

BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE **OPEN** SESSION
Regular MEETING
August 14, 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 6:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Mr. Bill Anderson
Mrs. Rita Mayfield-Jedkins
Ms. Anita Hanna
Mr. Michael Rodriguez arrived at 6:17 p.m.
Mr. Domingo Garza
Mr. Mark Hawn
Mrs. June Maguire

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Hawn and seconded by Ms. Hanna 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 closed session minutes; 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: 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.

Minutes of the closed session are on file in the Superintendent's confidential file, pages 10719-10722.

BOARD RECONVENES IN OPEN SESSION

At 8:03 p.m. it was moved by Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins and seconded by Mr. Garza 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: Anderson, Mayfield-Jedkins, Hanna, Rodriguez, Garza, Hawn, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Darren Patterson led the Board and audience in the recitation of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

RECOGNITION OF DARREN PATTERSON - 200-METER STATE CHAMPION

Dr. Batiste introduced Mr. David Perkins, Athletic Director and Ms. Leslie Garcia, track coach. Mr. Perkins and Ms. Garcia introduced Darren Patterson who is now the IHSA 2007, 200-meter State champion. Ms. Garcia noted the positive influence of Mr. Gerald Green and Mr. Mel Washington in Darren's athletic development and presented Darren with a picture which memorializes the event. The picture will be hung in the Bulldog Hall of Fame.

Darren thanked the Board for its support. Dr. Batiste noted that Darren's accomplishment will serve as an example to other students. Mrs. Maguire added her congratulations and thanks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Hanna and seconded by Mr. Hawn that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 17, 2007, be approved.

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

It was moved by Ms. Hanna and seconded by Mr. Hawn that the the minutes of the special meeting of July 19, 2007, be approved.

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

It was moved by Ms. Hanna and seconded by Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins the minutes of the special meeting of August 7, 2007, be approved.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one requested an audience.

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

RATIFICATION OF THE EXTENSION OF SEIU LOCAL #73 CAFETERIA COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

The Board had previously received a copy of the Extension Agreement between District #60 and the Service Employees International Union Local #73 which represents the food service workers. The Agreement extends the current collective bargaining agreement past its June 30, 2007, expiration date to allow the parties time to negotiate a successor agreement. The Agreement had been signed by the Deputy Superintendent and the Division Director for Local #73.

The recommendation of the Administration was: that the Board of Education ratify the extension of the collective bargaining agreement between the District and the Union which provides that any new benefits will be retroactive to July 1, 2007. Dr. Batiste read the Agreement for the record.

It was moved by Ms. Hanna and seconded by Mr. Garza that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Administration to ratify said Extension Agreement.

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

APPROVAL OF THE LEASE EXTENSION FOR THE EPIC SITE AT NORTH SHORE

The Board had previously received a brief summary of the key terms of the lease extension for the EPIC site at the North Shore Church of Christ at 326 Julian Street.

The recommendation of the Administration was: that the Board of Education approve the lease extension, as described in the attachment at an annual cost of \$108,200. This cost is covered in the existing budget(s) of the Early Childhood Block grant and the IDEA Flow-through grant.

It was moved by Ms. Hanna and seconded by Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Administration to extend the lease agreement for the EPIC site at 326 Julian Street at an annual cost of \$108,200 as presented.

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

APPROVAL OF THE LEASE EXTENSION FOR THE EPIC SITE AT 540 SOUTH MCALISTER STREET

The Board had previously received a brief summary of the terms of the lease extension for the EPIC site at 540 South McAlister Street.

The recommendation of the Administration was: that the Board of Education approve the extended lease agreement with Midwest Engineering & Technical Services, LLC, as described in the attachment, at an annual cost of \$144,480. This cost is covered in the existing budget(s) of the Early Childhood Block grant, the IDEA Flow-through grant and the preschool For All grant.

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 extension of the lease agreement for the EPIC site at 540 South McAlister Street at an annual cost of \$144,480 as presented.

Ms. Hanna asked for clarification of the termination of the lease, by the tenant, without penalty. Mr. Gaudin explained that this refers to termination at the close of the lease term.

