

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 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 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 Wednesday, November 30, 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, Vice President Christopher, Secretary Wilhight, Members Christiansen, Lasky, Pedersen, and Stanger. Also present at the meeting were Dr. Sophie, Mr. Prombo, and Mrs. Wagner. Guests present: Melissa Ames, Stephen Battersby, Shawn Barrett, Sheryl Brown, Vicki DeGiulio, Erin Dwyer, Julie Geary, Bridget Horn, Jill Jacobsen, Mary Ann Jasper, Barb Lappe, Greg Leban, Mary Leidigh, Kate Lonergan, Mary Mamolella, Tiffany McMorrow, Carrie Neureuther, Mariana Nicolae, Kris Nogal, Lynn Novak, Petre Popescu, Akemi Sessler, Noelle Serio, Randy Simons, and Tricia Tomczyk.

I.B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I.C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: A motion was made by Mrs. Pedersen, seconded by Mrs. Christiansen, that the Agenda be approved. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

OPEN THE 2011 TAX LEVY PUBLIC HEARING: A motion was made by Mrs. Wilhight, seconded by Mrs. Christopher, to open the 2011 Tax Levy Hearing at 7:03 p.m., as advertised in the Suburban Life Newspaper on November 23, 2011. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Christiansen, Lasky, Pedersen, Stanger, Wilhight, Christopher, Thompson; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ms. Nicolae and Mr. Popescu expressed concerns regarding the proposed property tax levy and the impact on senior citizens. Mr. Battersby questioned the “new growth” in Westchester.

ADJOURN THE 2011 TAX LEVY PUBLIC HEARING: A motion was made by Mrs. Lasky, seconded by Mrs. Christiansen, to adjourn the 2011 Tax Levy Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Christiansen, Lasky, Pedersen, Stanger, Wilhight, Christopher, Thompson; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

II. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

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

- A. Approve the bills and payrolls and authorize payment.
- B. Accept the resignation, with regret, of the following staff member, effective as stated:
 - Jennifer Pontecorvo WIS-Paraprofessional October 12, 2011Accept the resignation for retirement, with regret, of the following staff member, effective as stated:
 - Margaret Barry WIS-Reading Specialist June 30, 2012Approve the employment of the following support staff members, as assigned by the administration, effective as stated, for the 2011-2012 school year:
 - Kyle Boyd WPS-Custodian November 28, 2011
 - Colleen Barrett-Quinn WPS-Cafeteria Supervisor November 30, 2011
- C.1. Approve the Open Session Minutes of November 2, 2011, as written.
- C.2. Approve the Closed Session Minutes of November 2, 2011, as written.
- C.3. Approve the release of the Closed Session Minutes of November 2, 2011,
- C.4. Approve the Committee of the Whole Minutes of November 2, 2011, as written.
- D. Approve the Resolution to become a member of an intergovernmental entity which will provide pooled self-insurance for health and other employee benefits of all of the School Boards which execute the contract and by-laws as initial Members of the Educational Benefit Cooperative or are later admitted to membership.

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

IV.A.1. APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2011: A motion was made by Mrs. Lasky, seconded by Mrs. Wilhight, that the minutes of the October 27, 2011, 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.

IV.A.2. APPROVAL OF THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2011: A motion was made by Mrs. Pedersen, seconded by Mrs. Wilhight, that the minutes of the October 27, 2011, 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.

IV.A.3. RELEASE OF APPROVED CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2011: A motion was made by Mrs. Christopher, seconded by Mrs. Lasky, to approve release of the approved Closed Session minutes of October 27, 2011. 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.

IV.B. APPROVE THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS SUBMITTED BY THE WESTCHESTER PRIMARY SCHOOL, WESTCHESTER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL, AND WESTCHESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Pedersen, seconded by Mrs. Christopher, to approve the 2011-2012 School Improvement Plans submitted by WPS, WIS, and WMS. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Christiansen, Lasky, Pedersen, Stanger, Wilhight, Christopher, Thompson; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

IV.C. ACCEPT THE FY 2011 DISTRICT AUDIT REPORT: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Wilhight, seconded by Mrs. Pedersen, to accept the FY 2011 District Audit Report prepared by Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, as amended to include a capital adjustments list addendum. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Christiansen, Lasky, Pedersen, Stanger, Wilhight, Christopher, Thompson; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

IV.D. APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINAL AGGREGATE TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2011 AND THE CERTIFICATE OF TAX LEVY FOR WESTCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS, DISTRICT 92½, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Lasky, seconded by Mrs. Christiansen, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Final Aggregate Tax Levy for the year 2011, in the amount of \$11,338,291 and adopt the 2011 Certificate of Levy as presented. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Christiansen, Lasky, Pedersen, Stanger, Wilhight, Christopher, Thompson; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

