

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
OCTOBER 17, 2011, AT 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order Vice President Jackie Romberg called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present: Susan Crotty, Suzyn Price, Jackie Romberg, Dave Weeks, and Terry Fielden. Absent: Jim Dennison, Mike Jaensch.

Administrators present were: Mark Mitrovich, Superintendent of Schools; Dave Zager, Chief Financial Officer; Carol Hetman, Chief Human Resources Officer; and Dan Bridges, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education.

Closed Session Fielden moved, seconded by Crotty to go into Closed Session at 6:03 p.m. for consideration of:

1. Discussion of lawfully closed minutes 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).
2. 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).
3. Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).
4. The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).
5. The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6).

Open Session Fielden moved, seconded by Crotty to return to Open Session at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was taken. Those voting Yes: Crotty, Romberg, Fielden, Weeks, and Price. No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call Board Members present were: Susan Crotty, Jackie Romberg, Suzyn Price, Dave Weeks, and Terry Fielden. Absent: Mike Jaensch, Jim Dennison.

Student Ambassadors Present: Hannah Olsen and Anthony Matar.

Administrators present: Mark Mitrovich, Superintendent of Schools; Tim Wierenga, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning - STEM; Jen Hester, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning – Humanities; Dan Bridges, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education; Kitty Ryan, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education; Roger Brunelle, Chief Information Officer; David Zager, Chief Financial Officer; Kate Foley, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services; Susan Rice, Director of Communications; Kathy Duncan, Chief Academic Officer; Steve Mathis, Director of Buildings and Grounds; and Ralph Weaver, Director of Facilities & Construction.

Pledge of Allegiance Katy Lynch, Principal of Meadow Glens Elementary School introduced the following students who led the Pledge of Allegiance: Bobby Morrissey, Maddie Simms, and Taylor Wessel.

Recognition

2012 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

More than 1.5 million juniors in some 22,000 high schools entered the 2012 National Merit Program by taking the 2011 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 8,300 Merit Scholarship awards, worth more than \$34 million, that will be offered next spring.

The following students from Naperville Central High School were called forward by principal, William Wiesbrook, and recognized for being Semi-Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program: David Birkenheier, Shaza Loutfi, Sarah McGriff, Killian McNeill, Emily Su, Clayton Sutherland, Nathaniel Verhaaren, Hanting Xu, Cassidy Yang, Lydia Yiu, Eric Zhang, and Zherqi Zhu.

The following students from Naperville North High School were called forward by principal Kevin Pobst, and recognized for being Semi-Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program: Evan Bruns, Grace Deetjen, Rachel Foster, Edward Hu, Ellen Hunt, Max Kimmet, Chetan Kumar, Donald Lei, James Mansfield, Samuel Mather, Emily Riederer, Janine Romy, Eric Spieglan, Jeremy Tang, Jusine Vonarb, Nicholas Wolf, Christine Wu, and Olivia Zhu.

2012 National Achievement Semifinalists

Officials of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced that Myles Francis and Kendall Maxwell of Naperville Central High School are semifinalists in the 48th annual National Achievement Scholarship program. This honor is presented nationally to the top 10 percent of Black American high school students based on their Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test scores. About 1,600 high-scoring participants in each year's National Achievement Scholarship Program are designated semifinalists and have the opportunity to compete for more than \$2.4 million in scholarships offered next spring.

College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program

The College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program named Naperville North student Pablo Garcia-Quesada as a 2011 - 2012 Scholar for "excellence in academic achievement". Out of 235,000 eligible students in the United States, Pablo is one of the 5,000 designated as Scholar (GPA above 3.5).

Hispanic Heritage Youth Award

NNHS student, Eugenia Sosa was honored at the Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards ceremony that was held in late September at the University of Chicago's International House. Eugenia was selected as the 2010 Gold Medallion Youth Award recipient for the Business category in the Chicago region. A financial educational grant accompanies the award.

Public
Comments

David Shaftman questioned the extent to which the specific topic of critical thinking was taught. He emphasized that critical thinking is a major aspect of a students' education and urged the Board to consider offering specific courses

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| Student Ambassador Reports | <p>on the topic.</p> <p>Anthony Matar, Naperville North High School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homecoming was successful and all the events at school leading up to it were as well. • There was a blood drive September 29th. There was lower participation than before possibly because a new policy in place that requires signatures. • An assembly that was to focus on offensive words used by bullies has been changed to monthly events sponsored by individual clubs. • This week the focus is on ending the use of the word “retard” in every day speech. • Student leaders are working to change the cheers coming from the “Dog Pound’ (student section during sporting events) and make them more appropriate and positive. <p>Hannah Olsen, Naperville Central</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Monday a fundraiser Volley for the Cure volleyball game was held against Wheaton Warrenville South. • During parent/teacher conferences there was a prototype for on line registration available for parents and students to see. • Students have new school district email addresses – not sure if students actually use it since it is hard to figure out how to make it work. • This is Homecoming week with different activities at school all week. The game is Friday and the dance is Saturday. Hannah is in the homecoming court. |
| Written Communication | <p>Freedom of Information Requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pfister request for records. • Swasko request for records. |
| Superintendent Staff/School Reports | <p>SIS System Discussion</p> <p>Roger Brunelle noted that the previous system, SchoolMax, was ten years old and was not well positioned to support the needs of the District going forward. The new web based system, Infinite Campus, provides functionality through which the majority of our school related administrative duties are performed. He reviewed some the key processes supported by the system including enrollment, registration, scheduling, attendance, Gradebook, student records and information, transcripts, discipline, census, health information as well as fulfilling out State reporting requirements. He noted some of the successful transitions that have been made as well as several of the benefits for parents and students. Feedback received from staff and administrators has been highly positive. Mixed feedback has been recieved related to the parent/student portal. Calls with complaints and questions have significantly decreased as time goes on. Roger has personally returned calls from parents with regard to the overall rationale. As with anything new, glitches are being worked through as they come up. Next steps include monitoring programs and continuing to roll out portal and other enhancements. Follow up on all parent concerns will continue and staff training will be provided as needed. The new Data Analytics solution will be implemented. At the end of the last school year, transcripts were not sent electronically due to the fact that several issues were encountered that may have compromised their accuracy. The issues have been resolved and</p> |

hopefully this year electronic transcripts will be sent.

