

MINUTES OF A BUSINESS MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, NAPERVILLE COMMUNITY UNIT
SCHOOL DISTRICT 203, DUPAGE AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS,
HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER ON
DECEMBER 15, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M.

Call to Order President Suzyn Price called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. Board members present: Susan Crotty, Suzyn Price, Jackie Romberg, Dean Reschke, Terry Fielden, Mike Jaensch and Debra Shipley.

Administrators present were: Alan Leis, Superintendent of Schools; Melanie Raczkiwicz, Associate Superintendent for Operations; Craig von Behren, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources for the personnel and negotiations discussions; Dave Zager, Assistant Superintendent for Finance for the negotiations discussion.

Closed Session #429 Crotty moved, seconded by Fielden to go into Closed Session at 6:18 p.m. for consideration of:

1. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
2. Student Discipline 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)
3. Matters relating to individual students 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10)
4. Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
5. Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed, or when an action is probable or imminent. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
6. Discussion of lawfully closed meeting minutes, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)

Open Session #430 Crotty moved, seconded by Shipley to return to Open Session at 7:52 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting Yes: Crotty, Romberg, Reschke, Fielden, Jaensch, Shipley, and Price. No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call #431 Board Members present were: Susan Crotty, Suzyn Price, Jackie Romberg, Terry Fielden, Dean Reschke, Mike Jaensch and Debra Shipley.

Administrators present: Alan Leis, Superintendent of Schools; Melanie Raczkiwicz, Associate Superintendent for Operations; Kitty Ryan, Assistant Superintendent for School Services and Programs; Craig von Behren Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Dave Zager, Assistant Superintendent for Finance; Kitty Murphy, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education; Dave Chiszar, Director of Assessment and Quality; Ralph Weaver, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Nina Menis, Director of Community Relations; and Kathy Klees, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Staff Development; Melea Smith, Director of Communications.

Student Ambassador present:
Kevin Doherty, NNHS
Absent: Claire Fleming, NCHS

Pledge of Allegiance #432 Cathy Duncan, Principal of Ranch View Elementary School, and Virginia Jamnicki, Reading Specialist, introduced the following students who lead the Pledge of Allegiance: Drew Quirconi, Lisa Johnson, Bill Zhang, and Sarah Wokas

Recognition #433 Mrs. Price congratulated the Naperville North High School Class AAA Boys Cross Country Team for winning the State Championship. She asked the following students to come forward to receive certificates and congratulations from Dr. Leis: Kyle Gibson, David McWilliams, Tyler Jermann, Bob Guthrie, Mike Herbert, Charlie McKeown, Karsten Jurkiewicz, Joe Mazzone, Steve Cozzi, Chris Woodward, Ben Becker, Dan Emre, and Ryan Soldat. The Coaches for the team were: Dave Racey, head coach, Tim Brown, Jeff Purdom, and Keving Benages, assistant coaches.

Good News

Congratulations to David Racey, Cross Country coach at Naperville North High School, for being selected the 2008 Class AAA Boys Cross Country Coach of the Year by his coaching peers from the Illinois Track and Cross Country Coaches Association. He will be recognized at the Hall of Fame Luncheon following the annual Track and Field Clinic in Oak Park on January 10.

In mid-November the Naperville Youth Service Awards Program was hosted by Kidsmatter together with the City Council and Mayor Pradel. The award honors and recognizes outstanding volunteer efforts by Naperville area students. The following eight students from District 203 high schools were recognized at the ceremony:

Taisia Karaseva, Ivy Cheng, Megan Vierk, Xander Joseph Franklin, Angus Buchanan, Tyler Nelson, Aranee Sivananthan, Sam Emrie. Congratulations to these students.

Public Hearing #434 A Public Hearing on the Adoption of the 2008 Levy was held at 8:00 p.m. There was no discussion and there were no public comments. The Public Hearing ended at 8:02 p.m.

Public Comments #435 Peter Shamburek, President of the Naperville Central Athletic Booster Club, stated that the Booster Club, after reviewing all the options for the fields, supports option 1 first and 1A second because they sustain the existing programs.

Sandy Shamburek personally supports option 1 noting that 1A does not address the future needs for lacrosse. The District does not want to take over the garden plots, but it is necessary because the cemetery space will no longer be available for the Districts' use. She also does not want to see the District incur the cost of bussing students along with the cost of extra athletic trainers.

