

BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE **OPEN** SESSION
Regular MEETING
July 25, 2006

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 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Mrs. Anita Hanna
Mrs. June Maguire
Mr. Marvin Reddick
Mrs. Patricia Jones
Mr. Jeff McBride
Mr. Bill Anderson arrived at 7:03 p.m.
Mr. Fernando Shipley

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Hanna that the Board recess and reconvene in closed session pursuant to applicable Open Meetings Act exceptions for the purpose of discussing staff personnel items 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. Donald 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.

Dr. Karen Carlson, Mr. Fred Howard, Mrs. Jeanne Kearby, and Mr. Brian Luosa were excused from the meeting and were on call as needed for the latter portion of the closed session and for the open session of the meeting.

Minutes of the closed session are on file in the Superintendent's confidential file, pages 10364 -10366.

BOARD RECONVENES IN OPEN SESSION

At 8:35 p.m. it was moved by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mr. McBride that the Board reconvene in open session in the Board Room.

After due consideration thereof, the President called for a voice 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

Rev. Terry Atwater led the Board and audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mrs. Hanna and seconded by Mrs. Maguire that the minutes of the special meeting of June 21, 2006 be approved.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Sue Niemczyk, 3020 Wood Creek Drive, Downers Grove, IL, a representative of Sodexho, spoke on behalf of the company, the service which it has provided over the past years, and the proposal for future service. She noted that the Board will act upon the food service contract later in the meeting and asked that they consider the investments which Sodexho has proposed to make in the food service program including capital investment.

Rev. Robert Evans, 337 George Ave., Waukegan, IL, spoke about the COSLA group, noting that it is disheartening to see that this group has contacted the State Attorney's office concerning District business. He went on to comment on racial issues.

Ms. Walterine Applewhite asked about the future employment status of current Sodexho employees.

Ms. Ann Kindle, 406 N. Lewis, Waukegan, IL, commented on the operation of the food service under present Sodexho management and spoke positively about the recent changes made by Sodexho.

CONSENT ITEMS (ACTION)

Dr. Batiste briefly commented on the revised format of the open session agenda and noted that each action item will be taken up with an attendant recommendation from the Administration.

10369.

REJECTION OF BIDS FOR RENOVATION OF THE 329 NORTH GENESEE STREET SITE

It was moved by Mrs. Hanna and seconded by Mr. McBride that the Board accept the recommendation of the Administration to reject all bids to remodel the Swank site.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO RE-SOLICIT BIDS FOR RENOVATION OF THE 329 NORTH GENESEE SITE

It was moved by Mrs. Hanna and seconded by Mr. McBride that the Board accept the recommendation of the Administration to authorize the Superintendent to re-solicit bids for renovation of the Swank building (329 North Genesee) in 2 phases over the next 2 years.

Mr. Anderson asked if it will take two years to make the building habitable. Mr. Gaudin responded that some moves can take place after the initial phase has been completed.

Mrs. Maguire commented that the number of items to be addressed is substantial and the estimated renovation cost of \$1.2 million was not known initially.

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

AWARD OF FOOD SERVICE BID TO ARAMARK EDUCATION SERVICES

It was moved by Mr. Reddick and seconded by Mrs. Jones that the Board accept the recommendation of the Administration to authorize the award of the School Food Service contract for FY2006/2007 to lowest responsive responsible bidder, Aramark Education Services, at a cost of \$3,207,160 for one year beginning July 25, 2006 through July 24, 2007, with the option to extend the contract, by mutual agreement, for four additional one-year periods.

Mr. McBride commented on difficulties that had arisen over the past few years that had led to dissatisfaction with the present vendor.

Mrs. Maguire noted that both companies which had submitted bids were fine companies.

Mrs. Hanna expressed her concern for the Sodexo employees, suggesting that Aramark consider hiring the present staff.

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

10370.

PURCHASE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FROM SOPRIS WEST AND CAMBIAN LEARNING

Dr. Carlson had previously requested the Board to approve purchase of special education instructional materials and professional development consultant time to be paid from grant funds. Subsequently, the materials were ordered and checks were drawn to pay for the orders; however, it was found that there were insufficient grant funds to cover the total cost of \$248,403.49.

It was moved by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mr. Reddick that the Board reject the orders and void the checks for payment.

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

RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH ALTERNATIVES UNLIMITED

It was moved by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mr. McBride that the Board accept the recommendation of the Administration to authorize the Superintendent to renew the service contract with Alternatives Unlimited for 1 year, at an amount not to exceed \$127,500 for alternative education tuition for students necessitating placement during the 2006-2007 school year.

