MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING

OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, NAPERVILLE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 203, DUPAGE AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER ON

APRIL 6, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

President Suzyn Price called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m. Board members present: Dean Reschke, Debbie Shipley, Mike Jaensch, Jackie Romberg, Susan Price, Susan Crotty and Terry Fielden.

Administrators present were: Alan Leis, Superintendent of Schools; Melanie Raczkiewicz, Associate Superintendent for Operations

Closed Session

Reschke moved, seconded by Shipley to go into Closed Session at 6:16 p.m. for the consideration of:

A. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

B. Student Discipline 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)

C. The Purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5).

A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Reschke, Shipley, Crotty Romberg, Price, Fielden, and Jaensch. No: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Call to Order

Crotty moved, seconded by Fielden to return to Open Session at 7:05 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Reschke, Crotty, Jaensch, Fielden, Romberg, Price, and Shipley. No: none. The motion carried.

Student Ambassadors Absent:

Kevin Doherty, NNHS Claire Fleming, NCHS

Public Comment None

Action by Consent

1. Personnel

<u>Dismissal of Part Time Non Tenured Teacher</u>

Madison Jr. High School

Lori Peterson, Family & Consumer Services, June 3, 2009

Dismissal of Full Time Non Tenured Teacher

Kennedy Junior High School

Anthony Romanelli, Language Arts, June 3, 2009, (Revised Letter)

Reassignment of Certified Staff Member

Naperville North High School

Michael Cluver, Drivers Education, August 17, 2009

2. Student Discipline as discussed in Closed Session

Fielden moved seconded by Reschke to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Jaensch, Romberg,

Price, Crotty, Fielden, Shipley and Reschke.

Discussion With Action

2009 – 2010 General/Optional Fees and High School Course Fees Fielden moved seconded by Crotty to approve the 2009 – 2010 General/Optional Fees and High School Course Fees A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Jaensch, Romberg, Price, Crotty, Fielden, Shipley and Reschke.

Agenda Items

1. Elementary Program Review

Kathy Klees began the discussion by noting that multiple stakeholders at the elementary level have been invited to participate since they are the closest to the work.

The elementary foreign language program has been put on hold due to budgetary concerns. It is hoped that the program will resurface since the feeling is that it would be very beneficial and would increasingly grow as it catches on.

The piloted roll of the ICC in some elementary schools providing staff development on site has been a very positive initiative. Due to funding through grants, the ICC role will be in all elementary buildings beginning next year, but only for two years, depending on funding.

There was a discussion of progress monitoring and how it is handled differently in each building. Once the data is collected, the key is to get it in the hands of the teachers and make sure they know how to use it and when to get help for students in need. The data can be used to help plan for next year so interventions are in place right from the start.

There was discussion about the increasing number of families in crisis, and that kids have a higher degree of needs. The social workers are booked daily dealing with mental illness, homelessness, loss of jobs, and any number of other problems at home. Staff members are supporting not only the students, but the parents as well. A creative approach is being taken with interventions for children who are demonstrating aggressive behavior. The expectations of students are taught on an ongoing basis so the ground rules are in place and students know how they are expected to behave.

Different approaches are being used to address issues. Teachers have a keen awareness of what is happening and some are facilitating meetings before school with groups of girls to discuss bullying and other issues. Relationships are formed with the students and they feel comfortable and safe in their environment.

The hot lunch program has helped free and reduced lunch students blend in with all the students. Hot lunch will be in all elementary buildings in the fall of 2010 once the renovations at Central are complete. Breakfast options are being considered possibly with Sodexho.

Board members commented that they never cease to be impressed with

the incredible dedication at all levels of the District.

2. Elementary Enrichment Options 2009 – 2010

Dr. Leis explained that the District is looking for ways to fix the problem of art, music and PE in the elementary schools in the light of declining enrollment.

Dr. Leis explained three draft options:

- A. Reduce FTE at schools that fall below minimum section guidelines for 1.0 FTE.
- B. Maintain current AMPE staffing and assign AMPE teachers to work with enrichment and other small groups. Reduce enrichment assistants by 50%.
- C. Maintain current staffing and assign AMPE teachers to classrooms in order to release grade level teams for professional learning conversations on a regular basis.

Dr. Leis noted that nothing has been decided yet. He has meetings scheduled with all groups of teachers involved for their understanding and input. He plans to bring a recommendation to the Board in May for the Budget adoption in June.

Upcoming Events	
Adjournment	Romberg moved, seconded by Crotty to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. A voice vote was taken. Those voting yes: Fielden, Jaensch, Reschke, Romberg, Crotty, Price and Shipley. No: none. Motion carried unanimously.
Approved	April 20, 2009

Suzyn Price, President Ann N. Bell, Secretary
Board of Education Board of Education