

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
JANUARY 27, 2009 AT 7:30 P.M.

Call to Order President Suzyn Price called the meeting to order at 6:15 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 Raczkiewicz, 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 #448 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. 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)
4. 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 #449 Shipley moved, seconded by Crotty to return to Open Session at 7:30 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 #450 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 Raczkiewicz, 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

Student Ambassador absent:

Claire Fleming, NCHS

Pledge of Allegiance Tony Valenza, Assistant Principal of River Woods Elementary School, introduced the following students who lead the Pledge of Allegiance: Elizabeth

#451 Mander, Kevin Chan, Keremy Ng, Nora Lullo, Jackie Jeske, Julie Jeske, Adam Neustadt, Christopher Schutt, Caitlin Guccione, Michael Furukawa and Nora Ramey.

Recognition
#452 National Board Certified Teachers
National Board Certified Teachers, or NBCTs, are highly accomplished educators who meet challenging and rigorous standards through intensive study, expert evaluation, self-assessment and peer review.
In 2008, Naperville District 203 ranked 5th in the state of Illinois for the total number of National Board Certified Teachers.
Board members announced the names of the 13 new NBCTs to make a total of 66 NBCTs in District 203. They came up to receive certificates and pins from Dr. Leis.

DJ Alstadt,	Naperville Central Music
Matthew Dethrow,	Meadow Glens Music
Nick DiGiovanni,	Naperville Central Science
Kevin Farrell,	Naperville North Science
Naseem Ghouse,	Meadow Glens Literacy-Reading/Language Arts
Yvonne John,	Naperville North Science
Michael McManis,	Kennedy Music
Christine Morrissey,	Naperville Central Science
Maureen Nolan,	Steeple Run Generalist
Kim Schatz,	Jefferson English-Language Arts
Clare Severson,	Naperville North Exceptional Needs Specialist
Patricia Sniadecki,	Jefferson English-Language Arts
Maureen Wunderlich,	Naperville North World Language

NCHS Pacemaker Award

The Central Times, Naperville Central's student newspaper, has been awarded the National Pacemaker Award by the National Scholastic Press Association for the 2007 - 2008 issues. This is the fifth consecutive year that the paper has won the award and the tenth time overall. Judging criteria included coverage and content; writing and editing; photo, art, and graphics; layout and design and editorial leadership.

The Board recognized the students who are the current staff of *The Central Times* and sponsor Keith Carlson. Four of the following students who were present came forward to receive certificates and recognition from Dr. Leis and Mr. Wiesbrook:

Casey Berner, Jake Bumpus, Alicia Ciambrone, Alex Higgins, Juju Kim, Priscilla Liu, David Mallett, Amanda Mendoza, Rachel Oswalt, Meghna Rao, Ashvin Reddy, Lauren Reyes, Nick Schlund, Nicole Stawiarski, Kate Sternecky, Amanda Szczsponik, Tolu Taiwo, Emily Van Etten, Erik Wang, Anne Wei, Laura Windes, Grace Wong, Susan Zacharia

Public
Comments
#453 Warren Gill, in the interest of safety, urged the Board to consider reopening the site consideration process for athletic fields at NCHS and include a traffic study.

David Shaftman expressed compliments and best wishes to all four Board of Education members whose terms are up in April.

Student
Ambassadors
Report #454

Claire Fleming absent.

Kevin Doherty reported:

- Cheerleading and Pom teams finished in second place.
- Orchestris performed Saturday night
- The senior variety show is Wednesday afternoon
- Special Olympics team is doing well
- Speech team competed this afternoon

Written
Communication
#455

Freedom of Information Requests:

1. Doris Acevedo request for contractor information.
2. Dale Mosley, Illinois Department of Labor, request for contractor information.
3. Robert Wesselhoff, Illinois Department of Labor, request for contractor information.

Superintendent/
Staff/School
Reports
#456

A. Elmwood Elementary Students Setting Goals

Kelly Talaga, Instructional Support Coordinator at Elmwood Elementary School, began Elmwood's report on students as self-directed learners by introducing first grade teacher, Nate Bornancin, fifth grade teacher, Jamie Pignatelli, and fifth grade teacher Allison Benning. They demonstrated how the students are taking responsibility for their own learning by interviewing students from 1st grade, band, 5th grade and participants in the Study Skills Academy. First grade students set goals and tracked their progress around how much time they would spend independently reading. Band students evaluated their practice time; what went well and what they could improve on. Fifth grade students evaluated a project they had done, reflecting on the quality of their work and what they could improve on. Fifth graders also reflected weekly on their overall strengths and areas of improvement across all their areas of study. The Study Skills Academy participants graphed their progress related to reading fluency on a daily basis.