Hannah Olsen commented that the new system allows students to go through their schedules. Also, it appears that some teachers are facing a learning curve. Anthony Matar noted that there is more information available but some of the grades are not clear due to the implementation of elements of Standards Based Grading in some classes. The Technology Department will invent a make-believe student so Board members can see what the portal looks like.

Technology Demonstration – Discover the Capabilities

Rich Fiore, Director of IT Infrastructure, narrated a demonstration of nine technology capabilities that we currently have access to. They are: Telepresence, Office Communications Server (OCS), Live Meeting, OCS Conference Call, Live Streaming, Archived Video, Virtual Desktops/Applications, Network Access Control, Centrify, and Data Anywhere. Several members of the Technology Department staff were available at various sites to demonstrate the capabilities of the different applications.

Mr. Weeks left the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Board questions were answered. Next steps include aligning and integrating the technology to the curriculum and getting the word out that we have these capabilities. Finding and training people to implement the programs in a unified deliberate way will follow.

Summer School Report

Tim Wierenga gave a brief summary of the 2011 summer school activities including an overview of revenue and expenses. There is a surplus of \$19,000 this year primarily due to a scholarship program provided by the schools for free and reduced lunch students. Additionally, course fees were raised by an average of \$5.00 per class. High school enrollment was consistent, junior high enrollment was up and elementary enrollment was down. The music program was impacted by the shortened summer. It will be back to a four week program next year.

Some of the recommendations for next year include:

- Use online registration system.
- Promote unique programs and expand new programs.
- Combine the reporting of Drivers Education into the High School Summer School.
- Explore the hiring of resource staff in the High School Summer School.
- Emphasize that this is an enrichment program that offers opportunities to extend the school year through attending summer school.

ELL

Enrollment was up and Funding from the FY '11 Title III Grant was allocated to pay Summer School expenditures.

ESY

Extended School Year (ESY) services are provided for special education students who require an extended school year in order to prevent significant

regression in academic and/or social skills over an extended period of time that school is not in session. Extended School Year services are mandated by federal and state regulations. There were 374 student participants in the program.

President's Report

The November 7, 2011 will be a Closed Session Board Governance Review Workshop. Board members received an on-line survey to submit to IASB by October 21. The confidential information will be compiled and provided at the workshop.

Board of Education Reports

Board Facilities Sub Committee Report

Minutes August 9, 2011
Crotty made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board Facilities Sub Committee Meeting August 9, 2011. Fielden seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Crotty, Price, Romberg, and Fielden.

Monthly Reports

- Treasurer's Statement – The Board received the August Treasurer's Statement
- Investments – The Board received the August Investment Report as well as an additional Cash and Investment Report.
- The Board received the August Insurance Report
- Budget – The Board received the budget reports for August 2011.

Action by Consent

The following items were presented on the Consent Agenda:

1. Bills and Claims from Warrant # 361631 thru Warrant # 362747 totaling \$19,277,191.77 for the period of September 20, 2011 to October 17, 2011.
2. Board Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2011, October 3, 2011
3. Personnel October 2011

Leave Of Absences – Certified

Kathleen Krenek, 1/3/12 to 3/12/12, LJHS, Academic Support

Extend Leave Of Absence – Certified

Hazel Reitz, 2nd Semester, KJHS, Social Sciences

Retirement – Classified

Ralph Weaver, December 31, 2011, Buildings and Grounds, Dir of Facilities and Construction.

Resignation – Classified

Keva Stewart, October 13, 2011, NCHS, Special Education Assistant

Employment – Classified

Sandra Luley, September 27, 2011, Transportation, Bus Driver

Jessica Ortiz Medina, October 4, 2011, Maplebrook, Dual Language Assistant

Michelle Mackler, October 11, 2011, Connections, Special Education Assistant

Leave Of Absence – Classified

Mary Jo O'Riley, 10/3/11 – 2/7/12, Transportation, Bus Driver

Fielden made a motion to approve Bills and Claims from Warrant #361631 thru Warrant # 362747 totaling \$19,277,191.77 for the period of September 20, 2011 to October 17, 2011 and all other items numbers 1 – 3 on the Consent

Agenda. Crotty seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Price, Romberg, Crotty, and Fielden. No: none. The motion carried.

Discussion
With Action

Second Reading – New High School Course Proposals

Tim Wierenga noted that the Board reviewed the proposed new high school courses at their last meeting. He reviewed the process by which a new course is proposed and gave an overview of the three courses that are subject for approval. He also indicated that there is a list of course name changes for informational purposes. Price made a motion to approve the New High School Course Proposals as presented. Crotty seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Price, Fielden, Romberg, and Crotty. No: None. The motion carried.

Discussion
Without Action
New Business

Old Business

Upcoming Events NCHS Grand Re-Opening and Dedication is Sunday, October 23, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment Price moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. Crotty seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. Those voting yes were: Crotty, Price, Romberg, and Fielden. No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved November 21, 2011

Jackie Romberg, Vice President
Board of Education

Ann N. Bell, Secretary
Board of Education