Warren Gill noted that a detailed analysis of the sites should be performed to include flooding and soil conditions along with traffic studies. He requested that the Board consider the land along the river by the pavilion and warming house noting that there are heated washrooms, shade, parking, and it is a low

traffic area.

Douglas Dallmer requested that the Board perform a thorough examination of all the parks in the city. The gardeners do not want to compromise the athletes, but they do not want to move. He supports option 2.

Tom O'Hale stated that as a taxpayer he is concerned that moving the garden plots will be an expensive undertaking with the water pipes etc. He is a youth friendly person, but doesn't want to see the gardeners move because young people need the fields.

Elaine Fisher noted that the decision has probably already been made but hopes the Board will consider all the options, especially 2a, in detail before making a decision.

Albert Cain passed on making public comments.

Wendy Mouche' explained that grass does not allow for infiltration of water like plants do. She elaborated on where storm water might run off and asked the Board to use a consultant to study drainage.

Jeannie Alamede expressed concerns about the safety of students crossing West Street as well as environmental concerns. She supports Option 2 and would like to keep the green space.

Student
Ambassadors
Report #436

Claire Fleming absent:
Kevin Doherty reported:

- Congratulations to the Boys Cross Country team for being first in State – they also came in third at Nationals.
- The boys basketball team is off to a great start.
- The play Snow White was a great success.
- Spring musical try-outs were held.
- NNHS won the Cross Town Mock Trial.
- Finals start tomorrow and the students are looking forward to winter break.

Written
Communication
#437

Freedom of Information Requests:

1. Mike Maggio request for contractor payroll information.
2. Josh Stockinger request for sex offender access agreements.

Superintendent/
Staff/School
Reports
#438

Diversity Report

Kitty Ryan introduced members of the Diversity Committee, Deana McAllister, Alice Parrott, Jim Caudill, Ravi Hansra-Matrenec and Dilara Sayeed. They gave a brief synopsis of the work of the committee including the employment strand. They are seeking diverse applicants through attendance and participation in job fairs, advertising in "Teachers of Color" magazine, attendance at the Multi-Cultural Fair held in District 204, and by seeking diverse student teachers. A Diversity Newsletter is sent out three times a year to all employees to provide information. Emails are sent out explaining various religious holidays throughout the year as they come up. Social emotional

needs of the students are also being addressed with high school students mentoring youth at the junior high level. The committee is studying the book Every Day Anti Racism, edited by Mica Pollock, which offers a plan of action for what teachers can do in their classrooms to build culturally competent staff and students. The concepts discussed at the committee level will be shared with the principals in order to facilitate discussions in the schools. Board members complimented the committee members for their work in educating the District community.

School Improvement Plans and Executive Summaries

Jodi Wirt noted that two documents were provided to the Board for each school, the Executive Summary from last year and the School Improvement Plans for this year which are guided by the work from last year. Staff members are working to combine the two forms into a single document. The documents become a part of the principal evaluation system.

Facilities Update

Mr. Williams noted that an RFP for e-rate funding to provide fiber to the junior high schools is out and will be presented to the Board for approval at the January 27 Board of Education Meeting.

Mr. Weaver reported on the following facilities projects:

Mill Street – bids for phase 3 are on the agenda this evening for approval. The bids came in \$128,000 below budget. Brick layers are getting ready to begin. Mill Street will be closed to District staff over winter break.

NNHS – since winter has set in, we will wait for nicer weather to complete the turf project but still be on target to finish before graduation in spring. Mr. Weaver might present a CM selection for the asphalt and pool projects at the next Board meeting.

NCHS – the first step of moving the mobiles from the back of the school to the Aurora Street side will take place over winter break.

The IHC Contract is also in the packet this evening for approval.

A comment was passed on from a Mill Street teacher that things were going very well at Mill Street – the workers have been very friendly and staff and students are coping nicely.

President's
Report
#439

None

Board of
Education
Reports
#440

Mrs. Romberg thanked the community for all the business partnerships noting in particular the recent Mock Trial that the law firm Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP took part in.

