

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
MARCH 1, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.

- Call to Order President Mike Jaensch called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Board members present: Suzyn Price, Mike Jaensch, Dave Weeks, Jim Dennison, Susan Crotty, Terry Fielden, and Jackie Romberg.
- Administrators present were: Mark Mitrovich, Superintendent of Schools; Melanie Raczkiwicz, Associate Superintendent for Operations; Dave Zager, Assistant Superintendent for Finance; Carol Hetman, Chief Human Resources Officer; Dick Howard, Interim Human Resources Director. Also present was Robb Cooper, Ottosen, Britz, Kelly, Cooper, & Gilbert, LTD.
- Closed Session Fielden moved, seconded by Crotty to go into Closed Session at 5:05 p.m. for consideration of:
1. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
 2. Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
 3. Student Discipline. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)
- Open Session Weeks moved, seconded by Fielden to return to Open Session at 7:05 p.m. A voice vote was taken. Those voting Yes: Crotty, Romberg, Jaensch, Dennison, Weeks, Fielden and Price. No: None. The motion carried unanimously.
- Roll Call Board Members present were: Susan Crotty, Suzyn Price, Jackie Romberg, Mike Jaensch, Dave Weeks, Jim Dennison and Terry Fielden
- Administrators present: Mark Mitrovich, Superintendent of Schools; Melanie Raczkiwicz, Associate Superintendent for Operations; Kitty Ryan, Assistant Superintendent for School Services and Programs; Tim Wierenga, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction; Kathy Klees, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Staff Development; Dave Zager, Assistant Superintendent for Finance; Dave Chiszar, Director of Assessment; Nina Menis, Director of Community Relations; Carol Hetman, Chief Human Resources Officer; Rich Fiore, Director of IT Infrastructure; and Ralph Weaver, Director of Facilities & Construction.
- Student Ambassadors Absent: Sam Lai, NNHS and Brendan Montgomery, NCHS
- Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Jaensch led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Public Comments Dave Schwartz, representing Midco Company, submitted a bid for the NCHS Surveillance and Security System. He noted that he is a taxpayer and since we are in hard financial times, he was perplexed that there was no follow up as to why his bid was not questioned since it was lower than the bid that was being

recommended.

Mike Sugrue, representing Gibson Electric Company, submitted a bid for the NCHS Structured Connectivity, however, his company was not recommended for the award of the bid. He noted the company's worldwide credentials and urged the Board to do the right thing and award the bid to the lowest bidder.

Mike Crossett, spoke of support for a plan to reduce the class sizes at Mill Street Elementary. He noted that Mill Street is overcrowded in comparison with the other elementary schools in the District, and that Elmwood will have room with the opening of the ECC. He urged the Board to vote yes to change Mill Street's boundaries.

John Tarantino fully supported lowering the class sizes at Mill Street and creating parity in the schools. The School Board has an obligation to provide educational opportunities for all students and this is a serious issue that is fixable.

Jeff Anderson declined his turn to speak when his name was called.

Andrew Glassford, an Elmwood parent, supported the situation stating that he would welcome the Mill Street students if the Board approves the boundary changes. He requested that another section be added at Elmwood to accommodate the students coming from Mill Street to keep the class sizes from reaching 30 students.

Marianne Arovelli Savan declined her turn to speak when her name was called.

Gabrielle Gallerano, a Mill Street parent, noted that her child will not be affected by the move, but many of her friends will be leaving. She is in favor of finding a way to lower class sizes, but wants to keep the solid base of a supportive neighborhood community intact. She urged the Board to keep this in mind as they decide how to lower class size.

Steve Keeley declined his turn to speak when his name was called.

Sandra Staggs declined her turn to speak when her turn was called.

Mark Ailsworth, is an Aurora resident whose daughter attends Mill Street and will be affected by the move. He presented a petition opposing the reassignment of students to Elmwood that was signed by multiple students and parents. He noted that if the reassignment had to take place, then he was in favor of opening a new section of students at Elmwood to avoid large class sized there.

Janice Anderson spoke with regard to teacher's contract negotiations. She noted that it is not appropriate to discuss raises in this economic climate. She suggested a freeze for two years in order to save jobs for the teachers, and urged the Board to consider a two year contract.

J. Sprovier, representing the Tea Party Patriots, suggested that a freeze for two

years would be an excellent idea. He noted that we need to watch what we spend how we spend it and get rid of the entitlement attitude.

Robert Bava noted that he heard the comments about the reassignment of students from Mill Street. He presented the Board with multiple letters signed by families in favor of lowering class sizes at Mill Street Elementary.

