

Board of Education Regular Business Meeting

Monday, February 15, 2010
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 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Members Present: Mr. Irvin, Mr. Edmier, Mrs. Flores, Mrs. Kucik, Mrs. Cain, Mr. Luebker,
Mr. Johnson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Drs. Humphrey, Helton, Messrs. Krause, Martin, Flemming, Ms., Eicker,
Yacobi, Barbanente, Anderson, Tomasino, Sears. Audience: Mr.
Asher, Ms. Vendegna, Ms. Burns, Mr. Blair, Mr. White, Ms. Wozniak,
Ms. Wealton, Ms. Stady, Mr. and Mrs. Werner, Mr. Fenske, Mr. Dale,
Mr. Eufrazio, and others not registered

PETITIONS AND HEARINGS

- Ms. Patti Vendegna, Union Council President spoke regarding the budget concerns, stating that the teachers are aware of the state of the economy but asked the administration to consider using more reserve money to lessen the reduction in staff.
- Mrs. Jen Burns, Willowbrook Mathematics teacher asked for clarification regarding the Modification of School Holidays. She was concerned that the district would use the holidays that are being requested through the modification as school attendance days every year.
- Mr. Brett Blair, taxpayer, past president of Teacher Union and English Dept. chair
Mr. Jim White, taxpayer, parent, English teacher
Mrs. Sharon Wozniak, Business Dept. chair
Mr. Jeffrey Werner, parent
Mr. Blair, Mr. White, Mrs. Wozniak and Mr. Werner all expressed great concern with the possibility of eliminating Speech class from the curriculum. Each asked the board to consider the ramifications of eliminating Speech, as it is a critical tool in building quality communication skills.

Petitions and Hearings - continued

- o Mr. Lee Asher, parent and community member expressed concern that the Technology Center of DuPage (TCD) programs may be discontinued. He urged the board to consider the opportunities that TCD offers to so many students.

Mr. Johnson, president of the board thanked all individuals that spoke this evening. He assured them that the board will take into consideration all suggestions and concerns along with the best interest of the students.

Public hearing on Modification of the Use of School Holidays

Mr. Johnson declared the public hearing on the Modification of the Use of School Holidays open for the public at 8:04 p.m. Mrs. Cain moved and Mr. Irvin seconded to declare the public hearing open.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Cain, Mr. Irvin, Mr. Edmier, Mrs. Flores, Mrs. Kucik, Mr. Luebker, Mr. Johnson

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Humphrey reported that the public notice was published in both the Addison Press and the Villa Park Argus on the 5th day of February 2010. Members of the board and audience were given opportunity to raise questions.

Mrs. Jen Burns asked for clarification as to how this modification would be used in the future and also requested the Calendar Committee be kept in place so input is ongoing from teaching staff and feeder schools.

Mr. Johnson declared the public hearing on the Modification of the Use of School Holidays closed at 8:10 p.m. Mrs. Cain moved and Mr. Irvin seconded to declare the public hearing closed.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Cain, Mr. Irvin, Mr. Edmier, Mrs. Flores, Mrs. Kucik, Mr. Luebker, Mr. Johnson

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING THE FUTURE

Ms. Jeannine Eicker from Bovis Lend Lease construction management reported on the progress of the projects at Addison Trail and Willowbrook. She reviewed the recent bid contracts and their status, upcoming bid releases and presented aerial photographs of the construction progress at both schools.

Cost Containment Strategies/Curriculum Considerations

Dr. Humphrey presented a cost containment proposal in preparation for reaching a \$3.2M reduction in expenditures and an increase in revenues for the 2010-2011 school year. He stated that the objective is to minimize the impact on student programs and services, use a multi-year approach to reduce the deficit and look at reductions across the board. Dr. Humphrey gave the reasons why the cost management plan is necessary, i.e. state's financial resources are in serious decline, the 2010-2011 local revenues are flat based on the 0.1% CPI, state aid is projected at 25% less than current year, interest income has declined based on low interest rates tied to current economic conditions, and expenses continue to increase at 3-4%. Dr. Humphrey reviewed the proposed amounts to be reduced from the Educational Fund, O&M Fund, Transportation Fund and the proposed revenue enhancement amounts.

Mrs. Yacobi stated that curriculum changes are being considered through the District Curriculum Council on February 11th. All curriculum is being looked at and no decisions have been made at this time. If any changes were made in the course requirements, then a change in the current graduation requirements would also be necessary.

