

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF **OPEN** SESSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 26, 2007

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 60, Lake County, Illinois convened in regular session, Room 120 at Lincoln Center, 1201 N. Sheridan Road, Waukegan, IL at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Ms. Anita Hanna,  
Mr. Domingo Garza  
Mr. Bill Anderson  
Mrs. Rita Mayfield-Jedkins  
Mrs. June Maguire  
Mr. Mark Hawn, arrived at 7:00 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

It was moved by Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins and seconded by Mr. Garza that the Board recess and reconvene in closed session pursuant to applicable Open Meetings Act exceptions for the purpose of discussing appointments & reclassifications, actual and threatened litigation, collective bargaining negotiations, approval of the closed session minutes, summer school security procedures and the consideration of the structuring of the employment of specific categories of employees.

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

CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION

Also present for the closed session were: Dr. Donald R. Batiste, Superintendent; Mr. Jules Gaudin, Deputy Superintendent/Chief Operations Officer; Dr. Mary Lamping, Chief Academic Officer; and Ms. Kathryn Vander Broek, attorney for the Board of Education. Mrs. DeAnna Elliott joined the closed session to review summer school security procedures.

Minutes of the closed session are on file in the Superintendent's confidential file, pages 10670-10673.

BOARD RECONVENES IN OPEN SESSION

At 8:10 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Hawn and seconded by Ms. Hanna that the Board reconvene in open session in the Board room. After due consideration, the President called for a

voice vote and all members present voted aye. Whereupon the President called the motion carried.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was lead by the Destination Imagination Champions.

#### SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Batiste read a resolution honoring former Board Member Patricia Armstrong Jones and her dedication and service to the school both as a community and Board member. Ms. Hanna moved to approve the resolution, and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins. After due consideration, the President called for a roll call vote and all members voted aye. Thereafter, a plaque containing the resolution was presented to Mrs. Jones family. Rev. Evans was present from the community and took photographs.

Next, Dr. Batiste requested Mrs. DeAnna Elliott present the success of the Destination Imagination Champions from Waukegan High School. Mrs. Paula Trigg, the team coach, described the program and competition. Mrs. Trigg noted the goal of the program is to develop creative problem solving skills of students. The team selected one of five problems to solve in the competition. This team choose an improvisation problem and came in fourth place in a global competition, behind Great Britain. The team was recognized by the judges for showing what improvisation problem solving is all about.

Mrs. Hanna asked how students would get involved in Destination Imagination. Mrs. Trigg noted that you needed a teacher in the school to coach the students, and this can be the hardest part of starting a team in a school. The team can consist of 2 or more students. Dr. Batiste requested that a picture of the team be hung in the Board room to remind the Board members what their service is about. Each team member was presented a certificate by the Board President, Superintendent and Mrs. Elliott. Winning team members included: Melina Galvan, Nichole Johnson, Jack Linn, Patrick Trigg, and Ellen Anderson.

#### APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION MINUTES.

Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins requested a correction of the minutes on page 10668 under her comments in Board Member Time, indicating ELL program should read ESL program. Dr. Batiste requested that the reference on page 10666 to his speaking engagement before the Rotary Club read Waukegan City Club instead. Ms. Hanna noted that on page 10668 under Board Member Time that the reference to her thanks for the efforts made by Patricia Jones should read thanks for the efforts to the Pat Jones Memorial.

Thereafter, Ms. Hanna moved to approve the open meeting minutes from June 12, 2007 with the noted corrections and Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and all members voted aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Glen Whitfield, 200 Julian Street, Waukegan, IL. Mr. Whitfield noted that his daughter will be starting school in the Waukegan Public Schools next year, coming from a private Montessori program on the east coast. He compared the opportunities available to students in the Washington D.C. area to Waukegan and encouraged the Board to support more creative programming involving parents and community members. Ideas included: tutoring by well performing students, corporate sponsorships for extra curricular activities, mentoring, college placement counseling. Mr. Whitfield also noted the Board opening and expressed his hope that it would be filled by someone who could nurture children. He closed expressing his belief that there is more that has to be done to change the city.

Kelly Bellow, 1026 Pacific Ave., Waukegan, IL. Ms. Bellow requested the Board members use the microphones so they can be heard in the audience, particularly now that it is summer and the air conditioning is blowing..