Mrs. Maguire asked about the number of hours of instructional time in the Alternatives program. Dr. Carlson explained that the Alternatives program has five hours per day of instructional time at a per diem of \$50; the Ombudsman program has three hours of instructional time per day at a per diem of \$40. She noted that students are assigned to the program best suited for their educational needs. One program is a computer based instructional model, the other program uses a more interactive teacher/student model.

Mr. McBride noted that Ombudsman has not reported to the Board on progress of students enrolled in the program during the 2005/2006 school year and asked that a report be brought to the Board.

Mrs. Hanna asked why the District is supplying textbooks for the program. Dr. Carlson responded that this is in an effort to align the curriculum with that used in the regular program. Dr. Lamping added that the appropriate instructional strategies are used to keep students on track to return to the regular program.

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

10371.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO DR. RICHARD OLSON'S CONTRACT

Dr. Batiste explained that an error in Dr. Olson's original contract required remedy.

It was moved by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Hanna that the Board accept the recommendation of the Administration to cause the Performance Based Contract with Dr. Richard Olson to be reformed and amended to allow payment to Dr. Olson at his per diem rate for the balance of 24 days of accrued and unused sick leave in order to correct a mutual mistake of fact concerning the original terms of his contract agreement with the Board of Education in the amount of \$61,324.54.

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

RENEWAL OF OMBUDSMAN AGREEMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Maguire and seconded by Mr. McBride that the Board accept the recommendation of the Administration to authorize the Superintendent to renew the contract with Ombudsman Educational Services Program at a cost of \$172,500 for alternative education tuition during the 2006-2007 school year.

Mr. Anderson reiterated Mr. McBride's request that a report on the Ombudsman program be brought to the Board.

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

REMOVAL FROM THE AGENDA OF THE APPROVAL OF EPIC LEASE AGREEMENT - NORTH SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Mr. Shipley announced that the request for approval of the Lease Agreement with North Shore Church of Christ is removed from the agenda.

APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH AAUW NURSERY SCHOOL

It was moved by Mrs. Maguire and seconded by Mr. McBride that the Board accept the recommendation of the Administration to authorize the Superintendent to renew the lease agreement between AAUW Nursery School and District #60 during the 2006-2007 school year for classroom space for the EPIC Program. The cost to the District not to exceed \$9,000.

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

10372.

APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LAKE COUNTY YMCA EARLY HEAD START

It was moved by Mr. McBride and seconded by Mrs. Jones that the Board accept the recommendation of the Administration to authorize the Superintendent to renew the lease agreement between Lake County YMCA Early Head Start and District #60 during the school years 2006-2009 school year for one classroom space for the EPIC Program at no cost to the District, contingent upon receipt of grant funds.

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

Mr. McBride commented on the effort of the State of Illinois to provide funds for early childhood education. Mrs. Maguire noted that Illinois is the lowest of the fifty states in the award of funds for early childhood.

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ITEMS

It was moved by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mr. Reddick that the Board accept the recommendation of the Administration to appoint employees listed on Enclosure B1 - Schedule F-635 including administrative appointments listed under parts 6, 7, and 8; accept resignations listed on Enclosure B2 - Schedule L-608; grant Leaves listed on Enclosure B3 - Schedule N-503; authorize retirements listed on Enclosure B4 - Schedule G-408; and effect the termination of Employee 100605-2037 listed on Enclosure B 5 - Schedule T-69. He commented on the Appointment of Joan Wright as Assistant to the Principal at Oakdale Elementary, the appointment of Dennis Bade as Assistant to the Principal at Little Fort Elementary, and the appointment of Judy Lafferty as Consultant for the Principal Mentoring Program for the 2006-2007 school year.

Mr. Anderson asked that the motion be amended to consider the termination listed on Schedule T-69 as a separate item. Mrs. Jones and Mr. Reddick concurred.

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

Mrs. Maguire, on behalf of the Board offered congratulations and best wishes to June retiree, Abel Bustamante, Special Education Paraprofessional at Clearview Elementary, for 8 years of service to District #60.

APPROVAL OF TERMINATION LISTED ON SCHEDULE T-69

It was moved by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Maguire that the Board approve the termination of Employee #100605-2037 listed on Schedule T-69.

10373.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH TERA SYSTEMS, INC. FOR MEDICAID BILLING SOFTWARE

It was moved by Mrs. Hanna and seconded by Mr. Reddick that the Board accept the recommendation of the Administration to authorize the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with TERA Systems, Inc. to utilize the Horizon Software Systems Medicaid-Fee-For-Service Billing Program at a cost equal to 5% of our net Medicaid revenue.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANTS CLASS SIZE REDUCTION BEGINNING TEACHER INDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM

It was moved by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Hanna that the Board accept the recommendation of the Administration to authorize the Division of Academic Affairs to submit grant applications for the Class Size Reduction Grant and the Beginning Teacher Induction Pilot Program with all necessary data as determined by each grant's Request for Proposal guidelines.

