

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, APRIL 28, 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, April 28, 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 Stanger, Vice President Thompson, Secretary Christopher, Members Lasky, Pedersen, and Smith. Member Scheuing was absent at the call of the roll. Also present at the meeting were Dr. Sophie, Dr. Hill, and Mrs. Wagner. Guests present: Gwen Allar, Melissa Ames, Jennifer Cavanaugh, Kari Christiansen, Kelly Hernandez, Debra Hill, Mary Ann Jasper, Greg Leban, Mary Leidigh, Mary Mamolella, Cindy Mayle, Suann Meyer, Carrie Mitchell, Sheryl Neff, Lynn Novak, Mike Prombo, Akemi Sessler, and Carolyn Wilhight.

I.B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I.C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: A motion was made by Mrs. Lasky, seconded by Mrs. Smith, that the amended Agenda be approved. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

V.G.2. Early Childhood Presentation: Mary Mamolella, Special Needs Coordinator, introduced Early Childhood teachers Melissa Ames, Kelly Hernandez, and Carrie Mitchell who presented information on the early childhood and PreSchool for All programs at WPS.

II. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Mr. Battersby asked the Board if any new principals would be hired for the 2011-2012 school year and questioned whether the Board or Superintendent was responsible for their hiring.

V.G.3. Gifted and Talented Program Presentation: Dr. Debra Hill, an educational consultant who is working with our District this school year, gave a brief presentation on building 21st century skills and utilizing differentiated instruction as a foundation for instruction.

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

- A. Approve the bills and payrolls and authorize payment.
- B. Approve the Resolution for Non-Reemployment of Part-Time Educational Support Personnel Employee (Anastasia Nakis) for the 2011-2012 school year.
- C. Accept the resignation for retirement, with regret, of the following staff member, effective as stated:
 - Gary Grandsard WIS-Building Foreman June 30, 2011Approve the employment of the following support staff member, as assigned by the administration, effective as stated, for the 2010-2011 school year.
 - Maria Gutierrez WPS-EC Bilingual Paraprofessional May 2, 2011
- D. Approve the formal Employment Contracts between the Board of Education of Westchester Public Schools, District 92½, and the following Administrative Staff members, effective as stated.
 - Gregory Leban Principal July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012
 - Lynn Novak Director of Curriculum July 1, 2011-June 30, 2013
 - Michael Prombo Director of Finance and Operations
July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012
- E. Approve the 2010-2011 calendar amendment to rescind unused emergency days and set Monday, June 13, 2011, as the last day of school.
- F. Approve the FY 2011 Linking for Learning Report as presented.
- G. Approve the Resolution authorizing the transfer of interest income from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund in the amount of \$14,904.00.

When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Lasky, Pedersen, Smith, Christopher, Thompson, Stanger; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Scheuing. The President declared the motion carried.

IV.A.1. APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2011: A motion was made by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Smith, that the minutes of the March 17, 2011, Open Session be approved as written. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Absent; 1 Present. The President declared the motion carried.

IV.A.2. APPROVAL OF THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2011: A motion was made by Mrs. Pedersen, seconded by Mrs. Lasky, that the minutes of the March 17, 2011, Closed Session be approved as written. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Absent; 1 Present. The President declared the motion carried.

IV.A.3. RELEASE OF APPROVED CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2011: A motion was made by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Lasky, to approve release of the approved Closed Session minutes of March 17, 2011. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 0 Ayes; 5 Nays; 1 Absent; 1 Present. The President declared the motion denied.

IV.A.4. APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2011: A motion was made by Mrs. Pedersen, seconded by Mrs. Lasky, that the minutes of the April 4, 2011, Open Session be approved as written. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Absent; 1 Present. The President declared the motion carried.

IV.A.5. APPROVAL OF THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2011: A motion was made by Mrs. Lasky, seconded by Mrs. Christopher, that the minutes of the April 4, 2011, Closed Session be approved as written. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Absent; 1 Present. The President declared the motion carried.

IV.A.6. RELEASE OF APPROVED CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2011: A motion was made by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Pedersen, to approve release of the approved Closed Session minutes of April 4, 2011. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 0 Ayes; 5 Nays; 1 Absent; 1 Present. The President declared the motion denied.

IV.B. APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF THE PEARSON *enVisionMATH* PROGRAM FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 5: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Pedersen, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve the algebra adoption of Pearson *enVisionMATH* for Kindergarten through Grade 5 at a cost of \$78,390 plus shipping, for implementation in the 2011-2012 school year. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Lasky, Pedersen, Smith, Christopher, Thompson, Stanger; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Scheuing. The President declared the motion carried.