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

APPROVAL OF THE LEASE EXTENSION FOR THE EPIC SITE AT SHILOH

The Board had previously received a brief summary of the terms of the lease extension for the EPIC site at the Shiloh Baptist Church at 800 South Genesee Street.

The recommendation of the Administration was: that the Board of Education approve the lease extension, as described in the attachment at an annual cost of \$162,988. This cost is covered in the existing budget(s) of the Early Childhood Block grant, the IDEA Flow-through grant and the preschool For All grant.

It was moved by Ms. Hanna and seconded by Mr. Garza that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Administration to extend the lease agreement for the EPIC site at Shiloh Baptist Church at 800 South Genesee Street at an annual cost of \$162,988 as presented.

Ms. Hanna asked for clarification of the snow removal provision. Mr. Gaudin explained that the District is responsible for snow removal only on week days.

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

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB TO PROVIDE EXTENDED DAY CHILD CARE SERVICES FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS STUDENTS

The recommendation of the Administration was: that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to engage the services of the Boys and Girls Club of Lake County to provide child care services for a maximum of 400 students during the designated dates, as noted on the District calendar, for 2007-2008, at a cost of \$11,700.00 with a per diem rate of \$275.00 for any emergency/snow days that may be used. Funds sufficient to cover these costs are available in the District's discretionary fund account.

It was moved by Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins and seconded by Mr. Garza that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Administration to enter into an agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Lake County to provide child care services as specified at a cost of \$11,700 with a per diem rate of \$275.00 as presented.

Mr. Anderson asked if the District used the 400 slots specified in the Agreement. Dr. Lamping responded that 400 slots is the maximum number which can be accommodated. Dr. Batiste asked that a report be obtained to determine the actual usage during the past school term.

Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins commented that her child had been included in the program during the past year. Mr. Hawn noted that this is a valuable resource for District parents.

Mr. Anderson asked if the District needs additional resources. Dr. Lamping agreed to contact other agencies to determine if other resources are available.

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

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ITEMS

It was moved by Ms. Hanna and seconded by Mr. Hawn that the Board of Education approve the Appointments listed on Enclosure VIII. B. 1 - Schedule F-657, the Resignations listed on Enclosure VIII. B. 2 - Schedule L-630, the Retirements listed on Enclosure VIII. B 4 - Schedule G-412, and the Termination listed on Enclosure VIII. B. 5. - Schedule T-85

Dr. Batiste read the name, position, and salary of each individual recommended for appointment to an administrative position. He commented that the original list was published prior to the time each of the appointments had been finalized.

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

Each of the members voiced his/her support for the new appointees. Mrs. Maguire, on behalf of the Board, offered congratulations and best wishes to retirees: Elizabeth Moudry, guidance counselor at Juarez, for 20 years; and Jeanette Burson, library assistant at Jefferson for 11 years of service to District #60.

Dr. Batiste recognized new appointees who were present in the meeting: Carol May, Molly Schaefer, Marilyn Krajenta, Nicole Fishman, Bonnie Bozik, and Laurie Lee.

Copies of the personnel schedules are appended to these minutes.

APPROVAL OF NEW POSITIONS FOR FY 2007-2008

The Board had previously received copies of a list of proposed new positions which the administration believes necessary to achieve the strategic goals of the District. Included on the list is the estimated cost and funding source for each position.

The recommendation of the Administration was: that the Board of Education approve the list of new positions with a local cost of \$552,448 and a grant funded cost of \$265,991, which have been included in the Annual Budget for FY2007-2008.

It was moved by Ms. Hanna and seconded by Mr. Anderson that the Board of Education approve the requested new positions as presented.

Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins questioned the addition of an Assistant Athletic Director position while the Library Coordinator position was rejected. She asked that this be reconsidered next year. Mr. Hawn responded that the athletic position has been needed for some time. He commented that an athletic trainer and an additional secretary are also needed. Mr. Garza concurred.

