



DuPage High School District 88 Board of Education

EDUCATIONAL FOCUS MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2008

Board Room, District Administrative Offices

7:30 P.M.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Johnson, president of the board, called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Irvin, Mr. DeLeon, Mr. Habel, Mrs. Cain, Mr. Johnson

Members Absent: Mrs. Kucik, Mr. Luebker

Others Present: Drs. Humphrey, Helton, Messrs. Welch, Krause, Flemming, Drennan, Ms. Barbanente, Yacobi, Peters, Kimpton, Anderson, Sears, 88's Best students and parents, Wight & Co. representatives Mark, Joseph.

Moment of Silence for Northern Illinois University Victims

Mr. Johnson asked for a moment of silence to reflect on the tragedy that occurred at the NIU campus on February 14th.

SECRETARY PRO TEM

Due to the absence of Mr. Luebker, board secretary, Mr. Irvin moved and Mr. Habel seconded to appoint Mrs. Cain as secretary pro tem for the February 25, 2008 board meeting.

Voice Vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

PETITIONS AND HEARINGS

None

88' BEST STUDENTS

Mr. Krause introduced Ashley Kanelos, Willowbrook student and Dr. Helton introduced Zachary Maxwell, Addison Trail student who were honored as 88's Best for the month of February. The students were congratulated on their many accomplishments. Both students thanked the board, their teachers and their families for their support. The honored students were given as a token of their achievements, an 88's Best glass sculpture, and certificate.

BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP SIGNING CEREMONY

We are pleased to formally recognize the following Business Partner during our signing ceremony on Monday, February 25:

From Villa Park

Harris Bank

Bobbie O'Dell, Vice President/Bank Manager

BUILDING THE FUTURE IN DISTRICT 88 REPORT – WIGHT & CO.

Dr. Humphrey introduced architects Jim Mark and Andy Joseph of Wight & Company who presented the latest schematic designs for Building The Future. Mr. Mark and Mr. Joseph reviewed the schematic design themes focusing on educational technology, student life and student spirit. Mr. Mark also touched on the “givens” of the project that would be completed along with top priorities.

Dr. Humphrey stated that in the next few days, the latest designs would be available on the District 88 web site. Dr. Humphrey also stated that bids would begin to go out in April for construction to begin this summer. The completion date is still on target for Fall 2010.

EDUCATIONAL FOCUS ITEM**Literacy Block- Addison Trail and Willowbrook**

Mrs. Yacobi introduced Mrs. Peters from Addison Trail and Mrs. Kimpton from Willowbrook who presented an overview on literacy interventions at both schools. The focus of their presentation revolved around the past, present, and future practices for enhancing literacy skills for students. Data supporting the enhancement of literacy skills was distributed.

Summer School Recommendations

Mrs. Yacobi presented preliminary information regarding Summer School for 2008. She stated that the summer school program will be held offsite this year due to construction beginning at both Addison Trail and Willowbrook. Offsite locations will be District 4, 45, 48 and DeVry University. Additional classes offered this year will include Speech, Consumer Education, ESL classes and an algebra enrichment program. Immediately following the February 27 summer school planning meeting, information will be sent to all eighth grade parents and students.

MOTION TO ESTABLISH CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Cain moved and Mr. Habel seconded to establish the consent agenda as listed below.

Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Irvin, Mr. DeLeon, Mr. Habel, Mrs. Cain, Mr. Johnson

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

List of Bills

Approve the List of Bills for January 2008 in the amount of \$5,273,373.25, with the exception of check #441283 to James Luebker.

Computer Equipment - District

To approve the bid from SR Systems in the amount of \$61,701.00 for three HP ProLiant ML570 G4 tower servers.

Auditing Services Proposal

To approve the proposal from Mathieson, Moyski, Celer & Co., LLP to perform audit services through FY 2010 as presented.