Board members complimented the teachers for their work and thanked the students for participating.

B. Enrollment Projections

Dr. Raczkiewicz explained that the demographic projections are holding true to our enrollment figures. Next year there is expected to be a 2.5% decrease in enrollment overall – mostly at the elementary level - which could potentially result in a reduction in elementary teachers.

C. Facilities Update – Prototypical Classroom

Mr. Williams noted that within the next 4 – 5 weeks, a general education prototypical classroom is being set up in the LRC at NCHS to try out some new movable furniture and get staff reaction.

D. E-Rate Contract

Mr. Williams reported that two E-Rate Contracts will be awarded. The first to

hire a different provider than the contractor hired last year to bring fiber to the junior high schools. This would be only in the event that the first contractor does not finish the work. The second contract would be to provide fiber to the elementary schools. The contracts will be awarded before the February 17, 2009 Business Meeting, but submitted to the Board at that meeting.

President's
Report
#457

Mrs. Price noted that after interviewing candidates for the Superintendent's position and Board members making a site visit, the Board will hold a Special Meeting on Monday, February 02, 2009, 7:00 p.m. to make the announcement of who the new superintendent will be beginning July 1, 2009.

Board of
Education
Reports
#458

Mrs. Shipley congratulated parent volunteer Jane Wernette and Kitty Murphy on a very successful Parent University last weekend.

A reminder of the upcoming Madison Junior High School 30th Anniversary Celebration on Monday, February 2, 2009, 1:30 p.m. followed by a reception for Phil Lawler at 3:15 p.m.

Consent
Agenda
#459

The following items were presented on the Consent Agenda:

1. Bills and Claims from Warrant #333826 through Warrant # 334495 totaling \$22,462,304.68 for the period of December 16, 2008 through January 27, 2009.
2. Treasurer's Statement for November 2008
3. The Board received information on investments November, 2008
4. The December 2008 Insurance report was given to the Board.
5. The monthly budget report November, 2008.
6. Minutes: Business Meeting 12/15/08 and 1/5/09
7. Personnel January, 2009

Retirement Of Administrators

Naperville North High School

Ross Truemper, Principal, June 30, 2009

Retirement Of Certified Staff Members

Kingsley Elementary School

Karen Bluhm, Fifth Grade, February 13, 2009

Meadow Glens Elementary School

Cheryl Williams, Fifth Grade, June 3, 2009

Dianne Pray, Special Education Resource, June 3, 2009

Prairie Elementary School

Pauline Benton, Reading Specialist, June 3, 2009

Madison Junior High School

Clement Brown III, Social Science, June 3, 2009, Language Arts

Jefferson Junior High School

Karen Doughty, General Science/Social Science, June 3, 2009

Washington Junior High School

Helen Blinder, LRC Director, June 3, 2009

Naperville Central High School

James Innocenti, Mathematics, June 3, 2009

Resignation Of Certified Staff Members

Beebe and Maplebrook Elementary Schools

Marilyn Riesenfeld, Elementary Bilingual, January 16, 2009

Employment Of Certified Staff Members

Naperville North High School

Jessica Thomas, Biology, January 5, 2009 through June 3, 2009

Revised Contract For Certified Staff Members

Ellsworth Elementary School

Patricia Allison, Second Grade, Revised from August 15, 2008 through December 19, 2008 to August 15, 2008 through March 2, 2009

Naperville Central High School

Grace Twietmeyer, Mathematics, Revised from 40% to 60% for the period of January 5, 2009 through June 3, 2009

Requests For Leaves Of Absence For Certified Staff Members

Highlands Elementary School

Beth Ebervein, First Grade, January 5, 2009 through January 16, 2009

Requests To Extend Leaves Of Absence For Certified Staff Members

Madison Junior High School

Tracy Jeffrey, LRC Director, January 5, 2009 through June 3, 2009

Naperville North High School

Susan Hubbard, Special Education Coordinator 50%, 2009/10 School Year

Termination Of Education Support Personnel

Naperville Central High School

Michael Downen, Groundskeeper, January 27, 2009

Retirement Of Educational Support Personnel

Naper Elementary School

Nancy Miller, Special Education Assistant, December 19, 2008

Transportation

Ronald McTizic, Bus Driver, January 5, 2009

Resignation Of Educational Support Personnel

River Woods Elementary School

Kerry Burrell, Special Education Assistant, January 23, 2009

Naperville Central High School

Brendan Murphy, Special Education Assistant, January 1, 2009

Employment Of Educational Support Personnel

Elmwood Elementary School

Susan Pope, Early Childhood Secretary, December 15, 2008

Maplebrook Elementary School

Maria Manosalvas, Special Education Assistant, January 5, 2009

Naper Elementary School

Joann Kimak, Special Education Assistant, January 5, 2009

Kennedy Junior High School

Besnik Rexhepi, Custodian, January 15, 2009

Naperville Central High School

Phillip Allen, Special Education Assistant, January 20, 2009

Transportation

James Loos, Utility Technician, January 7, 2009

Administration Center

Andrea Pevitz, Community Relations Secretary, January 22, 2009

Requests To Extend Leaves Of Absence For Educational Support Personnel

Kennedy Junior High School

Lonna Richard, Custodian, Extend to April 1, 2009

Revision Of Retirement For Certified Staff Members

Kingsley Elementary School

Karen Bluhm, Fifth Grade, Revised from February, 13, 2009 to February 18,

2009

Request for Leave of Absence for Educational Support Personnel

Transportation

Lindon McCullum, Bus Driver, Mid-day January 21, 2009 through July 26, 2009

8. Musical Instrument Bid
9. Student Discipline as discussed in Closed Session
10. Analyst Firm Contract Renewal - Gartner
11. High School Class Rings, Caps, Gowns, Announcements
12. Additional Out-of –State/Overnight Field Trip

Fielden moved approval of Bills and Claims from Warrant # 333826 through Warrant # 334495 totaling \$22,462,304.68 for the period of December 16, 2008 January 27, 2009 and all other items on the Consent Agenda items 1 through 12 including the Personnel Agenda as amended in Closed Session. 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
With Action: #
460

2009 – 2010 School Calendar

Dr. Raczkiewicz reviewed the dates of the proposed 2009 – 2010 School Calendar.

Reschke made a motion to approve the 2009 – 2010 School Calendar as presented. Shipley seconded the motion.

Concern was expressed with regard to the calendar and the number of teaching days it provided. It was suggested that a Board member be included on the Calendar committee. It was also requested that the format of the calendar be reviewed to make room for the inclusion of more information.

A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Romberg, Price, Fielden, Shipley, Reschke. No: Jaensch and Crotty. The motion carried.

Summer School Proposal

Mrs. Wirt noted a change in dates for summer school due to the use of snow days this winter. She explained some of the new course offerings. There will not be technology camp. High School summer school will be held at Kennedy Junior High this summer due to construction at Central and North. ESY will be held at Madison.

Fielden made a motion to approve the Summer School and ESY Summer School Proposals as presented. 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.

2007 – 2008 Building Trades Home, 216 S. Whispering Hills Dr.

Dr. Raczkiewicz noted that this item would extend the contract with Ryan Hill Realty for another six months as well as provide for a reduction in price.

Reschke moved to approve the extension of the contract with Ryan Hill Realty and to set the price at \$729,000. 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 Textbook Adoptions and Course Revisions

Without Action #461 Mrs. Wirt noted that the Board will be asked to approve textbook adoptions for new and existing curriculum at the February 17, 2009 Business Meeting. She also noted, per Board Policy, some areas of the texts that might contain controversial topics. The suggested textbooks will be on display for the community to read at the Curriculum Office, Nichols Library and the Naper Blvd Library for the next 30 days. There will be comment forms available.

Old Business #462 None

New Business #463 None

Upcoming Events #464 Mrs. Menis noted that a Business Partnership is being formed with Whole Foods and on Wednesday, January 28, 5% of the total bill will be donated to the Naperville Education Foundation.

Adjournment #465 Reschke moved to adjourn to the meeting at 9:00 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 February 17, 2009

Suzyn Price, President
Board of Education

Ann N. Bell, Secretary
Board of Education