The board will continue to consider the proposals at the February and March board meetings prior to making any decisions on the specific reductions.

- o **MR. JOHNSON CALLED A BREAK IN THE BOARD MEETING AT 9:06 P.M.**
- o **MR. JOHNSON CALLED THE BOARD MEETING BACK TO ORDER AT 9:15 P.M.**

Roll Call

Members Present: Mr. Irvin, Mr. Edmier, Mrs. Flores, Mrs. Kucik, Mrs. Cain, Mr. Luebker, Mr. Johnson

Members Absent: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS REQUIRING NO ACTION

Financial Reports:

1. List of Bills – January 2010
Mr. Martin reviewed the list of bills for January 2010. It was recommended that the expenditures, by fund, in the amount of \$8,222,857.92 be approved with the exception of check #465016.
2. Treasurer's Report – January 2010
Mr. Martin recommended that the Treasurer's Report for January 2010, reflecting the ending balance of \$91,984,198.52 be approved.

Financial Reports - continued

3. Budget Status Report – January 2010

Mr. Martin recommended that the Budget Status report for January 2010 be accepted as presented.

Appointment of School Treasurer 2010-2011

Dr. Humphrey recommended that Mr. Bruce Martin, Chief Financial Officer be appointed to serve as the School Treasurer for District 88 for the 2010-2011 school year.

Fundraiser Contracts

Mr. Martin recommended that the following fundraisers to approved: Addison Trail International Dance Club, Blow Pops; Addison Trail Theatre, Candy Sale; Willowbrook Girl's Softball Team, Pizza and Golf Pass; and Willowbrook Varsity Club, Warrior Apparel.

Ratification of Building the Future Committee Actions

Mr. Martin recommended that the Board ratify the BTF Committee's approval of the Fencing bid to Pro Fence II in the amount of \$659,001.00. The bid includes the following amounts for each school: base bid in the amount of \$181,300 for the 2.75W Fencing Package at Willowbrook High School and the base bid plus alternate #7 in the total amount of \$477,701 for the 2.75A Fencing Package at Addison Trail High School.

Property Tax Appeal Board Resolution

Mr. Martin recommended that the resolution authorizing intervention in proceedings before the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board be adopted.

Educational Benefit Cooperative (EBC) Resolution

Mr. Martin recommended that the Board adopt the resolution to execute and attest the Contract and By-Laws of the Educational Benefit Cooperative effective March 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2012. This resolution authorizes the District to become a member of an intergovernmental entity that will provide pooled health and life insurance for eligible employees.

Music Equipment/Furniture (BTF) – Addison Trail

Mr. Flemming recommended that the administration be authorized to purchase music equipment/furniture from the following vendors: Wenger Music Corporation, \$20,966.00; Lowrey McDonnell, \$1,988.00; and StageRight, \$10,080.00. This bid is part of FF&E in the Building The Future for new choral risers, instrument storage racks and other music furniture and equipment for the Addison Trail music department.

Personnel

Mrs. Barbanente recommended that the following personnel be accepted and approved.

Certified Staff Retirement:

- Ann Kimpton, Willowbrook Assistant Principal: Effective end of the 2013-2014 school year at which time Ann will have completed 19 years of service with District 88.

Personnel - continued

Certified Staff Unpaid Personal Leave of Absence Request:

- Julie Rana, Addison Trail Part Time Math Teacher: Effective May 2010 through the end of the 2009-2010 school year.

Classified Staff Change of Status:

- Alma Villegas, From 10 month, Level 11, Step 3 Deans Attendance Clerk to 12 month, Level III, Step 3 Guidance Office Secretary: Salary - \$3,039.87/monthly, effective February 1, 2010.

Classified Staff Retirement:

- Rosalyn Pasquale, Addison Trail Reading Teacher Aide: Effective end of the 2009-2010 school year at which time Rosalyn will have completed 16 years of service with District 88.

Donation

Dr. Humphrey recommended that the donation from Mr. Jeffrey Miles in the amount of \$100.00 to the District 88 Foundation be accepted.