Norelia Hill, 1805 Berwick Blvd., Waukegan, IL noted that there had been some talk about the Glenwood principal interview process not being fair. As a member of the interview team, she expressed her appreciation of Dr. Lamping's efforts to ensure fairness and that the interview was a positive experience wherein everyone had a chance to participate. If the Board has any questions about the process, Ms. Hill noted that the committee would be happy to speak with them as a group.

Mark Drobnick, 2523 Poplar, Waukegan, IL. Mr. Drobnick noted that he is a parent with a child at Clark School. He began to discuss his experience with the principal, whom he described as being hostile and having had his wife arrested. The President inquired whether Mr. Drobnick had addressed his concerns with the proper administrators in the District's chain of command, which was described to him. Mr. Drobnick felt he could not discuss the matter with Mrs. Elliott, and the President directed him and his wife to discuss the matter with Dr. Lamping, the Chief Academic Officer who would investigate and report to the Board. Dr. Lamping and the Droblicks stepped into the hallway.

Jeff McBride, 2515 Chestnut, Waukegan, IL. Mr. McBride noted that it is difficult to hear in the back of the room. He shared that he has seen some positive changes while attending Board meetings as a community member such as including everyone in the process by adding a table of additional administrators who can answer questions.

Benjamin Grimes, 606 Evergreen Ct., Waukegan, IL, shared his involvement in the ACE program, involving aeronautical engineers and 32 students in a week long program. This is an example of the mentoring going on, and he invited Mr. Whitfield to speak with him about opportunities after the meeting.

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.

A. Purchases and Contracts.

1. *SEIU Contract Extension:* Dr. Batiste presented the Administration's recommendation that the Board ratify the extension of the collective bargaining agreement between the District and the SEIU, which provides that any new benefits will be retroactive to July 1, 2007. Ms. Hanna made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hawn. Ms. Hanna noted that the SEIU had approved the agreement. After due consideration, the President called for a roll call vote and all members voted aye. Whereupon the President declared the Motion carried.

2. *Workers Compensation Insurance:* Dr. Batiste made the Administration's recommendation that the Board of Education accept the Worker's Compensation Insurance quote of \$1,247,521 from WCSIT Pool 3 and authorize the President of the School Board to sign the WCSIT Pooling agreement. Mr. Gaudin added that the District has experienced an ongoing problem with increasing rates and the District will seriously engage in loss control measures next year. Ms. Hanna moved to approve the Administration's recommendation, and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins.

Ms. Hanna commended Mr. Gaudin for coming up with a solution to this issue and working diligently to obtain a fair amount. Mr. Hawn inquired as to whether any consideration had been given to hiring a safety officer to oversee issues generating the high claims problem and whether charges are based on the incident rate. Mr. Gaudin noted an intent to request such a position in the budget and verified that claims are a reflection of the District's loss severity. Mrs. Maguire inquired as to the number of school districts in the group, which Mr. Gaudin indicated he would provide in a follow up report to the Board. He believes the members are Statewide, however, and reported that the District does not have the worst record in the group. Mr. Garza inquired if the District was stack ranked. Mr. Anderson explained that the rate is a mathematical computation and the only thing the District can do to bring the rate down is get a handle on the loss. Selection of TPA also can make a difference.

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

3. *Appointment of Legal Counsel:* Dr. Batiste made the Administration's recommendation to approve the law firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP as attorneys for the school district for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008 at the hourly rate of \$170-\$225 for general matters and \$185 to \$235 for matters requiring an unusual amount of legal work, e.g. contested legal matters in court and administrative bodies. The motion was made by Ms. Hanna to approve the Administration's recommendation and seconded by Mr. Garza.

Mr. Hawn inquired if billing was on an hourly basis and whether there has been a decrease in legal fees over the last two years. Dr. Batiste reported that the fees have gone down and that only he, Dr. Lamping and Mr. Gaudin may authorize contacting the attorneys, which had not been past practice.

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

4. *P.E. Grant*: Dr. Batiste made the Administration's recommendation that the Board authorize the Superintendent to accept and implement the Carol M. White Physical Education Program grant for fiscal years 2008, 2009 and 2010. The motion to accept the recommendation was made by Ms. Hanna and seconded by Mr. Hawn.

