

BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION
Regular MEETING
January 9, 2007

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 60, Lake County, Illinois, convened in regular session in Room 120 at Lincoln Center, 1201 North Sheridan Road, Waukegan, IL at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The President called the meeting to order. It was found that the following members were present:

Mr. Jeff McBride
Mr. Bill Anderson
Mrs. June Maguire
Mr. Marvin Reddick arrived at 7:10 p.m.
Mrs. Patricia Jones arrived at 7:07 p.m.
Mr. Fernando Shipley

Absent: Ms. Anita Hanna

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mrs. Maguire and seconded by Mr. Anderson that the Board recess and reconvene in closed session pursuant to applicable Open Meetings Act exceptions for the purpose of discussing appointments, employment, discipline and compensation of specific employees, approval of minutes of the closed session meeting, collective bargaining negotiations, purchase or lease of real estate, status of pending or actual litigation, and other legal matters.

After due consideration thereof, the President called for a roll call vote and all members present voted aye. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION

Also present for the closed session were: Dr. Donaldo R. Batiste, Superintendent; Mr. Jules Gaudin, Deputy Superintendent/Chief Operations Officer; Dr. Mary Lamping, Chief Academic Officer; and Mr. Thomas Morris, attorney for the Board of Education. Mr. Howard was present for discussion of personnel matters.

Mrs. Jeanne Kearby, Mr. Fred Howard, and Mr. Brian Luosa, were on call as needed for the closed session and were present for the open session of the meeting.

Minutes of the closed session are on file in the Superintendent's confidential file, pages 10505-10508.

BOARD RECONVENES IN OPEN SESSION

At 8:04 p.m. it was moved by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Maguire that the Board reconvene in open session in the Board Room.

After due consideration thereof, the President called for a roll call vote and all members present voted aye. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

Also present for open agenda items were Mr. Ryan Pagelow of the *News Sun*, and Mrs. Bonnie Kuss, recorder.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bobby Rodriguez, Jr., a Webster Middle School student, performed the *Star Spangled Banner* as a trumpet solo.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

There were no special recognition requests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mrs. Maguire and seconded by Mr. McBride that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 12, 2006, be approved.

After due consideration thereof, the President called for a roll call vote; the following members present voted aye: McBride, Anderson, Maguire, Reddick, Jones, Shipley. Absent: Hanna. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John Frew, 1801 Dugdale Rd., Waukegan, IL, read a prepared statement which expressed his views concerning the ARAMARK proposal to provide custodial supervision at the Waukegan High School sites. He summarized issues which he believes are pertinent to the matter.

CONSENT ITEMS (ACTION)

Under the current format for information provided for the Board and the public, each agenda action item is accompanied by a rationale and an administrative recommendation for Board action.

PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS

APPROVAL OF ARAMARK PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CUSTODIAL SUPERVISION SERVICES

The Board had previously received a proposal from ARAMARK to provide an employee to fill the the position of full-time custodial manager at the Waukegan High School sites to enhance operational/supervisory support. The additional position would require amendment of the current ARAMARK contract.

It was moved by Mr. McBride and seconded by Mrs. Maguire that the Board accept the recommendation of the administration to approve the ARAMARK proposal to provide custodial supervisory services at the high school sites at a contract cost increase of \$48,000.

Mr. McBride asked for specifics regarding the administration recommendation. Mr. Gaudin stated that the high school staff believes that additional custodial supervision is needed and requested that a custodial supervisor be appointed to enhance overall effectiveness of supervision, evaluation, and coordination of work assigned to the custodial/maintenance staff at the three high school sites. He noted that the proposed additional contract cost is approximately \$20,000 less than the estimated cost to hire a District employee.

After due consideration thereof, the President called for a roll call vote; the following members present voted aye: McBride, Anderson, Maguire, Shipley. No: Reddick, Jones. Absent: Hanna. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ITEMS

It was moved by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Maguire that the Board of Education approve the Appointments listed on Enclosure VII. B. 1 - Schedule F-645, the Resignations listed on Enclosure VII. B. 2 - Schedule L-618, the Leaves of Absence listed on Enclosure VII. B. 3 - Schedule N-509, and the Terminations listed on Enclosure VII. B. 4 - Schedule T-75.

After due consideration thereof, the President called for a roll call vote; the following members present voted aye: McBride, Anderson, Maguire, Reddick, Jones, Shipley. Absent: Hanna. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

Copies of the personnel schedules are appended to these minutes.