Ms. Hanna commented that two items listed as Safety/Security - EPIC appear to be a duplication. Mr. Gaudin noted that this is a matter of accountability to show that the item is listed in the appropriate budget account.

Ms. Hanna also asked about the risk management position. Mr. Gaudin responded that in industry, risk management is often described as safety and security. The duties attached to this position are in the nature of accident prevention.

Mr. Anderson noted that the requested new teacher positions are not classroom teachers, but are special education lead teachers and teachers on special assignment.

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

There were no grants or donations to consider.

OTHERADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY #4305, ACCEPTABLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY-THIRD READING

The Board of Education and the Administration continue to revise and update Board Policy to insure that the governance of the District conforms with legal requirements, provides a coherent procedural structure, and is philosophically aligned with the mission of the District.

The recommendation of the Administration was: that the Board of Education adopt the revised technology policy to insure that the use of technology services by employees is aligned with changes in federal law and technology capabilities.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Administration to adopt revised Policy #4305, Acceptable Use of Technology, as presented.

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

CERTIFICATION OF HAZARDOUS ROUTES

The Administration must annually request that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) recertify that hazardous conditions continue to exist along routes where students must walk to their attendance site if it is less than 1.5 miles from home. The District must document these conditions in order to receive reimbursement for transportation of these students.

The recommendation of the Administration was: that the Board of Education approve the 72 hazardous routes submitted to IDOT for recertification for the 2007-2008 school year.

It was moved by Ms. Hanna and seconded by Mr. Garza that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Administration to approve the request for recertification of 72 hazardous routes as presented.

Ms. Hanna asked if these are new routes. Mr. Luosa responded that these are the same routes which have previously been certified. IDOT requires that this be done annually. She then asked if the State budget might affect this approval. Mr. Gaudin explained that revenue from the State will not be known until the budget is passed by the legislature.

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

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL RESOLUTIONS

Dr. Batiste noted two Resolutions to be amended. The Hearing Officer appointment must be made annually according to Board Policy #9250. The Military Property Custodian requires a form of army certification. In naming a designee, Maj. Carter Bell should be named as designee because he has the required certification.

It was moved by Ms. Hanna and seconded by Mr. Rodriguez that the Board adopt the Annual Resolutions as presented with the two amendments noted.

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

APPROVAL OF THE USE OF WEISS FIELD - NORTH LAKE COUNTY SOCCER ASSOCIATION

It was moved by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Administration to approve the request for use of Weiss Field by the North Lake County Soccer Association as presented, at a charge of \$800.

Mr. Garza asked if this activity would be detrimental to the field used for football games. Mrs. Maguire asked that the Association be advised that in case of rain, the field may not be used. Discussion followed regarding actual cost to the District for use of facilities, responsibilities of the Athletic Director, and prior experience with the group making the request.

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

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR LITTLE FORT AND WASHINGTON

Dr. Batiste noted that several pages of the original Little Fort Plan contain incorrect dates. One page of the Washington Plan was missing from the original document. Corrected pages were made available.

The recommendation of the Administration was: that the Board of Education approve the corrected School Improvement Plans of Little Fort and Washington Elementary Schools as required by the State Board of Education, and direct the Administration to submit the approved plans to the IIRC for electronic posting.

It was moved by Ms. Hanna and seconded by Mr. Rodriguez that the Board approve the School Improvement Plans for Little Fort and Washington Elementary Schools as amended.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

RATIFICATION OF PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR JULY 2007/APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR JUNE 2007

It was moved by Ms. Hanna and seconded by Mr. Garza that the Board ratify the payment of Bills Payable for July 2007, in the amount of \$10,584,484.01 and approve the Financial Statements for July 2007 which have closing balances, total revenues and expenditures, as indicated on the schedules provided.

