

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
MARCH 2, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order President Suzyn Price called the meeting to order at 6:18 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 and Melanie Raczkiewicz, Associate Superintendent for Operations.

Closed Session Crotty moved, seconded by Romberg to go into Closed Session at 6:15 p.m. for the 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)

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 Shipley to return to Open Session at 7:12 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

Public Comment Laura Hester, a Lincoln parent, noted that she is not at ease with the known safety plans in place at Lincoln in the light of the student who recently transferred from Gregory Middle School. Dr. Leis will respond with phone calls to any parents who are present and would like to personally talk to him.

Discussion With Action NNHS Site Work and Pool
Mr. Weaver explained that these bids are for the NNHS pool and site work, all trades plus alternates.
Crotty moved seconded by Fielden to approve the Bids for NNHS Site Work and Pool plus alternates. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Jaensch, Romberg, Price, Crotty, Fielden, Shipley and Reschke.

Agenda Items 1. Superintendent's Updates
Facilities
Ralph Weaver noted that he is working on the bid packets for the ECC. The alternates that are included will shape the bids that are returned. Dr.

Leis noted that the three biggest alternate items are:

- Floor heating in the classrooms since the children are little and will be sitting on the floor
- Finishing off two extra classrooms since it is more cost efficient while the rest of the structure is being built.
- Rain gardens, roof garden and smog eating pavement

The photovoltaic lighting in the parking lot can be added at a later date with some additional cost.

Garden Plot Discussion

Dr. Leis reported on a recent Garden Plot meeting he attended. The City Council requested that the Park District and District 203 engage in a traffic study on West Street by the Garden Plot area before a decision is reached. The estimated cost for the traffic study is between \$4,000 - \$8,000.

2. Discipline Policy Discussion

Dr. Leis began the discussion by explaining that annually a Committee, comprised of staff, parents, students and two Board of Education members, convenes to review the Student Discipline Policy, No. 7.120, and recommend any changes or updates to it. Tonight, prior to that meeting, a range of staff with different jobs and responsibilities who actually live the policy on a daily basis have been brought together for discussion, input and feedback.

The increased use of electronic devices, including cell phones, IPODS, laptops, etc. was discussed. The proper use of these electronics needs to be determined and enforced. There was a lengthy discussion around expulsions, what leads up to them, and the need for more alternatives in lieu of expulsion. The issue of digression and the implementation of zero tolerance with regard to infractions were discussed. There is a rise in expulsions at the junior high level, and a need to explore alternative options for these students. The discipline policy should be applied consistently across all junior high schools. Board members and administrators agree that it is an agonizing decision to expel a student from school.

Mrs. Price thanked all in attendance for their participation and input.

Adjournment

Reschke moved, seconded by Crotty to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. A voice vote was taken. Those voting yes: Fielden, Jaensch, Reschke, Romberg, Crotty, Price and Shipley. No: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved

March 16, 2009

Suzyn Price, President
Board of Education

Ann N. Bell, Secretary
Board of Education