Discussion Items Requiring Action

Approval of Modifications for Legal School Holidays

Mrs. Cain moved and Mrs. Kucik seconded to approve the Modification for Use of Legal School Holidays to allow the district the option to use Casimir Pulaski's Birthday, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, and Lincoln's Birthday as student attendance days.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Cain, Mrs. Kucik, Mr. Irvin, Mr. Edmier, Mrs. Flores, Mr. Luebker, Mr. Johnson

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution to Amend the SASSED (School Association for Special Education in DuPage County) Articles of Agreement

Mrs. Cain moved and Mrs. Kucik seconded to approve the resolution to revise the Joint Agreement/By-laws for SASSED.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Cain, Mrs. Kucik, Mr. Irvin, Mr. Edmier, Mrs. Flores, Mr. Luebker, Mr. Johnson

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Intergovernmental Agreement – Addison Library

Mr. Irvin moved and Mrs. Cain seconded to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement of DuPage High School District 88 and the Addison Public Library. This agreement will allow the District 88 Transition Program students to open the coffee café in the library.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mr. Irvin, Mrs. Cain, Mr. Edmier, Mrs. Flores, Mrs. Kucik, Mr. Luebker, Mr. Johnson

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Informational Items

Educational Focus Items for February 22, 2010

Mrs. Yacobi reviewed the upcoming educational focus items for February 22nd, which will include 88's Best Students, a Behavioral Interventions update and a report on students bringing their own laptops to school.

Freedom of Information Request

Dr. Humphrey stated that a Freedom of Information request was received from Mr. Tom Jansen of Oce North America Document Printing Systems. Mr. Jansen requested a copy of any copier leases, sales agreements or existing maintenance agreements. The requested information was sent to Mr. Jansen.

Evaluation and Compensation Committee – Superintendent's Evaluation

Mr. Johnson stated that the Evaluation and Compensation committee met on February 10th to review the performance of the superintendent. The board committee acknowledged Dr. Humphrey's performance met expectations. Mr. Johnson stated that Dr. Humphrey will be evaluated in June and asked board members for their input as to his performance, strengths, areas for improvement and suggestions for future goals.

School Recognition – Principals

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

Willowbrook

- The girls bowling team took first place in sectionals, which qualify them for the state meet this weekend in Rockford.
- Congratulations to the Willowbrook Speech Team as this was the largest group of advancers in the history of Willowbrook's Speech Team.
- Willowbrook students began registering for their courses for the 2010-2011 school year.
- Upcoming events include: Practice ACT, Athletic Hall of Fame Induction, Orchestra and Band Concerts, Brook Olympics, and the Young Hearts for Life EKG Screenings.

School Recognition – Principals - continued

Addison Trail

- Addison Trail T.P.O. had yet another very successful Annual Spaghetti Dinner held this past Saturday followed by the winter musical "Little Shop of Horrors".
- Addison Trail students began registering for their courses for the 2010-2011 school year.
- Upcoming events include: Orchestra and Band concerts, Pay It Forward, Mr. AT Contest and International Fest.

Board Member Reports

- Mr. Irvin reported on the Visioning Workshop held on February 13th.
- Mrs. Cain attended the 2nd meeting of the D88 Foundation and reported that it was a very productive meeting.
- Mrs. Cain and Mrs. Kucik reported on the Willowbrook C.A.C. meeting held on February 11th.
- Mrs. Cain attended the Willowbrook Curriculum Showcase and the play, reporting that both functions were great.

Public Comments

- Mrs. Jennifer Burns, Willowbrook Mathematics teacher suggested to have a payroll deduction option if staff would like to have money drawn from their checks as a donation to the D88 Foundation. She also commented on the recent D88 Visioning Workshop that was held, stating that parents had commented to her on how well the student's spoke.

Announcements

- Educational Focus Board Meeting: Monday, February 22, 2010 7:30 p.m., District Board Room located at: District Administrative Offices, 2 Friendship Plaza, Addison, IL 60101

Closed Meeting

Mrs. Cain moved, and Mr. Edmier seconded that the board go into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Cain, Mr. Edmier, Mr. Irvin, Mrs. Flores, Mrs. Kucik, Mr. Luebker, Mr. Johnson

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

The board went into closed session at 10:01p.m.

Reconvene to Open Session

The board returned to open session at 11:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Members present: Mrs. Cain, Mr. Edmier, Mr. Irvin, Mrs. Flores, Mrs. Kucik, Mr. Luebker,
Mr. Johnson

Members absent: None

Action Necessitated By Closed Session

Notice To Remedy

Mrs. Cain moved and Mr. Luebker seconded to authorize and approve the issuance of a Notice To Remedy to employee #021510.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Luebker, Mrs. Cain, Mr. Irvin, Mr. Edmier, Mrs. Flores, Mrs. Kucik, Mr. Johnson

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

Voice vote.

Motion carried unanimously. The board meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

Attest: _____
Date