APPROVE THE RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COOK COUNTY CLERK TO APPORTION ANY EXTENSION REDUCTION TO CERTAIN FUNDS: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Christopher, seconded by Mrs. Pedersen, to approve the Resolution Directing the Cook County Clerk to Apportion any Extension Reduction to Certain Funds as presented. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Christiansen, Lasky, Pedersen, Stanger, Wilhight, Christopher, Thompson; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

IV.E. APPROVE THE RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION TO AVAIL OF THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 20 OF THE SCHOOL CODE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AS AMENDED, AND TO ISSUE WORKING CASH FUND BONDS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 92-1/2, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND DIRECTING THAT NOTICE OF SUCH INTENTION BE PUBLISHED IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY LAW: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Lasky, seconded by Mrs. Wilhight, to approve the resolution declaring the intention to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and to issue Working Cash Fund Bonds and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Christiansen, Lasky, Pedersen, Stanger, Wilhight, Christopher, Thompson; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

IV.F. APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE TO SECURE THE FINANCIAL SERVICES OF PMA FINANCIAL PLANNING PROGRAM FOR A ONE YEAR TIME PERIOD: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Pedersen, seconded by Mrs. Stanger, to approve the expenditure to secure the financial services of PMA Financial Planning Program for a one year time period. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Lasky, Pedersen, Stanger, Wilhight, Christopher, Thompson; 1 Nay, Christiansen; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

V.A. WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY NETWORK CONSIDERATION: Dr. Sophie reported that Mr. Prombo and John Paul Scheckel, District PC Specialist, are meeting with technology consultants to develop our plan and will present the plan to the Board in January 2012. Until our plan is finalized it is difficult to consider the community network proposal.

V.B. POSITION STATEMENT: SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION: The Board reviewed a draft position statement on school district consolidation and will take action at the January 2012 meeting.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Correspondence: President Thompson shared thank you notes received from Kris Nogal, Sheri Wagner, and Karen Klemchuk.
- B. Board President's Report: Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Wilhight, Mrs. Christiansen, Mrs. Stanger, Dr. Sophie, Mrs. Novak and Mr. Prombo attended the 2011 IASA/IASB/IASBO Joint Annual Conference. Members summarized the sessions they attended.
- C. Committee Reports: The January Committee of the Whole meetings will discuss policy and finance considerations.

- D. Legislative Report: Mrs. Christopher reported that the Illinois legislature reached an agreement on the FY 2012 budget, with lawmakers generally agreeing to go along with Governor Quinn's budget vetoes. His cuts, including \$89 million in school transportation reimbursements, will stand, with those funds being diverted to other portions of the State budget, including funds necessary to keep open prisons and homes for the developmentally disabled.
- E. IASB West Cook Report: None.
- F. FOIA Requests: None.
- G. Reports from Superintendent and Staff
 - 1. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Sophie noted that the Community Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 5, 2011, at the Village Hall.

VII.A. BOARD RETIRED TO CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Mrs. Lasky, seconded by Mrs. Christiansen, that the Board retire into Closed Session to discuss employment, performance and compensation of specific employees and biannual review of unreleased Closed Session minutes. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Christiansen, Lasky, Pedersen, Stanger, Wilhight, Christopher, Thompson; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried and the Board retired at 8:48 p.m.

VII.B. BOARD RECONVENES: At 9:12 p.m. the Board reconvened in Open Session after the conclusion of its Closed Session.

VIII.A. BIANNUAL REVIEW OF UNRELEASED CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Pedersen, seconded by Mrs. Stanger, to release the Closed Session minutes of June 1, 2011; June 16, 2011; June 27, 2011; and July 21, 2011; 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: 7 members voting Aye, Christiansen, Lasky, Pedersen, Stanger, Wilhight, Christopher, Thompson; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

VIII.B. AUTHORIZE THE DESTRUCTION OF CLOSED SESSION VERBATIM RECORDINGS FROM JANUARY - MAY 2010: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Stanger, seconded by Mrs. Christiansen, to authorize the destruction of Closed Session verbatim recordings from January – May 2010. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Christiansen, Lasky, Pedersen, Stanger, Wilhight, Christopher, Thompson; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

VIII.C. NAME THE DISTRICT 92½ "PERSON OF THE YEAR" FOR 2011: A motion was made by Mrs. Christiansen, seconded by Mrs. Stanger, to name Pam Moldenhauer as District 92½ "Person of the Year" for 2011. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Christiansen, Lasky, Pedersen, Stanger, Wilhight, Christopher, Thompson; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS: None.

IX. ADVANCED PLANNING

X. ADJOURNMENT: The Board meeting was adjourned by consensus of the Board of Education at 9:17 p.m.

Claire L. Thompson, President

Carolyn R. Wilhight, Secretary