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

Copies of these statements are appended to these minutes.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Batiste informed the Board about a number of projects and upcoming activities: receipt of funds from the National Football League and Chicago Bears to fund construction of a play area at Whittier School; graduation of 31 students from the FAA summer Flight Academy at Williams Bay, Wisconsin; receipt of notification of the award of \$94,982 from the Advance Placement grant; receipt of notice from Ceasefire of the intergenerational Walk for Seniors on September 15, 2007; attendance of administrative staff at the CORE Leaders Reading Institute at Hinkston Park; New Teachers' Boot Camp; and Opening Day activities for staff. He invited Board members to be present at the Genesee Theatre on August 23, 2007, to participate in the Opening Day welcome. Mrs. Maguire asked that Dr. Batiste e-mail notice of the above mentioned activities to all Board members.

BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Maguire notified the Board of the deaths of Mr. John Della Valle, former Board President; and Mr. Gene Hawkins, former Principal at Oakdale School.

BOARD COMMITTEES

There were no Board Committee reports.

INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no information items.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Hanna asked if there has been any further action on her request to require freshman boys to participate in the JROTC program. Dr. Lamping noted that this requirement would entail provision of additional facilities and staff. Dr. Batiste noted that he had discussed this matter with Col. Gallagher who commented that this successful program is offered as a voluntary option and its success depends upon the engaged participation of every member who has made a personal choice to be a part of the program.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

LEGAL REPORT

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

EXPULSION OF STUDENT NO. 4613994

The following resolution was read by Mr. Anderson:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Waukegan School District No. 60, did, through its hearing officer on August 13, 2007, hold a hearing concerning possible expulsion of Student #4613994; and,

WHEREAS, the evidence taken at said hearing shows that Student #4613994 has been found guilty of gang activity 5, 6, 7 - Violence, which is in violation of the rules and regulations of this school district, the *School Code of Illinois* and the statutes of the State of Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT; Student #4613994 is expelled, effective immediately, from attendance at said Community Unit School District No. 60 (Waukegan Public Schools) for the remainder of the 2007-2008 academic year (ending June 5, 2008); provided, the expulsion will be stayed to permit transfer to an alternative placement at the discretion of the administration for provision of educational services. Following review at the conclusion of the current expulsion, and satisfactory conduct, the student will be permitted to return upon execution of a Discipline Conference Contract.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Hanna that the Resolution, as read, be adopted.

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

There were no other legal matters presented.

BOARD MEMBER TIME

Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins commented that she will look forward to the opening of the play area at Whittier; congratulated Mrs. Schaefer and Mrs. Krajenta on their appointments; and volunteered to serve on the School Foundation Board.

Mr. Garza congratulated new administrative appointees; and asked that the District seek more volunteers to help with tasks to beautify school buildings and grounds.

Ms. Hanna asked if the new food service will be ready on the first day, and asked that the Board receive regular updates. She also asked for reports on the engineering project at the high school and about the progress of school registration. Dr. Lamping will give a report at the next meeting.

Ms. Hanna then addressed the issue of improper use of the District field adjacent to Webster School; neighbors have registered complaints. Dr. Batiste responded that the matter will be addressed. Ms. Hanna noted the excellent landscaping work done by volunteers from Takeda Pharmaceutical at Webster and Greenwood.

In response to Ms. Hanna's query, Dr. Batiste noted that the Catalyst Group is a partnership formed with the Ministerial Alliance to provide support to Waukegan schools. A meeting was held in May at which time pastors were paired with principals to undertake projects within the schools.

Ms. Hanna asked about police officers in middle schools. Mr. Gaudin noted that he had met with Chief Biang and Mr. Ray Vukovich; the plan is coming together.

Mr. Anderson congratulated Mrs. Schaefer and Mrs. Krajenta on their appointments. He then noted several projects at the Upper Grade Center which need attention: ceiling tile, floor tile, woodwork, and lockers.

Mrs. Maguire asked if a fence will be built around the new playground at Whittier. She then noted that Woodland and Gurnee school districts are making a special effort to determine appropriate residency of students who register in those districts.

Dr. Batiste noted that at the 2007 high school graduation, he asked graduates to join the alumni association and to continue to support the school. He then reminded Board members of the special meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 15, 2007, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:21 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Garza and seconded by Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins 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.

President

Secretary