Mrs. Maguire asked if there is sufficient available classroom space to accommodate smaller classes. Mrs. Kearby replied that the available space varies from school to school. Classes with large enrollment will be split to optimize space.

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

RATIFICATION OF PAYMENT OF BILLS PAYABLE FOR JUNE 2006

It was moved by Mrs. Hanna and seconded by Mrs. Jones that the Board accept the recommendation of the Administration to ratify the payment of Bills Payable for June, 2006 listed on Schedule VIII A in the amount of \$2,021,699.26.

Mrs. Maguire commented that she would vote no because she has not had an opportunity to review the bills.

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

10374.

It was moved by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mr. McBride that the Board accept the recommendation of the Administration to authorize the payment of Bills Payable for July, 2006, listed on Schedule VIII B in the amount of \$803,305.11.

Mrs. Maguire commented that she would vote no because she has not had an opportunity to review the bills.

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

REPORTS

BOARD PRESIDENT

Mr. Shipley reported on the Greenhouse Project which is planned for Jefferson Middle School. Representative Washington has solicited funds from the Illinois Department of Agriculture to underwrite the project. The project is now in the design phase; more information will be given to the Board when it becomes available.

BOARD COMMITTEES

Mrs. Hanna noted her attendance at the Finance Committee meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Batiste, in his inaugural address to the Board, set forth his personal philosophy and plans to move the District forward for the benefit of the students and the community as a whole. He stated his intent to: respect the Board and its individual members; promote a positive image of the District; be honest and forthright in all matters; openly debate issues without rancor; demonstrate fiscal responsibility; and update and operate within Board Policy. Challenges which will be addressed include: the need to fulfill all mandates of No Child Left Behind; communicate, foster, and coordinate relationships between the District and local agencies; use resources to build a system of support services; provide timely information to the public; and hire and retain quality leadership.

He commented that terrorism is a familiar buzz word which engenders feelings of fear and confusion in the minds of many; education remains the greatest shield to protect society.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

REVISION OF POLICY #4104, RECRUITMENT, SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT

The revision of Policy #4104 addresses the need to reflect the reorganization of the District administration. Job titles are revised to indicate the scope of supervisory responsibility.

10375.

Mrs. Maguire asked that wording be changed to use "may" instead of "shall". Mr. Shipley indicated that Mr. Morris will make the changes; and directed that if other changes are needed, the Administration should be contacted.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Hanna commented on correspondence the Board had received from staff and students who have used the new Driver Education simulators. She noted that the old equipment was extremely outdated.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no other old business.

LEGAL ADVISOR'S REPORT

Mr. Morris gave no report.

BOARD MEMBER TIME

Mrs. Hanna commented that Dr. Batiste had spoken very eloquently. She noted that it is gratifying to see the District move in the right direction. The Mission Statement which is shown on the District letterhead indicates this intent.

Mr. Reddick requested that a consultant be brought in to work with girls on issues related to pregnancy. Dr. Lamping will research the matter. He also offered congratulations to Aramark for their receipt of the award of contract.

Mrs. Jones noted that she has received malicious, threatening telephone calls at her home. She asked that community members respect the privacy of Board members and limit their calls to Board business.

She also commented that she would like to oversee the cheer leading squad. Her assertion is that the current coaches are not qualified.

Mr. McBride commented that character assassination is demeaning. He asked that the focus be placed on positive activities such as the recent participation of EPIC children on floats in the holiday parade.

Mrs. Maguire commented that she has had opportunity to visit summer school sites. She particularly mentioned the work at Glen Flora School.

On another note, Mrs. Maguire related the opportunity for Waubonsie High School students to take college level classes to get an early start on earning college credits.

Mr. Anderson commented that he had met with Mr. Guerra and discussed the Smaller Learning Community initiative.

10376.

PRESENTATION OF REVISED FORMAT FOR THE BOARD AGENDA

Dr. Batiste reviewed items shown in a PowerPoint presentation to clarify the intent of the Administration to conduct public business in an open, forthright manner. He noted that items included on the agenda have been aligned with the Mission of the District; the Strategic Plan; programs and evaluation; the fiscal impact on District funds; concurrence with Statute, Board policy or Rule Statement; and administrative recommendation to maintain the the operation of the District. Information will be provided which does not impact individual privacy matters.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Dr. Batiste reported on his meeting with area agencies to discuss plans for a national disaster or pandemic illness; Waukegan polling places will be used for administration of medication.

A Day of Caring will be provided on August 16, 2006, by volunteers from the United Way of Lake County to help District staff prepare for the opening of the 2006/2007 school year.

The Board and audience received invitations to the Waukegan High School summer graduation ceremony to be held in Trapp Auditorium on Monday, July 31, 2006 at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:00 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Jones 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