

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF THE **OPEN** SESSION  
**Regular** MEETING  
**July 17, 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 6:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Mr. Domingo Garza  
Mr. Mark Hawn  
Mr. Bill Anderson arrived at 6:37 p.m.  
Mrs. Rita Mayfield-Jedkins  
Ms. Anita Hanna  
Mrs. June Maguire

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Hawn and seconded by Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins that the Board recess and reconvene in closed session pursuant to applicable Open Meetings Act exceptions for the purpose of discussing appointments, employment status, approval of minutes of the closed session meetings; collective bargaining negotiations; purchase or lease of real estate; and status of pending or threatened litigation.

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: Mr. Jules Gaudin, Deputy Superintendent/Chief Operations Officer; and Mr. Thomas Morris, attorney for the Board of Education. Mr. Howard was present for discussion of personnel matters.

Dr. 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 10698-10701.

BOARD RECONVENES IN OPEN SESSION

At 8:00 p.m. it was moved by Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins and seconded by Ms. Hanna that the Board reconvene in open session in the Board Room.

After due consideration thereof, the President called for a roll call vote. The following members present voted aye: Hanna, Garza, Hawn, Anderson, Mayfield-Jedkins, Maguire. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

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

#### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING BOARD SECRETARY

Mrs. Maguire noted that in the absence of Dr. Batiste who is on vacation, the Board needs to have an administrator who is officially named Acting Board Secretary and is thereby authorized to execute documents on behalf of the Board. She asked that Mr. Jules Gaudin be appointed to act in this capacity until Dr. Batiste returns.

It was moved by Mr. Hawn and seconded by Mr. Anderson that the Board officially name Mr. Jules Gaudin as Acting Board Secretary until Dr. Batiste returns.

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

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Patricia Foley led the Board and audience in the recitation of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

#### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

#### FINE ARTS PROGRAM

It was announced that Mrs. Elliott is out ill ; the presentation will be scheduled for a future Board meeting.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEATH OF DELORES TEUTSCH

Mr. Gaudin announced that the District had received word of the passing of Ms. Delores Teutsch, special education teacher at Waukegan High School on July 10, 2007. He expressed condolences to family and staff.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Maguire requested that corrections be made to the open session minutes of the June 26, 2007, meeting. (page 10676) Mr. Benjamin Grimes should be identified as the person who addressed the Board. (page 10682) Mr. Rob Proce should be identified as the person who addressed the Board during the hearing on the amended budget. (page 10681) Mrs. Maguire wished to pose a question concerning District receipt of State funds in view of the fact that the State has not yet passed a budget.

It was moved by Mr. Hawn and seconded by Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins that the minutes of the regular meeting of June 26, 2007, be approved as amended.

After due consideration thereof, the President called for a voice vote. The following members present voted aye: Garza, Hawn, Anderson, Mayfield-Jedkins, Hanna, Maguire. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Garza and seconded by Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins that the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 30, 2007, be approved.

After due consideration thereof, the President called for a voice vote. The following members present voted aye: Garza, Hawn, Anderson, Mayfield-Jedkins, Hanna, Maguire. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins and seconded by Mr. Garza that the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 9, 2007, be approved.

After due consideration thereof, the President called for a voice vote. The following members present voted aye: Garza, Hawn, Anderson, Mayfield-Jedkins, Hanna, Maguire. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins and seconded by Mr. Hawn that the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 11, 2007, be approved.

After due consideration thereof, the President called for a voice vote. The following members present voted aye: Garza, Hawn, Anderson, Mayfield-Jedkins, Hanna, Maguire. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

#### APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER TO FILL THE VACANCY DUE TO THE DEATH OF MRS. PATRICIA JONES

The passing of Mrs. Patricia Jones on June 4, 2007, created a vacancy in Board membership. Subsequently, in conformity with Illinois School Code, the Board met in special sessions to review the applications of candidates who had expressed interest in filling the vacancy and to thoughtfully consider all aspects of selection of an individual who could best fulfill the duties and mission of Board membership.

Mrs. Maguire called for nomination of candidates to fill the vacancy on the Board.

Mr. Mark Hawn placed the name of Michael Rodriguez into nomination for Board Member; the nomination was seconded by Mr. Domingo Garza.

Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins placed the name of Michelle Obleton into nomination for Board Member; the nomination was seconded by Ms. Hanna.

Ms. Hanna placed the name of Jonathan White, Sr. into nomination for Board Member; the nomination was seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Hearing no further nominations, the President declared the nominations closed.

Mr. Morris stated that the motions should be taken up in the order in which they were made.

Mrs. Maguire called for action on the motion made by Mr. Hawn.

After due consideration thereof, the President called for a roll call vote. The following members present voted aye: Garza, Hawn, Anderson, Maguire. No: Mayfield-Jedkins, Hanna. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried; Mr. Rodriguez was confirmed as Member of the Board of Education.