Superintendent/
Staff/School
Reports

Dual Language Program

Kathy Klees and Catherine Cohoon gave an overview of the Dual Language Program. There are two schools in our District that currently have the program in place. The students in the program at Beebe Elementary live within Beebe's attendance area. Maplebrook houses the magnet site for students throughout the rest of the District. The target is to balance the gender and have 14 dominant English speaking students and 14 dominant Spanish speaking students in each class. Currently there is a waiting list for English speaking students to join the program. In addition to academic success, there has been positive feedback about the cross cultural friendships that have been formed. No students have left the program because of dissatisfaction. For some students the program is an intervention and they are making academic progress that they might not have accomplished in a regular classroom. For other students the program is a form of enrichment. The program costs were reviewed as well as future staffing projections and their costs. The recommendation for 2010 – 2011 is to continue the programs at both elementary schools and possibly expand the program to Mill Street as a home school attendance site starting with kindergarten. Also the middle school site and the course offerings need to be finalized.

Mrs. Klees noted that the implementation of a Mandarin dual language program is no longer recommended. The magnitude of staff commitment and resources exceeds the initial projections. Resources in Mandarin and elementary certified teachers with the ESL/Bilingual Mandarin approval with sufficient proficiency in English and Chinese will be difficult to locate.

2010 – 2011 Elementary Art, Music, and PE Staffing Allocations

Kitty Ryan noted that this year the District is trying a unique staffing model with success, however, in order to provide equity across the District, different options are being worked through. To maintain the integrity of the AMPE program, staffing will be aligned with enrollment and the number of sections at each school. Teachers may have to move from school to school. Schedules will be carefully crafted to support the education of the students and be respectful of the teachers time.

Consent
Agenda

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Student Discipline as Discussed in Closed Session

Crotty made a motion to approve the student discipline as discussed in Closed Session. Price seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. Those voting yes were: Crotty, Price, Dennison, Jaensch, Fielden, Weeks and Romberg. No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion
With Action:

1. Bid release #6
2. Structured Connectivity System Bid

Ralph explained the remainder of the items from bid release #6 to be voted on. The bid/selection process was reviewed. Price made a motion to approve both Bid Release #6 and the Structured Connectivity System bid as presented. Fielden seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. Those voting yes were: Crotty, Price, Dennison, Jaensch, Fielden, Weeks and Romberg. No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Elementary Neighborhood Reassignment
Without Action Kitty Ryan and Melanie Raczkiewicz explained that in order to ease the overcrowding at Mill Street Elementary, the Board of Education is considering the reassignment of some neighborhoods. They outlined the areas under consideration that include part of the Wil-o-Way subdivision, and a portion of the Jefferson Estates. Kindergarten through third grade students residing in these areas would be reassigned to Elmwood Elementary. Parents of current fourth and fifth grade students at Mill Street and their siblings would be given the option to stay at Mill Street. The Early Childhood program will be moving out of Elmwood when the Ann Reid Early Childhood Center is completed in late July. Wil-o-Way and Jefferson Estates were chosen because they are contiguous to Elmwood. The number of students affected could be as few as 42 or as many as 83 depending on the decisions made by parents. Families who have the option to transfer will be asked to make that decision by April 9. Students who are assigned to Elmwood would matriculate to Lincoln Junior High and Naperville Central High School, representing a feeder school change.

A similar plan is proposed for two small groups of students attending Elmwood Elementary who may be reassigned to either Maplebrook or Kingsley which are within walking distance to their homes.

Superintendent Mitrovich noted that a professional demographer will be brought in to do a comprehensive study of the entire District for long range facility usage planning.

Board member questions were answered. The Board will vote on the boundary reassignment issue at the March 15 Business Meeting.

Old Business None

New Business Mrs. Crotty noted that the schedules for final exams for this year at both high schools are being changed to accommodate the construction at NCHS. The one year alternate schedule allows for one exam on the last day of school in order that teachers and students have time to exit the building before the summer construction begins that afternoon. Students will be allowed to work with teachers to reschedule an exam if three exams fall on one of the other days. Review periods will be built into class time the week before exams.

Upcoming Events The next Business Meeting will be on March 15, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at the Administrative Center

Adjournment Price moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Dennison seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. Those voting yes were: Crotty, Price, Dennison, Jaensch, Fielden, Weeks and Romberg. No: None. The motion

carried unanimously.

Approved

March 15, 2010

Mike Jaensch, President
Board of Education

Ann N. Bell, Secretary
Board of Education