Ms. Hanna noted her pleasure that the District had received the grant. She participates on the Wellness Committee and they are stressing physical education for students. She is hopeful that the District will have an exciting event at the start of the year and glad that the agreement is for multiple years so the District does not have to start and stop. Mrs. Maguire noted that the District had applied for the grant previously and had not received an award. She expressed her pleasure at having received the grant this year.

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

5. *Ombudsman Educational Services Program*: Dr. Batiste presented the Administration's recommendation that the Board authorize the Superintendent to renew the contract with Ombudsman Educational Services Program for \$181,110, for alternative education tuition for the '07-'08 school year. The motion to accept the Administration's recommendation was made by Mr. Hawn and seconded by Mr. Garza.

Ms. Hanna inquired as to whether the program had been evaluated last year. Dr. Lamping noted that the District receives an attendance and participation report and that parents have not made any complaints about the program. She reported that the program has been very successful and highly rated by the State and other participants. Mr. Anderson noted that the agreement paid for a set number of slots and allowed the District to obtain more if they became available.

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

6. *CORE*: Dr. Batiste made the Administration's recommendation that the Board authorize the Superintendent to approve the contract with the Consortium on Reading Excellence in the amount of \$80,762 to provide trainings in reading leadership and the coaching of reading. Ms. Hanna made the motion to accept the Administration's recommendation, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Garza.

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

7. *NCLB Grant*: Dr. Batiste presented the Administration's recommendation that the Board receive and approve the FY '08 NCLB Grant application, including the required NCLB Title One Plan submission to the Illinois State Board of Education.

Ms. Hanna clarified that the grant was for Title I and whether this was the grant that if the District did not accept the funds, the District did not need to adhere to the sanctions. Dr. Batiste clarified that it covered Titles I-IV and was the grant that imposed school improvement requirements on the District.

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

8. *Parent/Student Handbook:* Dr. Batiste presented the Administration's recommendation that the Board review and approve the Parent/Student Handbook on Rights, Responsibilities and Discipline and approve the document for duplication and distribution. He also noted a typographical error in the Superintendent's introduction and information that had been pointed out to him as being repetitive in the handbook. Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins moved that the handbook be approved with the deletion of the duplicative material and that the proof of residency be increased from one to two items, noting that two sources of identification are needed to get a video card. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion.

Dr. Lamping clarified that if a parent presented a utility bill as proof of residency, it had to be a land line, not a cell phone. Ms. Hanna requested clarification as to whether the matter was up for review or approval. Dr. Batiste indicated approval.

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

9. *Custodial Management Services:* Dr. Batiste noted that a request had been made that the approval of the extension of Aramark Custodial Management Services be tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Garza made the motion to table the matter until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hawn.

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

## B. Personnel

1. *Appointments, Resignations and Terminations:* Dr. Batiste presented the Administration's recommendations for personnel matters, as outlined in the Schedule of Appointments, Resignations and Terminations. Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins moved that the last item on appointments be taken separately. Mr. Anderson seconded. After due consideration, the President called for a roll call vote and all members voted aye. Whereupon the President declared the Motion carried.

Mr. Anderson moved that the remaining items in 1 (appointments), 2 (resignations), and 3 (terminations) be approved. Mr. Garza seconded the motion. After due consideration, the President called for a roll call vote and all members voted aye. Whereupon the President declared the Motion carried.

Dr. Batiste noted that two of the appointees were in the audience, Mr. Eric Christianson, Student Support Services Administrator, and Mr. David Paul Perkins, Athletic Director. Each were given an opportunity to address the Board. Mr. Christianson thanked the Board, noting that he missed the students at school but he is happy to have been selected to fill the Student Support Services Administrator position. Dr. Batiste added that Mr. Christianson had filled the position to which he was appointed on an interm basis and had not missed a beat. Mr. Perkins thanked the interview committee, Board and Dr. Batiste for this opportunity. Dr. Batiste noted that Mr.

Perkins had big shoes to fill, given the job Mr. Mel Washington had done as interim Athletic Director. Mr. Washington, who was present, was recognized for his service.

