

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
SEPTEMBER 20, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.

- Call to Order President Mike Jaensch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present: Mike Jaensch, Susan Crotty, Suzyn Price, Dave Weeks, Jackie Romberg, Jim Dennison and Terry Fielden.
- Administrators present were: Mark Mitrovich, Superintendent of Schools; Melanie Raczekiewicz, Associate Superintendent for Operations; Carol Hetman, Chief Human Resources Officer; and Dave Zager, Assistant Superintendent for Finance.
- Closed Session Dennison moved, seconded by Fielden to go into Closed Session at 6:02 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. 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 Dennison moved, seconded by Crotty to return to Open Session at 7:18 p.m. A voice vote was taken. Those voting Yes: Crotty, Fielden, Price, Dennison, Romberg, Jaensch and Weeks. No: None. The motion carried unanimously.
- Roll Call Board Members present were: Mike Jaensch, Susan Crotty, Suzyn Price, Dave Weeks, Jackie Romberg, Jim Dennison and Terry Fielden.
- Student Ambassador present:
Jake Karl, Naperville Central High School
Absent: Sam Lai, Naperville North High School
- Administrators present: Mark Mitrovich, Superintendent of Schools; Melanie Raczekiewicz, Chief Operating Officer; Kathy Duncan, Chief Academic Officer; Kitty Ryan, Assistant Superintendent for School Services and Programs; Kathy Klees, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Staff Development; Roger Brunelle, Chief Information Officer; David Zager, Chief Financial Officer; Kitty Murphy, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services and Special Education; Russ Fletcher, Interim Director of Communications; Carol Hetman, Chief Human Resources Officer; and Ralph Weaver, Director of Facilities & Construction.
- Pledge of Allegiance Robyn Rippel, Principal of River Woods Elementary, introduced the following students who led the Pledge of Allegiance: Skye Sparks (2nd Grade), Kyle Maloney (2nd grade), Kevin Maloney (5th grade), Erin Hendricks (3rd grade), Amir Wooten (1st grade).
- Recognition Illinois General Assembly Proclamation – Bill Seiple
State Representative Michael Connelly presented a resolution to Bill Seiple

from the Illinois General Assembly. The resolution honored Mr. Seiple for his contributions to the community and the positive influence he has had on the lives of many students on and off the ball field.

National Merit Semifinalists – 2011

Mr. Jaensch noted that more than 1.5 million juniors in some 22,000 high schools entered the 2011 National Merit Program by taking the 2010 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, which represents less than one percent of high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,200 Merit Scholarship awards, worth more than \$36 million, that will be offered next spring.

Mr. Wiesbrook, Principal, called the following students from Naperville Central High School up to receive certificates from Superintendent Mitrovich for being Semi-Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program: Brandon Chang, Laura Gallagher, Sarah Han, Lily Hanrath, Kevin Hu, Claire Jia, Kristin Johnson, Claire Lee, Krystle Leung, Rebecca Lullo, Allison Madonia, Nicole Russell, Thaddeus Schmitt, Sarvesh Somisetty, Isaac Swetlitz, Stephanie Tang, Charles Tschirhart, Dennis Zhan, Michael Zhao, Qianru Zhao, Jenny Zhou, Danielle Zhu.

Mr. Pobst, Principal, called the following students from Naperville North High School up to receive certificates from Superintendent Mitrovich for being Semi-Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program: Mihirtej Boddupalli, Alexandria Bruozis, Raahul Buch, Anna Castillo, Katelyn Cesarotti, Vincent Chang, Michael Fitz, Anastassia Golovashkina, Natalie Harrison, Kelsey Heyson, Kevin Huang, Mika Latimer, Maxwell Lu, Rabeya Mallick, Margaret Marcinkowski, Ashley Miller, Claire Pitstick, Zachary Reizner, Sarvottam Salvi, Margaret Shang, Phillip Tanner, Sherry Tseng.

ACT – Highest Score Earned

Mr. Jaensch noted that a record number of District 203 students earned the top score of 36 on the ACT last spring. The ACT test measures academic performance in the areas of English, mathematics, reading and science. Each test is scored on a scale of 1 to 36, with the composite score representing the average of these 4 tests. The following nineteen students from Central and North earned the top score of 36. They were called forward by their respective Principal and received certificates from Superintendent Mitrovich.

Naperville Central class of 2011: Kevin Hu, Kristin Johnson, Claire Lee, Krystle Leung, Allie Madonia, Thaddeus Schmitt, Isaac Swetlitz, Charles Tshirhart, Dennis Zhan, Michael Zhao, Quan Ru Zhao, and Jenny Zhou.

Naperville North class of 2011: Raahul Buch, Hannah Baiyor, Katelyn Cesarotti, Paige Hoerle, Emilie Mitchell, and Sherry Tseng.

Naperville North class of 2012: Alexander Chen.

Good News

Kyle Zerna, Naperville Central (Class of 2005) will debut in the percussion section of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra Wednesday night (9/22). It is extremely rare for a graduate student submitting a taped audition to be selected for a major U.S. orchestra.