Each member of the Board expressed his/her commendation and appreciation for the response of each of the candidates who expressed a commitment to this important community service.

Mr. Rodriguez was introduced and affirmed his belief that nothing is more important than educating our children for they are our future. He pledged to do his best for all children in Waukegan.

Mr. Garza asked to be excused from the remainder of the meeting as he was leaving on vacation.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Patricia Foley, 708 Wisconsin, Waukegan, IL, reminded all those present that the Kids 1st Health Fair will be held at Juarez Middle School on Wednesday, August 1, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. She summarized the many benefits to families and noted that volunteers are still needed, particularly anyone able to serve as a translator.

Mrs. Foley then commended the Board for its appointment of Mr. Rodriguez to serve on the Board.

Norelia Hill, 808 Berwick, Waukegan, IL, commended the administrative staff and teachers for the fine experience her daughters had had during the summer reading program and for the excellent summer band program. She went on to ask that the District web site be updated more regularly; that the Board consider moving to neighborhood school assignment for students; and that the District consider implementing all-day kindergarten.

Jane Vester, 2229 Ottawa, Waukegan, IL, alleged that the District had been in violation of the Open Meetings Act by failure to include salary information with proposed appointment of staff. She cited information on positions proposed for appointment, positions not approved by the Board, and positions which have not been budgeted for the coming year and asked that staff positions not be filled until the Board approves the budget for FY 2007-2008.

No other individuals came forward to speak.

### 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

The Board had previously received copies of the summary sheets of those items listed on the annual District supply lists for paper supplies, computer supplies (revised), custodial supplies, standard office supplies, physical education uniforms, and audiovisual equipment.

Mr. Gaudin explained that requests for supplies are submitted annually by each building/office for items listed. A compilation of these requests is then put out for bid. He noted a correction on the computer supply bid.

The recommendation of the administration was: that the Board of Education authorize the Administration to purchase paper supplies, computer supplies, custodial supplies, standard office supplies (revised), physical education uniforms, and audiovisual equipment listed on the annual bids and award each bid to the lowest responsible bidder as noted on the bid summary/tabulations.

It was moved by Ms. Hanna and seconded by Mr. Hawn that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Administration to award the bids listed above as requested.

Ms. Hanna expressed her concern that each building be allocated supplies and equipment on an equitable basis. Mr. Gaudin explained that buildings are allocated funds annually and the buildings make requests for those items which will best serve their student population. All requests are reviewed by central office.

Ms. Hanna asked about the equipment inventory process. Mr. Gaudin noted that all fixed asset items, those valued at \$5,000 and over, are inventoried. Mr. Luosa added that all computer equipment is also inventoried. Mrs. Green noted that items valued at \$500 and over which are purchased with federal grant funds must also be inventoried.

After due consideration thereof, the President called for a roll call vote. The following members present voted aye: Hawn, Anderson, Mayfield-Jedkins, Hanna, Maguire. Absent: Garza. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

### RATIFICATION OF EXTENSION OF ARAMARK CUSTODIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES

It was moved by Mr. Hawn and seconded by Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Administration to ratify the extension of the Aramark Custodial Management Services Agreement with District #60 for one year with the option to extend this Agreement annually for a total cost of \$301,774. Funds for this expenditure are budgeted in the Operations and Maintenance Fund.

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After due consideration thereof, the President called for a roll call vote. The following members present voted aye: Hawn, Anderson, Mayfield-Jedkins, Maguire. No: Hanna. Absent: Garza. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH CENTER, S.C.

It was moved by Ms. Hanna and seconded by Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Administration to approve the contract with The Children's Health Center, S.C. for the services of Dr. Barry Goldman in the amount of \$1,800 for consultation services on matters related to the health of students; said funds to be paid from the Health Services Budget.

Mrs. Maguire explained that this physician is on call to assist health services staff with questions concerning student medical conditions.

After due consideration thereof, the President called for a roll call vote. The following members present voted aye: Hawn, Anderson, Mayfield-Jedkins, Hanna, Maguire. Absent: Garza. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ITEMS

It was moved by Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins and seconded by Mr. Hawn that the Board of Education approve the Appointments listed on Enclosure IX. B. 1 - Schedule F-656, and the Resignations listed on Enclosure IX. B. 2 - Schedule L-629.

Ms. Hanna voiced her concern over the resignation of certified staff, particularly, Dr. Ben Ditkowsky.

After due consideration thereof, the President called for a roll call vote. The following members present voted aye: Hawn, Anderson, Mayfield-Jedkins, Hanna, Maguire. Absent: Garza. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Gaudin noted that Appointment Schedule F-656 includes the appointment of Mr. Ron Ashlaw as Head Boys Basketball Coach at a salary of \$12,883. Mr. Ashlaw comes from Walter Dyett High School in Chicago.