IV.C. AUTHORIZE THE WMS TUNNEL SANITARY REPAIR WORK TO BE COMPLETED BY DEFRANCO PLUMBING AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$14,125: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Lasky, seconded by Mrs. Thompson, to authorize the WMS tunnel sanitary repair work to be completed by DeFranco Plumbing at a cost not to exceed \$14,125. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Lasky, Pedersen, Smith, Christopher, Thompson, Stanger; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Scheuing. The President declared the motion carried.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Correspondence: None.

- B. Board President's Report: President Stanger thanked Kathryn Smith and James Scheuing for their service to the Board of Education and welcomed Carolyn Wilhight and Kari Christiansen to the Board. She congratulated the four WMS eighth grade students who were awarded scholarships from Nazareth Academy and the Westchester Public Library Poetry Contest winners on their achievements.
- C. Committee Reports: None.
- D. Legislative Report: Mrs. Christopher reported that the school consolidation issue is still being debated in Springfield and that the education reform bill has passed the Senate and is heading to the House for debate.
- E. IASB West Cook Report: The West Cook Division Spring Dinner Meeting was held on March 22, 2011.
- F. FOIA Requests: None.
- G. Reports from Superintendent and Staff:
 - 1. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Sophie announced that the Parent Satisfaction Survey will be posted on the website on April 29th for two weeks and that the middle school staff has started to conduct their high school focus groups. Information from both tools will be used to foster continuous improvement in our District.
 - 2. Early Childhood Presentation: Please see Page One.
 - 3. Gifted and Talented Program Presentation: Please see Page One.
 - 4. Technology Plan Update: Mrs. Novak, Director of Curriculum, informed the Board that the District's Technology Integration Plan, which is required to be updated every three years, has been submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education. We were notified that minor revisions were needed; the revisions were made; and we are waiting for ISBE's final approval.

VI.A. REVIEW OF CANVASS OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION AND DECLARATION OF WINNERS: President Stanger read the official Certificate of Results provided by the Cook County Clerk's Office and declared Melora S. Christopher, Claire L. Thompson, Carolyn R. Wilhight, and Kari Christiansen as the winners of the April 5, 2011, School Board Election.

VII. ADJOURN SINE DIE: The Board meeting was adjourned by consensus of the Board of Education at 8:24 p.m.

Barbara L. Stanger, President

Melora S. Christopher, Secretary

OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS: In the presence of the Board, and the public so gathered, President Stanger administered the Oath of Office to the following Board members elected in the April 5, 2011, election: Claire L. Thompson, Melora S. Christopher, Carolyn R. Wilhight and Kari Christiansen.

"I, _____, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Board of Education of the Westchester Public Schools, District 92½, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability.

"I further swear that: I shall respect taxpayer interests by serving as a faithful protector of the school district's assets;

"I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow board members and others who seek a hearing before the board, while respecting the privacy of students and employees;

"I shall recognize that a board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a public board meeting; and

"I shall abide by majority decisions of the board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels."

The Board recessed from 8:30 p.m. – 8:50 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION 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 8:50 P.M., ON THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2011.

I. The reorganization 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, April 28, 2011, commencing at 8:50 p.m.

I.A. ROLL CALL: On the call of the roll the following members were found to be present: Members Christiansen, Christopher, Lasky, Pedersen, Stanger, Thompson, and Wilhight. Also present at the meeting were Dr. Sophie, Dr. Hill, and Mrs. Wagner. Guests present: Jennifer Cavanaugh, Mary Ann Jasper, Greg Leban, Mary Leidigh, Mary Mamolella, Cindy Mayle, Suann Meyer, Lynn Novak, Mike Prombo, Sam Pulia, and Akemi Sessler.

I.B. SELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM: A motion was made by Mrs. Christopher, seconded by Mrs. Thompson, to appoint Mrs. Stanger as President Pro Tem. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President Pro Tem declared the motion carried.

I.C. SELECTION OF SECRETARY PRO TEM: A motion was made by Mrs. Stanger, seconded by Mrs. Thompson, to appoint Mrs. Christopher as Secretary Pro Tem. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President Pro Tem declared the motion carried.

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

II. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Sam Pulia, Village of Westchester President, congratulated the newly elected Board members and stated he looks forward to continuing the positive relationship established between the Village Board and Board of Education.

III.A.1. ELECT THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION: A motion was made by Mrs. Lasky, seconded by Mrs. Christiansen, that Mrs. Thompson be nominated for the position of President of the Board of Education.

A motion was made by Mrs. Pedersen, seconded by Mrs. Christopher, that Mrs. Stanger be nominated for the position of President of the Board of Education.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lasky, seconded by Mrs. Wilhight, that the nominations be closed. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 Ayes, Christiansen, Christopher, Lasky, Pedersen, Thompson, Stanger, Wilhight; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President Pro Tem declared the motion carried.

