

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
MAY 4, 2009 AT 5:00 P.M.

- Call to Order President Suzyn Price called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. Board members present: Suzyn Price, Dean Reschke, Debbie Shipley, Mike Jaensch, Jackie Romberg and Susan Crotty. Absent Terry Fielden
- Gifted Program Discussion Dr. Bertie Kingore
Kathy Klees introduced Dr. Bertie Kingore, guest speaker on the topic of Gifted Education. Dr. Kingore noted that she had enjoyed spending the day with the District 203 teachers and she reviewed the targets for the discussion:
- To develop a common understanding of "gifted".
 - To develop an understanding of the latest research/newest thinking that supports meeting the needs of gifted students.
 - To develop an understanding of "best practices" in meeting the needs of gifted students.
- She noted that all children deserve to learn at their highest level. Gifted children do not always stand apart as wonderful. She reviewed some of the differences between the high achieving child, the gifted child and the creative thinking child. She mentioned several publications as references for further research. With regard to best practices, she explained that cluster grouping worked well. Typically, 4 – 6 gifted children are in a regular classroom. That way they have intellectual peers as well as age peers. Training the teacher in an integral part of making this work as well as having curriculum and materials that exceed grade-level available. In response to a Board question about homework, Dr. Kingore responded that if homework is given, it is best to give differentiated homework.
- Public Comment None
- Adjournment Crotty moved, seconded by Reschke to adjourn to Closed Session 6:03 p.m. p.m. A voice vote was taken. Those voting yes: Jaensch, Reschke, Romberg, Crotty, Price and Shipley. No: none. Motion carried unanimously.
- Approved May 18, 2009

Suzyn Price, President
Board of Education

Ann N. Bell, Secretary
Board of Education