Alex Reeder, Naperville Central drum major (senior), has been selected as one of two drum majors for the Macy's All-American Marching Band for the parade on Thanksgiving Day. He is in the process of raising funds for the week-long experience in New York City. David Alstadt, Naperville Central band teacher, may have additional information.

Highlands Wins Prestigious U.S. Blue Ribbon Schools Award

Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education, recognized 304 public and private schools as 2010 National Blue Ribbon Schools. Highlands Elementary School in Naperville School District 203 is one of the schools from Illinois earning this distinct honor. An Illinois State Board of Education representative contacted Highlands Elementary School last fall to share that the school was one of only 16 schools to be nominated from Illinois. Key staff at the building worked on an application which was submitted in February 2010.

Recognized as one of the highest prizes in education, the Blue Ribbon Schools award serves as a benchmark for excellence. Secretary Duncan stated that "schools honored with the Blue Ribbon Schools award are committed to achievement and to ensuring that students learn and succeed. Their work reflects the conviction that every child has promise and must receive a quality education."

The Blue Ribbon School award honors public and private schools whose students achieve at very high levels, or have made significant progress and helped close gaps in achievement. Highlands Elementary was selected as a "high performing" school, as measured on state assessments over the last five school years.

District 203 Schools Honored by the National Network of Partnership Schools

For the eleventh consecutive year, District 203 is the recipient of a 2010 Partnership District Award from the National Network of Partnership Schools at Johns Hopkins University. Network founder Dr. Joyce Epstein praised District 203 for a continued commitment to creating significant educational projects. Dr. Epstein cites the award as "remarkable evidence that a district can sustain attention to family and community involvement and make research-based partnership programs an integral part of the district and school organization."

Highlands Elementary School was also honored to receive its tenth Partnership School Award. Earning Special Recognition for their innovative Higher-Level Thinking Board Games for Indoor Recess program, Highlands has increased student learning opportunities during recess periods hindered by inclement weather. Using Art Kosta's book *Habits of Mind* as a model, these high-level games actively promote thinking flexibility, persistence, questioning and problem solving.

The promising partnership practices of four additional District 203 schools will be featured in the annual Promising Partnership Practices guide in 2010, including: Ellsworth's Ellsworth Eagles Share program, Prairie's SCARCE Earth Flag Recertification, River Woods' Literacy Night, and Steeple Run's First Annual Turkey Trot.

Public
Comments

Christine Filer accompanied by Linda Richer spoke regarding the Transition Program. Ms. Filer urged the Board to find a permanent home for the program. The program is currently housed in a mobile unit at Scott Elementary School. They urged the board to move the unit to the grounds at Naperville Central so the students could have the opportunity to mingle with peers their own age and take part in activities provided at the high school. Superintendent Mitrovich noted that there is a meeting tomorrow to discuss the situation. The District is looking at several options and cannot make any promises at this time.

Student
Ambassadors
Report

Jake Karl, Naperville Central High School reported:

- Jake is a junior at NCHS and is happy to serve as Student Ambassador to the Board.
- The theme for homecoming this year is "Party in the Jungle"
- Students are excited about the building being finished when school started and are looking forward to the completion of the rest of the building.

Written
Communication

Freedom of Information Requests:

- Spyhalski request for copier lease and maintenance agreement information
- Schnell request for Lisle TIF information
- Young request for salary and pension information
- James request for public spending information

Superintendent/
Staff/School
Reports

Superintendent Mitrovich noted that he was fortunate to have been invited to a conference in Boston sponsored by TATA out of Mumbai, India. There were 150 people from across the country invited. He noted the similarity school districts have with businesses with regard to constantly upgrading the skills of staff and their use of technology.

President's
Report

Board of
Education
Reports

Board Facilities
Sub Committee
Update

Mr. Fielden noted that there have been some problems with temperature control at NCHS. The District is planning to bring in a Commission Agent, an independent outside person, who will assess the temperature control issues and identify the problems to rectify the situation. The person will work for the District. This position was not planned for initially due to financial concerns. The money is available now and it is important to get all systems working together especially when the north addition and the music area are complete.

Pictures of NCHS were projected. The atrium stairway glass handrail is being installed and the temporary wall will be removed when the installation is complete.

Several projects were identified in the original referendum. They were prioritized with the greatest needs being addressed first. Security update projects at Prairie and Ranch View are now being considered along with pool locker room renovations at NNHS. Wight & Co. has been asked to take a look at the elementary schools to possibly present an alternative solution for office areas that are in the center of the buildings. There is money in the budget to cover these expenses since the NCHS contingency fund (purpose - to pay for unforeseen conditions that are uncovered during renovation) is not depleted. A toilet room at NCHS that will be renovated next summer will complete the asbestos remediation (if it is necessary in this room) at NCHS. Mr. Fielden noted that no accelerated cost claims for NCHS have been presented as of yet, but even if there are claims presented, he does not anticipate depletion of the contingency fund.

