Agreements as discussed at previous meetings and Board workshops. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Christiansen, Lasky, Stanger, Wilhight, Christopher, Thompson; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Pedersen. The President declared the motion carried.

V.A. SCHOOL REPORT CARD REVIEW: Mrs. Novak presented the summary of the District Report Card and School Report Cards. She also noted that WIS is considered in Academic Early Warning Year 1 and discussed the action the District will take to comply with NCLB statute.

V.B. PMA CONSIDERATION: With the WEA and WSSA contracts being negotiated in early 2012, the possibility of refunding the Series 2001 bond, and considering the financial challenges the District faces and the need for financial forecasting, Dr. Sophie and Mr. Prombo recommended that this item is added to the November 30<sup>th</sup> Board meeting agenda.

V.C. FOUNDATION DISCUSSION: The District's legal counsel, Terry Hodges, discussed the relationship of the Board of Education with the newly created District foundation. The foundation is a separate entity, not a branch of the Board of Education.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Correspondence: None.
- B. Board President's Report: President Thompson and Dr. Sophie attended an Educational Leadership Meeting October 19, 2011, at Proviso West High School. The speakers were Congressman Danny Davis and Senator Kimberly Lightford.
- C. Committee Reports: None.

- D. Legislative Report: Mrs. Christopher reported that the Illinois General Assembly adjourned today and will continue the Veto Session November 8-10. Items to be discussed include: pension reform, gaming, utility legislation, funding for regional superintendents, and property taxation.
- E. IASB West Cook Report: None.
- F. FOIA Requests: One FOIA request was shared.
- G. Reports from Superintendent and Staff
  1. Superintendent's Report: None.
  2. IASB/IASA/IASBO Conference: The conference will be held November 18-20, 2011, in Chicago.
  3. Board Member Recognition: School Board Members Day is November 15<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Sophie expressed appreciation to the members of the Board of Education for their leadership and dedication to District 92½. WMS students prepared a video presentation sharing their perceptions of the duties involved in being a School Board member.

VII.A. BOARD RETIRED TO CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Mrs. Wilhight, seconded by Mrs. Christiansen, that the Board retire into Closed Session to discuss collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives; employment, performance and compensation of specific employees; and matters related to individual students. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Christiansen, Lasky, Stanger, Wilhight, Christopher, Thompson; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Pedersen. The President declared the motion carried and the Board retired at 8:43 p.m.

VII.B. BOARD RECONVENES: At 10:53 p.m. the Board reconvened in Open Session after the conclusion of its Closed Session.

#### VIII. BOARD COMMENTS

#### IX. ADVANCED PLANNING

X. ADJOURNMENT: The Board meeting was adjourned by consensus of the Board of Education at 10:54 p.m.

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Claire L. Thompson, President

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Carolyn R. Wilhight, Secretary