A member of the audience noted that these individuals' salaries were not noted in the information packet. Dr. Batiste stated this was because the decision was made after publication of the packets and reported that the Student Support Services Administrator's position was \$80,000 and the Athletic Director \$95,000.

2. *Poms Coach*: Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins moved that the position of Poms Coach be reposted. Mr. Garza seconded the motion.

After due consideration, the President called for a roll call vote. Mr. Garza, Mr. Hawn, Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins and Mrs. Maguire voted aye. Mr. Anderson and Ms. Hanna voted nay. Whereupon the President declared the Motion carried.

C. Grants & Donations

There were no additional grant or donation matters.

D. Other

1. *Teachers CBA, Letter of Understanding*: Dr. Batiste presented the Administration's recommendation that the Board approve the Letter of Understanding between the Waukegan CUSD 60 and the Waukegan Council, Lake County Federation Teachers, Local 504 IFT-AFT/AFL-CIO, altering the current CBA and providing an extended post retirement insurance benefit to members submitting a letter of intent to retire by June 30, 2010. Ms. Hanna moved to accept the Administration's recommendation, and Mr. Hawn seconded the motion.

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

2. *Policy 2203, Approval*: Dr. Batiste made the Administration's recommendation that the Board approve the changes to policy 2203, Conduct of Board Meetings. The motion was made by Ms. Hanna and seconded by Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins.

Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins inquired if the Board members could receive the Board packet on Wednesday rather than Friday. Mrs. Maguire noted that the Board historically had problems receiving all of the materials at one time when the packet was delivered on Wednesdays and it was very confusing.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT(S) (ACTION)

1. *Bills Payable*: Dr. Batiste made the Administration's recommendation that the Board ratify the Bills Payable for June 2007 and accept the subject financial reports for the month of May 2007, which had balances as noted on the Item Action sheet. Ms. Hanna moved to ratify

the Bills Payable and accept the financial reports as recommended by the Administration. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins.

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

2. *Working Cash Fund:* Dr. Batiste presented the District's recommendation that the Board approve the repayment of borrowings from the Working Cash Fund and the request to loan monies from the Working Cash Fund to the Educational, Operations and Maintenance, Transportation and Lease funds. Mr. Hawn so moved, and Ms. Hanna seconded the motion.

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

3. *Budget Hearing:* The President opened the public hearing on the budget. Mr. Brian Luosa, Executive Director Business Services, presented the amended budget, noting summaries of revenue and fund balances on pages 2-4. Mr. Luosa reported an education fund surplus of \$218,103 and reviewed the percentage breakdown of the sources of all revenue funds: local – 45%, State – 45%, Federal – 10%. Page 3 shows the IMRF/ERO bond issue to be paid off. While there are sizeable deficits in the estimated fund balance, Mr. Luosa reported there are sizable surpluses from the working cash fund, which is where the District obtains fund loans.

Discussion ensued regarding transportation costs and District efforts to reduce the costs. Ms. Hanna expressed her support for returning to walking to school with neighborhood schools as a way to reduce transportation costs and provide additional funding for the students. Mr. Garza asked if a cost comparison had been done regarding neighborhood schools. Mr. Luosa indicated that could be looked at.

Mr. Anderson asked how the District ended up fiscally compared to last year. Mr. Luosa reported "about the same" in the Education Fund - \$200,000 surplus and that things look favorable. When funds come in from the State, the budget is expected to look better. Mrs. Maguire asked if the District will get appropriate State funds in view of the fact that the State budget has not yet been approved in Springfield. Mr. Luosa reported that he received a letter indicating that July funds will be distributed. Some special education grant funds, additionally may come in by June 30.

Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins asked how the District can reduce its 5 million dollar deficit. Mr. Luosa indicated by passing a balanced or surplus budget. He reported that page 21 shows there is a balanced budget as far as the State is concerned. If the District continues on this path, and controls expenses, it can reduce the overall deficit. Mr. Anderson noted that over the last four years, the District has had more success in reducing the deficit.

The President opened the floor for questions from the public.

Mr. Glen Whitfield, 200 Julian Street, Waukegan, IL requested that the discussion regarding transportation and fund movement from transportation to education be reviewed again as he felt the discussion had been interrupted. Ms. Hanna stated that her question regarding transportation had been related to reducing the costs so that savings could be used for students.