The President Pro Tem restated the motion made by Mrs. Lasky, seconded by Mrs. Christiansen, that Mrs. Thompson be nominated for the position of President of the Board of Education, and the motion made by Mrs. Pedersen, seconded by Mrs. Christopher, that Mrs. Stanger be nominated for the position of President of the Board of Education. The President will serve a two-year term concluding in April 2013. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results:

	Vote for Mrs. Thompson	Vote for Mrs. Stanger
Christiansen	X	
Christopher		X
Lasky	X	
Pedersen		X
Thompson	X	
Stanger		X
Wilhight	X	

At this point, 8:58 p.m., the newly elected President Thompson assumed the position of President of the Board of Education.

III.A.2. ELECT THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION: A motion was made by Mrs. Stanger, seconded by Mrs. Lasky, that Mrs. Christopher be nominated for the position of Vice President of the Board of Education, that nominations be closed, and a unanimous ballot be cast. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 Ayes, Christiansen, Christopher, Lasky, Pedersen, Thompson, Stanger, Wilhight; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President Pro Tem declared the motion carried.

At this point, 9:00 p.m., the newly elected Vice President Christopher assumed the position of Vice President of the Board of Education.

III.A.3. ELECTION OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION: A motion was made by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Wilhight, that Mrs. Wilhight be nominated for the position of Secretary of the Board of Education, that nominations be closed, and a unanimous ballot be cast. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 Ayes, Christiansen, Christopher, Lasky, Pedersen, Thompson, Stanger, Wilhight; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President Pro Tem declared the motion carried.

At this point, 9:02 p.m., the newly elected Secretary Wilhight assumed the position of Secretary of the Board of Education.

III.B.1. APPROVE THE CALENDAR OF MEETING DATES, TIME AND PLACE FOR MAY 2011 TO JULY 2012 AS PRESENTED: A motion was made by Mrs. Pedersen, seconded by Mrs. Christiansen, to approve the calendar of meeting dates from May 2011 to July 2012 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.

III.B.2. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND APPOINTMENTS: A motion was made by Mrs. Christopher, seconded by Mrs. Lasky, to approve the Finance and Policy Committees as standing committees of the Board of Education. 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.

The President appointed Mrs. Pedersen to chair the Finance Committee and Mrs. Stanger and Mrs. Wilhight to serve as Finance Committee members.

The President appointed Mrs. Thompson to chair the Policy Committee and Mrs. Christopher, Mrs. Christiansen, and Mrs. Lasky to serve as Policy Committee members.

III.C.1. LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENT: The President appointed Mrs. Christopher to serve as the Board's Legislative representative.

III.C.2. IASB REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE APPOINTMENTS: The President appointed Mrs. Wilhight to serve as the IASB delegate representative and Mrs. Lasky as the IASB delegate alternate.

III.C.3. WESTCHESTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPRESENTATIVE: The President appointed Mrs. Christiansen to serve as the Board representative to the Westchester Chamber of Commerce.

IV.A. APPROVE THE RECOGNITION RESOLUTION HONORING JAMES H. SCHEUING AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Christopher, seconded by Mrs. Lasky, to approve the recognition resolution honoring James H. Scheuing for his years of service to the Board of Education 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 RECOGNITION RESOLUTION HONORING KATHRYN SLOAN SMITH AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Pedersen, seconded by Mrs. Lasky, to approve the recognition resolution honoring Kathryn Sloan Smith for her years of service to the Board of Education 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 RETIREMENT RESOLUTION HONORING EILEEN REDMOND AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Stanger, seconded by Mrs. Pedersen, to approve the retirement resolution honoring Eileen Redmond for her years of service to District 92½ 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 RETIREMENT RESOLUTION HONORING GARY GRANDSARD AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Christiansen, seconded by Mrs. Christopher, to approve the retirement resolution honoring Gary Grandsard for his years of service to District 92½ 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.B. APPROVE MAINTAINING THE 2011-2012 STUDENT FEES AT THE CURRENT 2010-2011 LEVEL: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Christiansen, seconded by Mrs. Pedersen, to approve maintaining the 2011-2012 student fees at the current 2010-2011 level. 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. APPROVE MAINTAINING THE 2011-2012 LUNCH FEES AT \$3.00 FOR A COMPLETE LUNCH WITH MILK AND \$.25 FOR MILK ONLY: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Christopher, seconded by Mrs. Thompson, to approve maintaining the 2011-2012 lunch fee at \$3.00 for a complete lunch with milk and \$.25 for milk only. 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.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. 4th of July Parade Participation: Mrs. Lasky will coordinate District 92½'s participation in this year's parade.

- B. Finance Committee Meeting Date Consideration: The Finance Committee scheduled a meeting on May 26, 2011, at 6:45 p.m., to review the FY 12 tentative budget.

VI. ADVANCED PLANNING

VII. ADJOURNMENT: The Board meeting was adjourned by consensus of the Board of Education at 9:33 p.m.

Claire L. Thompson, President

Carolyn R. Wilhight, Secretary