

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, MAY 19, 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, May 19, 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, Pedersen, and Stanger. Vice President Christopher was absent at the call of the roll. Also present at the meeting were Dr. Sophie, Dr. Hill, and Mrs. Wagner. Guests present: Stephen Battersby, Juliane Gawthrop, and Daniel Lumsden.

I.B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: As a follow-up to the new math textbook adoption approved at the April 28, 2011, Board meeting, Mr. Battersby questioned whether consumable workbooks should be considered.

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

- A. Approve the Agenda as amended.
- B. Approve the bills and payrolls and authorize payment.
- C. 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 2011-2012 school year:
 - Amanda Pelsor WPS/WIS-Technology Aug. 24, 2011
 - Kimberly Doucette WPS-Part-time Kindergarten Aug. 24, 2011Approve the employment of the following support staff members, as assigned by the administration, effective as stated, for the 2011-2012 school year:
 - David Geisinger WIS-Building Foreman July 1, 2011
 - Gary Frezek Britten-Building Foreman July 1, 2011
 - Matthew Bartodziej WPS-Lead Custodian July 1, 2011
 - Donald Doucet WMS-Custodian July 1, 2011

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

IV.A.1. APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2011 – REGULAR MEETING: A motion was made by Mrs. Lasky, seconded by Mrs. Christiansen, that the minutes of the April 28, 2011 – Regular Meeting, Open Session be approved as written. 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.

IV.A.2. APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2011 – REORGANIZATION MEETING: A motion was made by Mrs. Pedersen, seconded by Mrs. Lasky, that the minutes of the April 28, 2011 – Reorganization Meeting, Open Session be approved as written. 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. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Correspondence: President Thompson shared a note received from Jackie Sanko thanking the Board for honoring her at the Recognition Dinner for her 25 years of service to District 92½. She also shared a brochure detailing IASB membership benefits with the new Board members.
- B. Board President's Report: The Board participated in a self-evaluation workshop moderated by Jeff Cohn (IASB Field Services Director) on Monday, May 16, 2011. President Thompson shared information regarding the IASB delegate session assembly with Mrs. Wilhight, the newly appointed representative.
- C. Committee Reports: The Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 25, at 6:45 p.m. to review the FY 2012 tentative budget. Mrs. Pedersen suggested expanding our District website to make more financial information available for our stakeholders.
- D. Legislative Report: None.
- E. IASB West Cook Report: Mrs. Pedersen will attend the IASB West Cook meeting in June.
- F. FOIA Requests: None.
- G. Reports from Superintendent and Staff:
 - 1. Superintendent's Report: The 8th Grade Washington, D.C. trip has been successful and a picnic was held for the 8th grade students who were not able to attend the educational tour.

VI.A. BOARD RETIRED TO CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Mrs. Pedersen, seconded by Mrs. Christiansen, that the Board retire into Closed Session to discuss the litigation 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, Pedersen, Stanger, Wilhight, Thompson; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Christopher. The President declared the motion carried and the Board retired at 7:21 p.m.

VI.B. BOARD RECONVENES: At 8:01 p.m. the Board reconvened in Open Session after the conclusion of its Closed Session.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS: Plans for the Village's Memorial Day ceremony and 4th of July parade were discussed. An audience member asked the status of school district consolidation. Dr. Sophie explained that a state committee was being formed to study the issue of consolidation. Dr. Sophie also stated that it is important to keep local control.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: The Board meeting was adjourned by consensus of the Board of Education at 8:17 p.m.

Claire L. Thompson, President

Carolyn R. Wilhight, Secretary