Mr. Hawn questioned what happened with the State transportation funds if the local taxes were reduced. He noted that if there is a corresponding decrease in State funding, the savings may not be as great as anticipated.

Mr. Rob Proce, 1534 W. Monroe, Waukegan, IL shared that he has a city map which shows the schools and routes. He believes if the Board looks at it, it will be able to see how it can save funds. He offered to bring the map to the next Board meeting.

Rev. Evans, 337 George Ave., Waukegan, IL inquired whether the budget was balanced, and if it was, why there were numbers showing a deficit, citing specific line items. It was explained that the deficit line items were long term debts for which there is a specific repayment schedule.

Ms. Norelia Hill, 1805 Berwick Blvd., Waukegan, IL requested public notice of the break out of busing for regular school, summer school and extra curricular activities. She noted she has six buses on her block because of the different schools the students are attending for summer school. Better coordination may help reduce costs.

Ms. Hanna asked where developer fees are noted in the budget and Mr. Luosa noted it was part of the fee line item.

There being no further comments or questions from the public, the President declared the hearing closed.

Mr. Anderson moved that the amended budget be approved, seconded by Ms. Hanna. After due consideration, the President called for a roll call vote and all members voted aye. Whereupon the President declared the Motion carried.

Mr. Gaudin invited members of the public to participate in the next budget workshop which is scheduled for Thursday, June 28, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the board room.

3. *Prevailing Wage Schedule:* Dr. Batiste made the Administration's recommendation that the prevailing wage resolution be approved by the Board, effective June 1, 2007. Mr. Anderson so moved, seconded by Mr. Hawn.

After due consideration, the President called for a roll call vote and all members voted aye, except for Ms. Hanna who temporarily stepped out of the meeting. Whereupon the President declared the Motion carried.

4. *Treasurer's Bond:* Dr. Batiste presented the Administration's recommendation that the Board approve payment to renew the Treasurer's Bond for fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 and that the appropriate parties sign the School Treasurer Appointment Form. Mr. Hawn so moved, seconded by Mr. Anderson. After due consideration, the President called for a roll call vote and all members voted aye, except for Ms. Hanna who temporarily stepped out of the meeting.

## REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Mayfield-Jedkins, Mr. Hawn, and Mr. Garza had no reports.

Ms. Hanna noted that she attended the Student Achievement Committee and a presentation was made to the new members on the Small Learning Community project.

Mr. Anderson noted that one more workshop was planned with the Board as a whole and then the plan would be presented to the public in the first or second week of September.

Mrs. Maguire indicated she also had attended the Small Learning Community presentation and the high school staff has been in training. They are very excited about it. She reiterated that the public will be apprised of the plan so they will be informed of its details. The goal is to improve all students' performance and to pursue post secondary opportunities.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Batiste indicated that in the prior meeting he had recognized a former student who is now a millionaire. He has the newspaper article about the student and will hang it in the Board room. Mr. Anderson requested that it also be hung in the high school.

A FOIA request had been received for the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and cell phone numbers of ELL students from an individual in Texas so they could be contacted for a leadership program. The District notified the requestor that the information was exempt from disclosure.

The Board members were reminded that summer school is in session and they are invited to view the work that is progressing.

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None

### OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Anderson moved that the Board accept the committee report on the rifle range which was presented at the last meeting (renaming the rifle range). Mr. Hawn seconded. After due consideration, the President called for a roll call vote and all members voted aye. Whereupon the President declared the Motion carried.

### NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Hanna inquired if the District has looked into accelerated classes for students at the high school as part of the restructuring. She has heard complaints that the quality of the Advanced Placement classes has come down in terms of rigor. She expressed her concern that the courses remain a challenge.

Ms. Hanna also inquired if the Administration had obtained an update on the JROTC proposal. Dr. Batiste indicated they had and it would have an impact on limited funds and require placement on a waiting list for matching funds. Ms. Hanna wanted to be certain the

matter was discussed with the individual from the JROTC who raised the issue as he may have knowledge of additional resources.