Motion to Establish Consent Agenda - continued

Fundraiser Contracts

To approve the following fundraiser contracts: Addison Trail Blazettes – Cookie Dough Sale, Great American Opportunities; Addison Trail Internationalfest Dance Show – Candy Sales, Sam’s Club; Willowbrook Girls’ Softball – Pizza Sale, Home Run Inn/Power Play Distributors, and Willowbrook Girls’ Softball, Golf Pass Sale, Varsity Gold.

Personnel Report

Approve and accept the personnel report presented at the February 11, 2008 board meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Cain moved and Mr. DeLeon seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Mr. DeLeon, Mr. Habel, Mrs. Cain, Mr. Irvin, Mr. Johnson

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

SEPARATE ACTION ITEMS

Check #441283

Mr. DeLeon moved and Mrs. Cain seconded that the payment of check #441283 in the amount of \$25.00 to James Luebker as reimbursement for attending the Villa Park Chamber Willowbrook Scholarship breakfast be approved.

Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Habel, Mrs. Cain, Mr. Irvin, Mr. DeLeon, Mr. Johnson

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report – January 2008

Mrs. Cain moved and Mr. DeLeon seconded to approve the Treasurer’s Report for January 2008 reflecting the ending balance of \$127,901,795.07.

Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Cain, Mr. Irvin, Mr. DeLeon, Mr. Habel, Mr. Johnson

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Status Report – January 2008

Mrs. Cain moved and Mr. Habel seconded to accept the Budget Status Report for January 2008.

Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Irvin, Mr. DeLeon, Mr. Habel, Mrs. Cain, Mr. Johnson

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel

Mrs. Cain moved and Mr. DeLeon seconded to approve and accept the following appointments, status change and resignation.

Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Mr. DeLeon, Mr. Habel, Mrs. Cain, Mr. Irvin

Nays: Mr. Johnson

Motion carried.

Director of Guidance Appointment:

- Cathy Ridlon, Willowbrook Director of Guidance: Scale VII, Step 4 - \$63,365.40 plus department chair stipend of \$6,676.00 (actual salary for 2008-2009 TBA – will be based on finalization of teacher contract negotiations), effective 2008-2009 school year.

Department Chair Appointment:

- Jeff Reher, Willowbrook Special Education Department Chair: Scale VI, Step 21 - \$102,289.86 plus department chair stipend of \$3,908.29, effective January 22, 2008.

Certified Staff Status Change:

- Joe Remsik, Willowbrook Special Education department chair to School Social Worker, salary to remain unchanged, effective January 22, 2008.

Classified Staff Resignation:

- Peter Makrinski, Willowbrook Full time Teacher Aide, BIC, effective February 15, 2008.

Approval of the Transition Program at District Office

Dr. Humphrey stated that as a follow-up to questions raised at the February 11th board meeting regarding the Transition Program being housed at the new district office, additional information was distributed to board members to address their questions. Concerns expressed included the funding for this project. Board members agreed to move this program off-site and further discuss funding options.

Mr. Irvin moved and Mr. Habel seconded to develop the Special Education Transition Program at the new District Office location in Addison.

Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Habel, Mrs. Cain, Mr. Irvin, Mr. DeLeon, Mr. Johnson

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Approval for Summer School Coordinators

This item was pulled from the agenda.

Property Ownership and Annexation

Mr. Irvin moved and Mr. DeLeon seconded that the board inform the Addison Park District that District 88 maintains partial ownership of the nature center property and that District 88 supports the annexation of the property by the Village of Addison, with the request that the property be maintained as a nature center so that Addison Trail can continue to use it for educational purposes.

Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Irvin, Mr. DeLeon, Mr. Habel, Mrs. Cain, Mr. Johnson

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Minutes of the January 14, 2008 Regular Business Board Meeting

Mrs. Cain moved and Mr. Habel seconded to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2008 Regular Business Board meeting.

Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Mr. DeLeon, Mr. Habel, Mrs. Cain, Mr. Irvin, Mr. Johnson

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of the January 14, 2008 Closed Session Board Meeting

Mr. Habel moved and Mr. DeLeon seconded to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2008 Closed Session Board meeting.

Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Habel, Mrs. Cain, Mr. Irvin, Mr. DeLeon, Mr. Johnson

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of the January 28, 2008 Board Leadership Workshop

Mrs. Cain moved and Mr. Habel seconded to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2008 Board Leadership Workshop.

Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Cain, Mr. Irvin, Mr. DeLeon, Mr. Habel, Mr. Johnson

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of the January 28, 2008 Educational Focus Board Meeting

Mrs. Cain moved and Mr. DeLeon seconded to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2008 Educational Focus Board meeting.

Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Irvin, Mr. DeLeon, Mr. Habel, Mrs. Cain, Mr. Johnson

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Freedom of Information Requests

- A Freedom of Information request was received from Paul Klenck of the Illinois Education Association. Mr. Klenck requested a copy of any collective bargaining agreements for District 88 support staff personnel. This information was sent to Mr. Klenck.
- A Freedom of Information request was received from Laurie Couch of the Service Employees International Union, Local 1. Ms. Couch requested copies of any and all documentation related to the annual on-site review required by the Illinois State Board of Education of the school's food service contractor for the 2007-2008 school year. This information was sent to Ms. Couch.
- A Freedom of Information request was received from Mr. Hitt of the Illinois Policy Institute. Mr. Hitt requested information regarding cafeteria service, custodial services, and transportation. This information was sent to Mr. Hitt.

Review of Revised and Amended Board Policies

Board members continued to reviewed the following policies: 5:230 Maintaining Student Discipline, 5:240 Suspension, 5:250 Leaves of Absence, 5:260 Student Teachers, 5:270 Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment, 5:280 Duties and Qualifications, 5:285 Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers, 5:290 Employment Termination and Suspensions, 5:300 Schedules and Employment Year, 5:310 Compensatory Tim-Off, 5:320 Evaluation, 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leave, 6:110 Programs for Students at Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program, 6:280 Grading and Promotion, 6:300 Graduation Requirements, 6:310 Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs, and Course Substitutions, and Students: 7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers to and from Non-District Schools, and 7:70 Attendance and Truancy.

These policies will be brought to the board in March for approval.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION – PRINCIPALS

Principal Helton and Principal Krause highlighted upcoming events, accomplishments and recognitions.

Addison Trail

- The Medical Careers class was invited to Mercy Provena Hospital to observe open heart surgery. The students were able to ask the cardiologist questions during the surgery and meet the heart team after the surgery.
- Science Olympiad team finished 16th out of 30 teams at the Prospect Invitational.
- Nearly 200 students attended the LASO Valentines Dance from both Addison Trail and Willowbrook. Upcoming events include: AT/IT Choir Concert, International Fest, Flower Show and Pops Concert.

Willowbrook

- Over 400 juniors took the practice ACT test and the results will help prepare for the upcoming PSAE test.
- The wind ensemble will be departing on February 27th for the annual music department concert tour. This year’s tour will include stops in Philadelphia and New York City.
- The recent Warrior Code assembly honored students displaying the code and those with perfect attendance.
- Upcoming events include: Unifying Diversity presentation, Turnabout Dance and Band Concerts.

BOARD MEMBER REPORT(S) / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Mr. Irvin reported on the recent Addison Trail C.A.C. meeting that was held on February 20th.
- Mr. Irvin also attended the LASO Valentines Dance and reported it was a great event.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENT

- Regular Business Board Meeting, Monday, March 10, 2008, 7:30 p.m., District Boardroom located at: District Administrative Offices, 101 W. Highridge Road, Villa Park, IL 60181.
- Regular Business Board Meeting, Monday, March 17, 2008, 7:30 p.m., District Boardroom located at: District Administrative Offices, 101 W. Highridge Road, Villa Park, IL 60181.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Habel moved and Mrs. Cain seconded that the meeting adjourn.

Voice Vote

Motion carried unanimously. The board meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF EDUCATION

SECRETARY, BOARD OF EDUCATION

ATTEST: _____
DATE