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

There were no grants or donations to consider.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF BORROWING FROM THE ESTABLISHED LINE OF CREDIT AT FIRST MIDWEST BANK

At its regular meeting on November 28, 2006, the Board of Education authorized the administration to establish a Line of Credit with First Midwest Bank as a means to meet the financial obligations of the District at times when cash resources are not otherwise available. The said Agreement was subsequently established in an amount not to exceed \$25,000,000.

It was moved by Mr. McBride and seconded by Mrs. Jones that the Board acknowledge the initial borrowing from the established line of credit on December 13, 2006, in the amount of \$2,000,000.

Mr. Anderson asked that a forecast of financial need be prepared. Mr. Gaudin noted that the administration is currently working on a new budget process and a financial forecast will be provided at a future meeting.

After due consideration thereof, the President called for a roll call vote; the following members present voted aye: McBride, Anderson, Maguire, Reddick, Jones, Shipley. Absent: Hanna. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF PAYMENT OF DECEMBER, 2006 BILLS/APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2006

It was moved by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Maguire that the Board ratify the payment of the Bills Payable for December 2006, in the amount of \$3,537,189.58, and accept the Financial Reports for November 2006, with the closing balances, total revenues, or expenditures, as indicated.

After due consideration thereof, the President called for a roll call vote; the following members present voted aye: McBride, Anderson, Maguire, Reddick, Jones, Shipley. Absent: Hanna. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

Copies of these statements are appended to these minutes.

REPORTS

BOARD PRESIDENT

Mr. Shipley gave no report.

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Batiste acknowledged the death of members of the Waukegan Schools family:

Guadalupe Fierro, six-year-old McCall student; died December 17, 2006.

Sgt. Kenneth Valentine, son of Webster Middle School teacher Colleen Valentine; died December 20, 2006.

Jack Hottle, former District #60 administrator; died December 23, 2006.

Gerald D. Green, former Waukegan High School wrestling coach and Truancy Officer; died December 27, 2006.

Robert Thomas Brehm, special education teacher at Waukegan High School Ninth Grade Center; died January 8, 2007.

Dr. Batiste noted that messages of condolence have been sent to the families of these individuals from the Board of Education and the Superintendent.

Mr. Shipley asked that the Board support his request that a Resolution in memory of Mr. Green be read in open session and a copy presented to his family. All members present concurred.

BOARD COMMITTEES

Mrs. Maguire noted her attendance at the following committee meetings:

Student Achievement Committee which met with Dr. Patay and Dr. Beverly to discuss PBIS activities.

Department of Academic Affairs Restructuring Oversight Committee which met with representatives from the Regional Office of Education, middle school and high school administrators, and representatives from the colleges and universities to discuss school improvement restructuring for those buildings which continue to fall below Adequate Yearly Progress. One item which received particular attention was the preparation of lesson plans.

Technology Committee which discussed use of printers in the buildings and a need to update policies and procedures and inventory of computer equipment.

INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no information items.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to report.

LEGAL ADVISOR'S REPORT

There were no student discipline items to consider.

Mr. Morris commented that an amendment to the Open Meetings Act permits remote participation in a meeting by a member of the Board, by electronic means, if a quorum is physically present. He will brief the Board on this matter at a future meeting.

Mrs. Maguire asked if there had been any property tax objections filed with the office of the County Clerk. Mr. Morris replied that he had received no objections.

BOARD MEMBER TIME

Mr. Reddick offered his congratulations to the Boys' Wrestling Team and to Coach Johnson.

Mrs. Jones wished everyone present a Happy New Year.

Mr. McBride recalled many of the activities in which Gerald Green had demonstrated his support and concerns for the community and Waukegan students. He congratulated Bobby Rodriguez, Jr. for his performance of the *Star Spangled Banner*.

Mr. McBride invited everyone to attend the Lake County Boys & Girls Club Mini Bulldog All Star Game to be held at the Ninth Grade Center at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 13, 2007. Admission is free with donation of a can of food.

Mrs. Maguire noted her attendance at the Parent Information Center open house, the Waukegan High School Christmas concert, and the Waukegan High School open house at which members of the German classes sang Christmas carols.

Mr. Anderson noted his attendance at the Waukegan High School Christmas concert and choir dinner.

Mr. Shipley offered condolences to the family of Gerald Green, particularly noting Mr. Green's pride in being a Waukegan community member and, more specifically, his enthusiastic support for Waukegan students.

Dr. Batiste acknowledged the promotion offered to Dr. Karen Carlson and her acceptance of the position of Superintendent in Lindop District #92 near Broadview, Illinois. He offered congratulations to Dr. Carlson and thanked her for her service to District #60.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:40 p.m. it was moved by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mr. Reddick that the meeting be adjourned.

After due consideration thereof, the President called for a voice vote and all members present voted aye. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary