

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
NOVEMBER 17, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M.

Call to Order President Suzyn Price called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members present: Susan Crotty, Suzyn Price, Jackie Romberg, Dean Reschke, Terry Fielden and Debra Shipley. Absent: Mike Jaensch.

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 discussion.

Closed Session #411 Reschke moved, seconded by Romberg to go into Closed Session at 6:30 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. Student Discipline 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)
3. 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 #412 Crotty moved, seconded by Shipley to return to Open Session at 7:32 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 #413 Board Members present were: Susan Crotty, Suzyn Price, Jackie Romberg, Terry Fielden, Dean Reschke and Debra Shipley. Absent: Mike Jaensch.

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:
Claire Fleming, NCHS
Kevin Doherty, NNHS

Pledge of Allegiance #414 Mary-Ann Porter, Principal of Prairie Elementary School, introduced the following students who lead the Pledge of Allegiance: Sahitya Padmanabhan, Eileen Paulson, Daniel Casey, John Paulson, Cameron Gericke, Amelia Gericke and Tommy Paulson.

Recognition #415 Mrs. Price congratulated Ron Gibson, Retired Associate Superintendent for Operations, on the dedication of Steeple Run in his honor. She read the

dedication resolution that the Board approved October 20, 2008. Mr. Gibson said a few words of thanks and introduced his wife. He particularly appreciated the fact that the late Gene Drendel was instrumental in initiating the award. Dr. Leis noted that the official dedication at Steeple Run Elementary will take place on Thursday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Good News

Three members of the PE department from Madison Junior High School gave a presentation regarding their Best Practices on physical movement and achievement at the National Middle School Association conference in Denver Colorado in late October. They are: John Scherrman (department coordinator), Tricia DeGraff, and Kathryn Lawler.

The Naperville North Robotics team finished second place in this year's Illinois Best robotics competition at Bartlett High School. The seven member team, coached by Kevin Farrell and Becky DiOrio competed against ten teams. The Goal of this year's competition was to assemble an airplane made out of Styrofoam and to mount it up on a magnetic hanger. The teams played three minute rounds trying to score points by pulling switches gathering plane pieces and assembling them. The top eight teams advanced to the semi finals where the teams each played three more rounds. The top four teams advanced to the finals where Naperville North finished second behind the powerhouse from Davison High School from Michigan. Congratulations to all who participated and to the parents who supported the robotics team.

Public
Comments
#416

Douglas Dallmer spoke in favor of Garden Plot Option 3 – Move one or more Naperville Central football teams and other teams off campus to District 203 or Park District sites and/or leased space.

Elaine Fisher urged the Board to consider the least expensive option to meet the needs of the students while preserving the garden plots. She suggested that the garden plots could be used as an opportunity for club activity or for students to provide food for the needy as a community service.

Albert Cain suggested that the School District consider using other Park District fields in Naperville that could easily be converted to athletic fields. He noted in particular Brush Hill Park off River Road.

John Polich suggested that the District conduct a comprehensive land use survey before making a decision in order to explore all long term consequences.

Student
Ambassadors
Report #417

Claire Fleming reported:

- Girls swimming and diving teams are going to sectionals.
- Students are collecting food for the food pantry for the holidays.
- Adaptive PE classes have been swimming with elementary students.

Kevin Doherty reported:

- Girls swimming season is almost over

- Baseball tryouts were just held
- The children's play Snow White will be performed.
- Disco Dance is upcoming
- Boys Cross Country won first in State and they are on their way to nationals.
- National Honor Society inductions were recently held
- Students from Kennwood High School in Hyde Park will spend time at NNHS and vice-versa.

Written
Communication
#418

Freedom of Information Requests:

1. Robert Lemke request for COBRA information.
2. Douglas Dallmer request for Community Engagement sign-in sheets.
3. Mike Maggio request for contractor payroll information.

Superintendent/
Staff/School
Reports
#419

NCHS Student Expectation Video

Jodi Wirt introduced Carrie McFadden and Bill Wiesbrook who described an idea that was implemented this fall at NCHS. A video was produced with the help of Eric Kaisling and Chris Hodge to help students learn respect and behavior expectations of the building by showing bad behavior vs. good behavior. Students watched three 15 minute videos followed by discussions with classroom teachers. This program seems to be having a positive effect on the climate of the school. The Board watched two clips from one of the videos.

President's
Report
#420

Mrs. Price noted that the Triple I Conference will take place this weekend. She thanked the Board for giving up their weekend to learn and grow as Board members.

Board of
Education
Reports
#421

Mrs. Shipley noted:

- The annual Mock Trial will be held on December 5 at the Municipal Center.
- Yuks for Youth will take place on March 20 and will feature dueling pianos.
- Dean Reschke and Debra Shipley will conduct an informational meeting for prospective Board of Education members on December 8, 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Center.
- She is a "Grandparent reader" for students in the Dual Language program and is learning Spanish words from the students she reads to.

Mrs. Crotty noted:

She observed the Dual Language program at Maplebrook and was very impressed by what she saw especially the students helping each other learn.