Mr. Garza requested information regarding the trigonometry and calculus courses: number of students enrolled and the seat number. He also inquired whether the essential levels of courses were set yet and what would be offered. Dr. Lamping explained that currently 1 year of Algebra is proposed as the essential program. She will be communicating with the math department regarding criteria to be submitted and will have to come back to the board and look at the costs.

The need for more counselors to help students prepare for college also was raised.

### LEGAL REPORT

Ms. Vander Broek reported that settlement discussions regarding Employee #20070626-P had been successfully concluded. She read into the record the resolution adopting the Settlement Agreement reviewed by the Board in closed session.

Mr. Anderson moved that the resolution be approved, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Garza. After due consideration, the President called for a roll call vote. Mr. Garza, Ms. Mayfield-Jedkins, Mr. Hawn, Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Maguire voted Aye. Ms. Hanna voted nay. Whereupon the President declared the Motion carried.

### BOARD MEMBER TIME

Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins congratulated the new Athletic Director and Student Support Services Administrator. She also thanked COSLA and the general public for its scrutiny of the Board and requested they continue to monitor the Board's performance. She noted that her definition of a balanced budget is "0" not a 5 million dollar deficit. She questioned the spending on bilingual programming, noting it receives 1.8 million in revenue but expenditures are 9 million. She shared her opinion that the program should either be cut down or the funding given back. She is in favor of neighborhood schools and would like to see more counselors, hoping to get more in the small learning schools.

Mr. Hawn expressed his appreciation for Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins deficit homework and questioned the administration as to whether Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins reported numbers were accurate. Mr. Luosa indicated the numbers were accurate and noted that the District had an obligation to educate this population. Mr. Luosa is grateful of any funds that offset the costs. Mr. Hawn indicated a desire to further assess whether bilingual programming was in the best interests of the students. Mr. Hawn also indicated he would like additional information regarding the number of students in the middle school setting and the middle schools' respective capacity.

Mr. Garza congratulated the new administrators. He expressed a desire that the counselor issue be worked on. He shared his belief that bilingual students need to be transitioned into monolingual programming in 1 to 3 years and that this will help with the costs of that program. He believes some teachers hold bilingual students back longer than necessary.

Ms. Hanna indicated her pleasure that the issue of the need for high school counselors is catching on. She thanked Cindy Dawson and Jim Mahoney as well as the volunteers from Hospira that painted the exterior of Greenwood School on Saturday, June 23, 2007. She noted the volunteers were very complimentary of the District's painters.

Ms. Hanna noted the Board retreat is a learning process and she is glad a meeting will occur. There are many things the members need to be updated on.

Ms. Hanna reported that the Small Learning Communities' luau was fantastic. It was three or four days of hard work to hammer out the issues regarding restructuring of the high school. One small part was noted as already being undertaken at the 9<sup>th</sup> grade center last year and will continue. The Board is looking to see the program on a larger scale and then bring it to the public when it is time. She hopes there is standing room only from the community for that presentation.

Ms. Hanna expressed her desire that the Board vacancy process would afford each individual who expressed an interest an opportunity to present his or her position to the Board rather than have a select few interviewed. She felt that allowing each individual to address the Board was more inclusive and representative of the Board's new way of doing business. She requested the Board take a vote. The President indicated that because the issue was not on the agenda for action, a vote could not be taken. Mr. Anderson noted no vote had been taken on the process previously announced for the filling of the open seat. It was agreed to address that procedure at the special meeting to be called for Saturday, June 30, 2007 once it was determined there were no specific state mandates as to the procedure that had to be followed.

Mr. Anderson expressed his confidence that Mr. Christianson would do a fine job in his new position. He also indicated he was looking forward to great things from Mr. Perkins appointment. He offered his congratulations to Project Discovery.

Mrs. Maguire had no comments.

Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins moved that the Board reconvene in closed session, seconded by Mr. Anderson. After due consideration, the President called for a roll call vote and all members voted aye. Whereupon the President declared the Motion carried and the Board retired into closed session.

At 11:30 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Hawn and seconded by Ms. Hanna that the Board reconvene in open session in the Board room. After due consideration, the President called for a voice vote and all members present voted aye. Whereupon the President called the motion carried.

Mr. Anderson moved that the Board adjourn, seconded by Mr. Garza. After due consideration, the President called for a voice vote and all members present voted aye. Whereupon the President called the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:32 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