Staff members at the Ann Reid Early Childhood Center were commended for putting in many extra hours in the last month or so with getting the building ready to open and giving tours, etc.

Monthly Reports

- Treasurer's Statement – The Board received the July Treasurer's Statement
- Investments – The Board received the June and July Investment Reports as well as an additional Cash and Investment Report
Mr. Zager explained that the Board will continue to receive the additional Cash and Investment Report monthly since it is maintained for the auditors. Additional Board questions were answered.
- Insurance Report – The Board received the September Insurance Report
- Budget – The Board received the September Budget Reports

Consent Agenda

The following items were presented on the Consent Agenda:

1. Bills and Claims from Warrant #348568 through Warrant #349882 totaling \$43,450,855.80 for the period of August 16, 2010 to September 20, 2010.
 2. Minutes: 8/16/2010, 9/7/2010
 3. Personnel September 2010
- Leave Of Absences – Certified**
Jane Reich, 1/30/11 to 6/7/11, Mill Street, Teacher, Second Grade
Lisa Gebbie, 2/18/11 to 5/23/11, NCHS, Teacher, Mathematics
- Retirement – Classified**
Linda Victorine, November 8, 2010, PSAC, Human Resources Secretary
- Resignation – Classified**
Francis E. Smith, September 10, 2010, Transportation, Bus Driver
- Employment - Classified**
Laura Anderson, September 17, 2010, Kingsley, Special Education Assistant
Deeba Khan, September 2, 2010, Maplebrook, Special Education Assistant
Nancy Huffman, September 13, 2010, Steeple Run, Special Education Assistant

Ryan Kehr, September 13, 2010, LJHS, Custodian
Gretchen Zielinski, September 13, 2010, WJHS, Secretary to AP
Anne Antony, September 2, 2010, NCHS, Special Education Assistant

4. Life Safety Surveys – NNHS and Mill Street
5. Disposal or Sale of Assets
6. Lawson – Statement of Work

Crotty made a motion to approve Bills and Claims from Warrant #34856 through Warrant #349882 totaling \$43,450,855.80 for the period of August 16, 2010 to September 20, 2010 and all other items on the Consent Agenda 1 through 6. The motion was amended to exclude item 4, Life Safety Surveys. Crotty accepted the amendment. Fielden seconded the amended motion. A roll call vote was taken on the amended motion. Those voting yes: Jaensch, Price, Dennison, Weeks, Fielden, Romberg, and Crotty. No: none. The motion carried.

Item 4, Life Safety Surveys

Mr. Fielden noted that the Life Safety Surveys were not impacted by the renovations at either NNHS or Mill Street. These surveys are in addition to the renovation.

Fielden made a motion to approve Item 4, Life Safety Surveys at NNHS and Mill Street as presented. Weeks seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken on the amended motion. Those voting yes: Jaensch, Price, Dennison, Weeks, Fielden, Romberg, and Crotty. No: none. The motion carried.

Discussion
With Action:

Second Reading Policy No, 5.220 Professional Personnel – Substitute Teachers
Carol Hetman noted that substitute teachers who fill in for a long term assignment and substitute 30 out of 32 days are paid from the teachers' salary schedule at a per diem rate. The rate has been capped at BA +0/Step 9. Because BA +0/Step 9 is no longer available on the new salary schedule, our proposal is to change the cap to BA +12/Step 7.

Fielden made a motion to approve the proposed changes to Policy No. 5.220 as presented. Price seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Romberg, Jaensch, Fielden, Crotty, Price, Dennison and Weeks. No: none. The motion carried.

Discussion
Without Action

New High School Course Proposals

Mr. Wierenga explained that it is an 18 month process with both high schools, the curriculum office and administrators working together to decide what courses should to be offered to students. This year there are four proposed courses and several course name changes. The name changes are in conjunction with the course coding process to align and clarify courses at both schools. Additionally, enriched and accelerated courses will now be called honors courses.

The four proposed new courses are:

- AP Chinese Language and Culture
- AP Spanish Language
- Survey of Math Topics
- Genocide's Impact on Society

Mr. Wierenga gave a brief description of each of the courses. The Board will vote at the October 18, 2010 Business Meeting.

There was a discussion regarding on-line courses. Mrs. Duncan noted that in the next few months the curriculum department will review its strategic planning and will explore the Districts options regarding on-line courses from a research based background.

- Old Business
- An update on the NUEA Joint Committee for Professional Innovation will be given at the October 4 Meeting.
 - A request was made that the Board Meeting Planning Worksheet be on the next agenda for discussion and input.

New Business None

- Upcoming Events
- HURRAH Orientation, Monday, September 27, 1:00 p.m.
 - NCHS Community Open House Sunday, October 3, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 - Volley for the Cure – NNHS Tuesday, September 21, after school – Proceeds go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Adjournment Dennison moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Crotty seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. Those voting yes were: Crotty, Weeks, Price Fielden, Dennison, Romberg and Jaensch. No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved October 18, 2010

Mike Jaensch, President
Board of Education

Ann Bell, Secretary
Board of Education