

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, NAPERVILLE COMMUNITY
UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 203, DUPAGE AND WILL COUNTIES,
ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER ON
NOVEMBER 2, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

- Call to Order President Mike Jaensch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present: Dave Weeks, Jim Dennison, Jackie Romberg, Susan Crotty, Mike Jaensch and Terry Fielden. Absent: Suzyn Price.
- Administrators present were: Mark Mitrovich, Superintendent; Melanie Raczkiewicz, Associate Superintendent for Operations. Also present was Robb Cooper, Ottosen, Britz, Kelly, Cooper, & Gilbert, LTD.
- Closed Session Weeks moved, seconded by Dennison to go into Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. for the 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 representative. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).
- A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Dennison, Crotty, Romberg, Fielden, Jaensch and Weeks. No: none. Motion carried unanimously.
- Call to Order Dennison moved, seconded by Crotty to return to Open Session at 7:10 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Weeks, Crotty, Fielden, Romberg, Jaensch, and Dennison. No: none. The motion carried.
- Roll Call Board members present: Dave Weeks, Susan Crotty, Terry Fielden, Jackie Romberg, Jim Dennison, and Mike Jaensch. Absent: Suzyn Price.
- Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Jaensch led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Public Comment None
- Superintendent / Staff / School Reports Superintendent Mitrovich reported that District 203 is involved in the pursuit of a Global Trade and Technology (GT2) grant. About one year ago, District 203 contacted the school district Pasco Washington to discuss the potential of a cooperative venture. Visits to each other's districts were initiated. Last week, Mark Mitrovich, Aaron Lenaghan, Andy McWhirter, and Kathy Seguino traveled to Pasco. Pasco is unique in that it is a minority district in a majority town. While there, the team met with several district administrators as well as representatives from Washington State University about pursuing a joint grant to receive money from the Federal Government. The team from Pasco is planning to reciprocate by visiting Naperville. Our team was very encouraged by the visit and certainly warmly welcomed beyond any expectations.

Superintendent Mitrovich noted that he was invited to a meeting in Washington DC next week to meet with NASA regarding the NTED grant. NASA has expressed an interest in participating in the grant acquisition.

Dr. Ray Robinson, the original founder of the research is coming to Naperville the end of the month.

Superintendent Mitrovich noted that the NESPA reclassification study is underway. EMS reps held focus groups for NESPA last week. He shared material from EMS with each Board member that contains an overview of the scope of the process and how we move ahead.

In response to a recent request from the Board for updated information about the Document Services Center, Superintendent Mitrovich gave each Board member a copy of the Document Services Center Analysis. Board members were asked to review it for discussion at the November 16 Business meeting. Any questions should be directed to Dave Zager.

Regional
Superintendent of
DuPage County
Schools – Darlene
Ruscitti

Darlene Ruscitti, Regional Superintendent of DuPage County Schools, thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak to them. She spoke in support of public education and how it has held steadfast and accountable even in this economic climate. She explained that the Regional Office of Education (ROE) is a service organization to be of value to the districts in DuPage County. She noted several of their initiatives including a task force that has just been started to make recommendations and address the topic of bullying. She suggested that they might be looking for a Board member to join that task force. Looking toward the future, they are planning to begin an initiative to help stamp out obesity within DuPage County. She asked the Board to play a role in getting people to fill out the upcoming six question census survey. She noted that DuPage County is doing an excellent job of staying on top of H1N1 concerns.

Superintendent Mitrovich acknowledged the work done in his absence last Friday with the incident of the threatening note and consequent soft lock down at Naperville Central High School. He noted that many people stepped in, took over and professionally handled the situation.

ESY Summer
School Report

ESY Summer School Report

Kitty Murphy noted that the District is mandated by the State to provide an extended school year for special needs children. All students in the program have an IEP and are two to three years behind academically. This report is given to the Board annually. Mrs. Murphy noted that there has been a trend of increased enrollment for the last several years. The staffing level has been maintained. Last summer several college students were hired as assistants to both keep expenses down and give them some experience.

Delayed Start Time Discussion	<p>Delayed Start Time Discussion</p> <p>In response to a request by a Board member, the administration has been checking into delaying the start of school by two hours on days when the weather is inclement. The state will not allow a trial run on a day when the weather is nice. There are many scheduling challenges and ramifications in terms of programs affected. Board members discussed asking the city to plow neighborhood streets earlier, but it is felt that the city already has specific procedures in place for plowing. The administration will continue to work through the scheduling issues and bring the topic back to the Board.</p>
Action by Consent	<p>Personnel</p> <p>Fielden moved, seconded by Romberg to approve the Personnel agenda as discussed in Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Romberg, Dennison, Weeks, Jaensch, Crotty, and Fielden. The motion carried.</p>
Board Facilities Sub Committee	<p>Terry Fielden gave an overview of the bids to be voted on later in the meeting. He stated that there was some question about the quality of the casework for the science lab. Upon inspection of the sample provided, it was determined that it is an acceptable product within the guidelines. The Food Service Equipment bid is over the estimate but on budget due to District adjustments in scope which were not reflected in the budget. We will get everything we requested and it will all be new.</p> <p>Mr. Weaver showed slides of the progress at the Early Childhood Center. He noted that working overtime on Saturdays has helped the crew stay on the revised schedule.</p> <p>Mr. Weaver also showed slides of the new turf at NCHS. A few games have already been played. The track will have the final surface applied in spring for completion.</p> <p>Mr. Weaver noted that the asphalt will be completed this week. The weather delayed progress.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the school calendar in relation to the time needed this summer for work at NCHS. A lengthened summer this year and next would be optimal. Summer of 2010 is the biggest challenge due to the building being completely closed for the summer. IHC will provide timelines for their work which will help the District make a decision about the calendars. The bid packages for the renovation will go out in early January. The start and end date parameters need to be clearly defined in the bid packages.</p> <p>It was asked if NCHS could start their school year later w/remainder of district starting before that date. Our attorney discouraged doing it. It is riddled with problems, especially in the state reporting system.</p>
Bid Package No. 5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. South Addition Miscellaneous Steel 2. South Addition Interior Steel Studs and Drywall 3. Food Service Equipment 4. Science Lab Casework and Equipment

5. South Addition Elevator

Fielden made a motion to approve Bid Package No. 5 from 1 – 5 as presented. Dennison seconded the motion. Those voting yes: Fielden, Weeks, Romberg, Crotty, and Dennison. No: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment Crotty moved, seconded by Fielden to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. A voice vote was taken. Those voting yes: Fielden, Weeks, Romberg, Crotty, and Dennison. No: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved November 16, 2009

Mike Jaensch, President
Board of Education

Ann N. Bell, Secretary
Board of Education