

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  
JANUARY 5, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

- Call to Order President Suzyn Price called the meeting to order at 6:30 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; Dave Zager, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, for the Personnel, Negotiations and Litigation discussions; Craig von Behren, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, for the Personnel and Negotiations discussions.
- Closed Session Shipley moved, seconded by Reschke to go into Closed Session at 6:30 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. Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
- 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 Romberg moved, seconded by Crotty to return to Open Session at 7:20 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 Ambassador Present:  
Kevin Doherty, NNHS  
Student Ambassador Absent:  
Claire Fleming, NCHS
- Action by Consent
- 1. Date Change – Board of Education Business Meeting from January 20, 2009 to January 27, 2009.
  - 2. Construction Manager for NNHS
- Shipley moved seconded by Crotty 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.
- Agenda Items
- 1. High School Program
    - 1a. Mission Survey Results
    - 1b. Board Policies Related to High School Instruction
    - 1c. Discussion of High School Program

Staff members from both high schools were invited to take part in an open discussion regarding the high school program – where it is and where it is going. High school staff in attendance were: Bill Wiesbrook, Marc O’Shea, Jennifer Baumgartner, Jackie Pfeiffer, Mike Bochenski, Karen Lemanski, Katherine Seguino, Tim Wierenga, Andy McWhirter, Tom Luthy, Jay Wachtel and Ross Truemper.

Dr. Leis noted that several items were given to the Board to read ahead as background information for the discussion. Some of the topics that were discussed were planning time and using time in different ways/restructuring what the school day looks like in terms of time, the stress level rising as programs are added and not taken away, weighted classes, elective classes and how and where we are sending students to college. Technology, its integration and ability to make life easier for teachers was also discussed.

Public Comment

David Shaftman noted that the District should ultimately strive to expose students to a multiple of different interest areas, thus producing students who have diverse interests and are, above all, able to think.

As a follow-up to the high school discussion, Dr. Leis asked the Board what they thought went well and what they would change. Board members agreed that the read-ahead materials and prep work were worthwhile. They felt the size was good; any more people would be too large. They requested that the seating be changed with Board members interspersed among the educators and possibly name cards provided. It was noted that there is a great synergy between the two high schools and that they compete in healthy ways. The February Work Session will be devoted to a similar discussion involving the junior high schools. Elementary and high school representatives will be invited to attend.

2. Committee Recommendations – 2009 – 2010 Calendar

Dr. Raczkiwicz explained some minor changes recommended by the calendar committee (comprised of administrators, teachers and parents) for the 2009 – 2010 school calendar that has been posted on the District website for several months. The recommended calendar proposes that classes begin August 19, 2009 and end May 27, 2010. The Board will vote to approve the 2009 – 2010 Calendar at its January 27 Business Meeting.

Dr. Raczkiwicz also noted the difference between two calendars that the Calendar Committee worked on for the 2010 – 2011 school year. One follows a similar timeline as the calendar for the past two years. The other calendar begins a week later and ends a week and a half later in June. The Board will discuss which calendar they will potentially recommend at the January 27 meeting. It will be posted in draft form on the website, but the Board will not formally adopt it until next year.

There was a discussion about the decision for snow days and the potential to consider a late start time as opposed to closing school.

Public Comments      There were no more comments.

Adjournment            Reschke moved, seconded by Shipley to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. A voice vote was taken. Those voting yes: Fielden, Jaensch, Reschke, Romberg, Crotty, Price and Shipley. No: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved                January 27, 2009

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Suzyn Price, President  
Board of Education

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Ann N. Bell, Secretary  
Board of Education