Consent
Agenda
#422

The following items were presented on the Consent Agenda:

1. Bills and Claims from Warrant #332335 through Warrant # 333184 totaling \$6,794,087.03 for the period of October 21, 2008 through November 15, 2008.
2. Treasurer's Statement for September, 2008
3. The Board received information on investments October, 2008
4. The November 2008 Insurance report were given to the Board.
5. The monthly budget report September, 2008.
6. Minutes: Business Meeting 10/20/2008, 11/3/2008

7. Personnel November, 2008

Resignation Of Certified Staff Members

Prairie Elementary School

Cindy Husar, Second Grade, January 1, 2009

Employment Of Full Time Certified Staff Members

Meadow Glens Elementary School

Kimberly Gustafson, Third Grade, November 7, 2008 through May 29, 2009

Requests For Full Time Leaves Of Absence For Certified Staff Members

Beebe Elementary School

Marisela Weir, Dual Language, February 6, 2009 through May 8, 2009

Elmwood Elementary School

Lynn Henz, Kindergarten February 26, 2009 through April 30, 2009

Meadow Glens Elementary School

Nicole Stevens, Third Grade, October 27, 2008 through May 29, 2009

Requests To Revise Leaves Of Absence For Certified Staff Members

Mill Street Elementary School

Meghan Cesarao, Speech and Language, Revise from September 13, 2009 through December 19, 2008 to September 13, 2008 through May 29, 2009

Retirement Of Educational Support Personnel

Jefferson Junior High School

Phyllis Virgo, Secretary to the Assistant Principal, December 31, 2008

Resignation Of Educational Support Personnel

Elmwood Elementary School

Rustem Shala, Custodian, November 10, 2008

Employment Of Education Support Personnel

Highlands Elementary School

Janine Dale, Special Education Assistant, November 10, 2008

Kingsley Elementary School

Meredith Harmon, Special Education Assistant, October 30, 2008

Naperville Central High School

Sue Ortlieb-Vignovich, Special Education Assistant, October 27, 2008

Buildings and Grounds

Geralyn Leclair, Secretary to Director of Facilities and Construction, October 29, 2008

David Wilkerson, Maintenance, November 3, 2008

Addendum to Personnel 11-17-08

Resignation Of Administrator

District Administrative Center

Melody Ellington, Director of Business and Support Services, December 5, 2008

Resignation Of Certified Staff

Kennedy Jr. High School

Denise Mordaunt*, Psychologist, May 29, 2008

*Denise Mordaunt applied for and was approved for a leave of absence for the 2008/09 school year

Resignation of Non-Certified Staff

Transportation

Kimberly Prusak, Bus Driver, October 8, 2008

8. High School Photography Contract

9. Listing Agreement Renewal 06 – 07 Building Trades Home

10. Resolution authorizing Medical Examination

Shipley moved approval of Bills and Claims from Warrant # 332335 through Warrant # 333184 totaling \$6,794,087.03 for the period of October 21, 2008 through November 15, 2008 and all other items on the Consent Agenda items 1 through 10 with the addition of the Personnel Addendum as discussed in Closed Session. Reschke seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Romberg, Price, Fielden, Shipley, Reschke and Crotty. No: None. The motion carried.

Discussion
With Action: #
423

1. New High School Course Proposals

Mrs. Wirt noted that she had not received any comments regarding the proposed new high school courses.

Crotty made a motion to approve the proposed additional high school courses. Fielden seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Romberg, Price, Fielden, Shipley, Reschke and Crotty. No: None. The motion carried.

2. Board Representative to IASB Delegate Assembly Meeting 11/22/08

Reschke made a motion to appoint Terry Fielden as the Board Representative to the IASB Delegate Assembly Meeting on November 22, 2008. Crotty seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Romberg, Price, Fielden, Shipley, Reschke and Crotty. No: None. The motion carried.

3. Board Position on IASB Resolutions

Mrs. Shipley explained that the District had proposed a resolution requiring all prospective Board members to undergo background checks similar to teachers and other employees of the school district. The resolutions committee did not support the District's resolution.

Crotty made a motion to support the IASB Resolution Committee recommendations on the 2008 proposed Resolutions with the exception of Resolution No. 1 under District Organization and Election, Background Checks for Board Members. Fielden seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Romberg, Price, Fielden, Shipley, Reschke and Crotty. No: None. The motion carried.

4. Abatement of 2008 Debt Service Levy

Mr. Zager explained that the resolution before the Board for approval would abate the interest expense to taxpayers for the bonds issued in April. The funds will come from the overall operating levy rather than an additional levy.

Reschke made a motion to approve Resolution No. 0811-02, Abatement of 2008 Debt Service Levy. Fielden seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Romberg, Price, Fielden, Shipley, Reschke and Crotty. No: None. The motion carried.

5. Resolution Determining Taxes to be Levied for 2008

Mr. Zager explained that the District will only levy taxes for 2008 so that the average taxpayer will see an increase consistent with CPI. The average taxpayer will see a 4.1% increase (versus the 4.3% increase projected with the referendum) Taking into consideration the additional new construction within District 203 boundaries, the total tax levy increase will be 5.4% (1.3% plus 4.1%) – yet the average taxpayer will only see an increase of 4.1%. The Board of Education has until March to make a final decision and may choose to levy a

lesser amount in light of the current economic situation. However, it must be noted that any change would impact the fund balance and the number of years the District can operate with a balanced budget.

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| Discussion
Without Action
#424 | Contract with IHC
Dr. Leis explained that minor changes were made to the contract. Pending legal review, the Board will vote to approve the contract at the Special Board Meeting on December 1. |
| Old Business
#425 | None |
| New Business
#426 | None |
| Upcoming
Events
#427 | Dr. Leis noted the Mock Trial on December 5, 9:00 a.m. at the Municipal Center. |
| Adjournment
#428 | Shipley moved to adjourn to the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Reschke seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. Those voting yes were: Crotty, Price, Fielden, Reschke, Shipley and Romberg. No: None. The motion carried unanimously. |
| Approved | December 15, 2008 |

Suzyn Price, President
Board of Education

Ann N. Bell, Secretary
Board of Education