Copies of the personnel schedules are appended to these minutes.

#### GRANTS AND DONATIONS

There were no grants or donations to consider.

#### OTHER

There were no other items to discuss.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL BILLS FOR JUNE 2007

It was moved by Ms. Hanna and seconded by Mr. Hawn that the Board approve the payment of additional Bills Payable for June 2007, in the amount of \$892,221.08.

After due consideration thereof, the President called for a roll call vote. The following members present voted aye: Hawn, Anderson, Mayfield-Jedkins, Hanna, Maguire. Absent: Garza. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

Copies of these statements are appended to these minutes.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS PAYABLE FOR JULY 2007

It was moved by Ms. Hanna and seconded by Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins that the Board of Education authorize the processing and mailing of the bills payable for July 2007 when the funds become available to do so. The detailed July accounts payable report will be provided at the August 14, 2007, meeting.

After due consideration thereof, the President called for a roll call vote. The following members present voted aye: Hawn, Anderson, Mayfield-Jedkins, Hanna, Maguire. Absent: Garza. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

INITIAL REPAYMENT OF FUNDS BORROWED THROUGH THE ESTABLISHED LINE OF CREDIT AGREEMENT

It was moved by Ms. Hanna and seconded by Mr. Hawn that the Board acknowledge the total borrowing of \$17.5 million from the established Line of Credit Agreement with First Midwest Bank and the initial repayment of \$6 million plus interest.

In response to Ms. Hanna's query, Mr. Luosa noted that it is anticipated that the repayment of funds will be completed by the end of September when the District has received the revenue from the 2006 real estate tax payments. He noted that the District was able to defer borrowing against the line of credit until January of 2007.

After due consideration thereof, the President called for a roll call vote. The following members present voted aye: Hawn, Anderson, Mayfield-Jedkins, Hanna, Maguire. Absent: Garza. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

A copy of the summary is appended to these minutes.

## REPORTS

### BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Maguire noted her attendance at the Budget workshop and commended Mr. Gaudin for his thorough preparation. She also attended the summer band program and expressed her appreciation for the excellent job.

### BOARD COMMITTEES

Ms. Hanna noted her attendance at the Budget workshop and commented that the audience had participated in a lively discussion. She also commended the summer band program and asked that students be actively recruited and encouraged to participate.

Mr. Anderson noted that the zero based budget does not contain additional revenue from the State for General State Aid. He also commented that staff positions are not officially filled until they have been approved by the Board.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Gaudin commented that he had been present at the "Scoop the Loop" event. He then announced that a special meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday, July 19, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. to approve bids for student transportation and food service. There will also be a request to authorize publication of the notice of the hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year Budget for 2007-2008. It is anticipated that the hearing and approval will take place on September 11, 2007. Although substantive work has been done on the budget, the State has not yet finalized its budget so District revenue from the State has not been finalized. However, the District budget allocations have been cut to create a "lean" budget; staff salaries have not yet been determined.

He announced that the final Budget workshop will be held immediately following the Board meeting on Thursday.

### OLD BUSINESS, NEW BUSINESS, LEGAL REPORT

There was no old business, no new business, and no legal advisor's report

### BOARD MEMBER TIME

Mr. Anderson commented on the appointment of Mr. Richard Pattison as Executive Director of Informational Technology and his work to redesign the District web site. In reference to Mrs. Hill's request to consider implementation of all-day kindergarten, he noted that the Board operates under financial constraints; the Board seeks to provide equitable programming at all levels. In response to a query about the Smaller Learning Communities program, he reported that the committee will meet on August 22, 2007. He also commented positively on the interview process to fill the vacancy on the Board.

Mrs. Hanna noted that although she believes the interview process was flawed, it is incumbent upon the Board to move forward and stand with integrity and honesty as the community holds the Board accountable for its actions.

Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins asked that her District email account be filtered to avoid the receipt of email spam.

She reiterated her belief that the Board interview process was extremely fair to everyone and commented that Mr. Rodriguez brings a wealth of experience to the Board. She thanked COSLA for calling attention to items which they believe to be out of compliance with legal requirements.

Mr. Hawn commented that the Athletic Department operates with minimal staff to complete a large amount of work. He also thanked the candidates who expressed an interest in filling the Board vacancy and looks forward to working with Mr. Rodriguez. He particularly thanked Mr. White for his enthusiastic response to the call to community service.

Mrs. Maguire expressed her thanks to all the individuals who demonstrated their interest in serving on the Board. She reiterated her hope that they will be willing to serve on Board committees when requested.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Hawn 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.

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President

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Secretary

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO THE NEW BOARD MEMBER

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Jules Gaudin, Acting Board Secretary, administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed member of the Board of Education. A copy of the signed Oath is appended to these minutes.