Consent

The following items were presented on the Consent Agenda:

Agenda
#441

1. Bills and Claims from Warrant #333185 through Warrant # 333825 totaling \$5,894,244.71 for the period of November 17, 2008 through December 15, 2008.
2. Treasurer's Statement for October 2008
3. The Board received information on investments October, 2008
4. The December 2008 Insurance report were given to the Board.
5. The monthly budget report October, 2008.
6. Minutes: Business Meeting 11/17/08 and 12/01/08
7. Personnel December, 2008

Revised Contract For Certified Staff Members

Naperville Central High School

Danielle Janisch, Art, Revised from 40% to 60% for the period of January 5, 2009 through May 29, 2009

Extension Of Contract For Certified Staff Members

Administration Center

Deborah Cota, District Mentor Coordinator 50% January 5, 2009 through May 29, 2009

Requests For Leaves Of Absence For Certified Staff Members

Lincoln Junior High School

Tamara Burke, Mathematics/Social Science, September 25, 2008 through May 29, 2009

Retirement Of Educational Support Personnel

Technology

Renee McIntyre, Support Analyst, December 3, 2008

Transportation

Jon Batdorf, Bus Driver, January 9, 2009

Resignation Of Educational Support Personnel

Madison Junior High School

Elissa Cooper, LRC Assistant, December 19, 2008

Naperville North High School

Scott Buresh, Special Education Assistant, December 19, 2008

Employment Of Educational Support Personnel

Elmwood Elementary School

Sal Rexhepi, Custodian, November 21, 2008

Michelle Trepanier, Early Childhood Special Education Assistant, December 8, 2008

8. Student Discipline as discussed in Closed Session
9. Additional Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip
10. Mill Street Bid Release No. 3
11. Student Residency as discussed in Closed Session

Jaensch moved approval of Bills and Claims from Warrant # 333185 through Warrant # 333825 totaling \$5,894,244.71 for the period of November 17, 2008 December 15, 2008 and all other items on the Consent Agenda items 1 through 11 including numbers 8 and 9 as amended in Closed Session. Crotty seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Romberg, Price, Fielden, Shipley, Reschke, Jaensch and Crotty. No: None. The motion carried.

Discussion
With Action: #

1. Resolution No. 0812-01, Adoption of 2008 Levy
Reschke moved approval of Resolution No. 0812-01, Adoption of 2008 Levy

as presented. Shipley seconded the motion. A comment was made that there is a letter from the Financial Advisors Committee in the packet that supports the recommendation. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Romberg, Price, Fielden, Shipley, Reschke, Jaensch and Crotty. No: None. The motion carried.

2. 403 B. Contract

Shipley made a motion to approve the 403 B Contract as presented. Crotty seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Romberg, Price, Fielden, Shipley, Reschke, Jaensch and Crotty. No: None. The motion carried.

3. IHC Contract

Mr. Fielden thanked Mr. Weaver and Mr. Williams for their diligence getting answers to questions to clarify items in the contract. Fielden made a motion to approve the IHC contract as presented. Crotty seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Romberg, Price, Fielden, Shipley, Reschke, Jaensch and Crotty. No: None. The motion carried.

4. Garden Plots

Dr. Leis commented that there has been much input on this topic. Board members commented that the School District and the Park District have looked at many options and worked closely together to provide the solution that is the best for the most people within the community. Board members voiced their opinions on the different options. It was clarified that the District is willing to contribute up to \$500 K from its facilities referendum for field development. Jaensch made a motion to recommend Option 1 as the preferred choice for the District with Option 1A as a second choice. Shipley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Romberg, Price, Fielden, Shipley, Reschke, Jaensch and Crotty. No: None. The motion carried.

Discussion
Without Action
#443

None

Old Business
#444

None

New Business
#445

None

Upcoming
Events
#446

Mrs. Price noted that winter break begins at the end of the school day on Friday. She wished everyone a safe and wonderful holiday with their family and friends.

Dr. Leis noted that Board members are invited to the Administrative Center holiday luncheon to be held on Friday at noon. He also noted that the Park District is hosting the Intergovernmental Dinner on June 3, 2009.

Adjournment
#447

Reschke moved to adjourn to the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Shipley seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. Those voting yes were: Crotty, Price, Fielden, Reschke, Shipley, Jaensch and Romberg. No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved

January 27, 2009

Suzyn Price, President
Board of Education

Ann N. Bell, Secretary
Board of Education