

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION  
Regular Meeting  
October 23, 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 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Mr. Mark Hawn arrived at 5:35 p.m.  
Mr. Bill Anderson  
Mrs. Rita Mayfield-Jedkins  
Mr. Michael Rodriguez  
Ms. Anita Hanna arrived at 5:40 p.m.  
Mr. Domingo Garza  
Mrs. June Maguire

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Anderson that the Board recess and reconvene in closed session pursuant to applicable Open Meetings Act exceptions for the purpose of discussing student discipline, appointments, employment status, approval of closed session minutes, 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. Mr. Richard Pattison was present for the hearing on possible employee dismissal.

Minutes of the closed session are on file in the Superintendent's confidential file, pages 10800-10802.

BOARD RECONVENES IN OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. Hanna 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 voice vote. The following members present voted aye: Hawn, Anderson, Mayfield-Jedkins, Rodriguez, Hanna, Garza, Maguire. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Senior leadership of the JROTC led the Board and audience in the recitation of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

STATEMENT MADE BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Batiste made a statement concerning the proposed realignment of teaching staff with student enrollment. He noted that in keeping with the community admonition that the District exercise fiscal responsibility, the proposal to relocate students and teachers from Carman-Buckner and Oakdale Elementary Schools to other classrooms was made to maximize use of facilities and teaching staff. The unintended result caused distress among those affected. He stated that after dialog with parents and staff and in an effort to minimize the disruption to the education process, the proposal would not be implemented. He particularly noted his extended conversation with Mrs. Carolina Fabian-Bolivar, a teacher at Oakdale whom he introduced to the Board.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

RESOLUTION OF HONOR FOR MICHELE STOLARIK JARONIK

Dr. Batiste recounted his association and rapport with Michele Jaronik during her tenure at Lincoln Center, particularly during her courageous struggle with illness. He recalled her many achievements and willingness to participate in the many tasks which help make the day to day operation of District possible.

Dr. Batiste introduced Mrs. Jaronik's husband, children, and other close family members who were present to honor her memory, and read a Resolution of Honor to memorialize her contribution to District #60 and the wider community. A plaque with the Resolution inscribed was presented to the family.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION FOR MICHELE STOLARIK JARONIK

A motion was made by Ms. Hanna and seconded by Mr. Rodriguez that the Board adopt the Resolution of Honor for Mrs. Michele Stolarik Jaronik and that the Resolution be appended to the minutes of this meeting.

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

Ms. Hanna, Mrs. Maguire, Mr. Anderson, and members of the Board who had worked with Mrs. Jaronik, added their personal words of remembrance.

#### PRESENTATION BY JROTC

Colonel Barry Gallagher, introduced Cadet Colonel Eric Flores, the 2007-2008 Commander of the Bulldog Regiment of the JROTC. Cadet Colonel Flores introduced his leadership team: Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Julio Ramirez, Chief of Staff; Cadet Command Sergeant Major Cindy Felix; Cadet Major Yadira Dominguez, Personnel Officer; Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Michael Bicanic, Commander 1st Battalion; and Cadet Major Karen Delgado, Protocol and Community Service Officer.

Cadet Colonel Flores enumerated the goals toward which the Regiment will work this year: maintenance of the Honor Unit status, implementation of a recycling program, mentoring the cadets who will assume leadership roles next year, and increasing the number of community service hours to 6,000. He thanked Board members for their support and invited them to be present for the parent night event to be held on October 25, 2007, at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Maguire congratulated the leadership team and noted the number of hours of community service which they provide. She added, that 115 cadets had been present to give service at the recent air show. She then noted that members of her family had served in leadership positions in the Bulldog Regiment.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez and seconded by Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 9, 2007, be approved.

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

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Maguire asked that participants limit their comments to 3 minutes.

Rayeanne May-Cunningham, 411 McKinley, Waukegan, IL, thanked the Board for reconsidering the proposal to close classrooms and relocate students. She noted that the proposal had raised many concerns from staff and families.

Steve White, 12730 W. Grove, Waukegan, IL, asked for reconsideration of offering Rifle Team as an extracurricular activity. He noted that, in the past, this has been an activity which has garnered national recognition and has led to college scholarship opportunities for a number of student participants. He voiced his support for the former coach and asked that this activity be reinstated.

Tina White, 12730 W. Grove, Waukegan, IL, spoke in support of the rifle team and former coach. She commented that her son is unable to participate in contact sports but has excelled in this activity.

Julia Carpentier, 345 Glen Flora, Waukegan, IL, commented that she has 2 daughters who want to participate in the rifle team activity. She stated that no one was able to address her questions on this issue.

Pat Adams, 2525 Metropolitan, Waukegan, IL, grandmother of an Oakdale student, asserted that the matter of relocation of staff and students had been handled improperly.

Patricia Foley, 708 Wisconsin, Waukegan, IL, spoke about the 2007 Kids 1st Health Fair, the fifteenth consecutive year for this activity which contributes to the health and well-being of low-income Lake County children. She distributed information on the number of families served, types of service provided, and family demographics. She noted that 572 volunteers coordinated the effort and provided services. The Fair was sponsored by Rosalind Franklin University and the Lake County Health Department.

Susan Petti, 436 Julian, Waukegan, IL, thanked the Board and Administration for reconsidering relocation of students and teachers.

Alejandro Sanzana, 24633 W. Passavant, Round Lake, IL, commented that the Carman-Buckner teachers and students alike have experienced serious concerns about the proposed relocations.

Susan Garcia-Fanjul, 2828 Tyler, Waukegan, IL, thanked Dr. Batiste for reconsidering the relocation of students.

Shanise Perez, 805 Baldwin, Waukegan, IL, thanked the Board for rethinking the reassignment of students and teachers.

John Walsh, 2133 Western, Waukegan, IL, thanked the Board for discussing with parents the impact of moving students to a different site.

David Shrank, 2010 Washington, Waukegan, IL, reviewed his tenure as coach for the Waukegan High School Rifle Team and expressed his interest in returning as coach for the 2007-2008 season.

Russ Anderson, 12812 Grove, Waukegan, IL commented that the rifle team has had a fine tradition. He asked that the activity be reinstated and expressed his support for Coach Shrank.

Peggi Braden, 1018 N. Sheridan Waukegan, IL, school nurse at Carman-Buckner, commented that she had never seen the staff so concerned about an issue as that of relocation of students and staff. Speaking as a parent, she commented on the issues of high school restructuring and the rifle team.

Roxanne Swanson, 322 Gillette, Waukegan, IL, reviewed the meeting held by COSLA in reference to the restructuring of Waukegan High School. Items noted: the cost of restructuring and its implications for teacher negotiations; a detailed budget for the cost of restructuring; information given to the public concerning teacher contract negotiations; cost of the teacher contract; random selection of students for assignment to high school restructured classes; public perception of excess of administrative

personnel; Board support for restructuring; impact on taxpayers for cost of restructuring; and greater need for operational transparency and fiscal responsibility.

Kelly Below, 1026 W. Pacific, Waukegan, IL, reminded the Board that the public has a right to have access to public information. The public was not informed about the proposal to relocate staff and students from Carman-Buckner and Oakdale.

Robert Ramey, 800 N. McAree, Waukegan, IL, commented that he had observed buses transporting students throughout the day in what he perceived to be an inefficient manner and asked for an explanation. Mrs. Maguire commented that the Board does not respond to questions during Public Comment time; however, a member of the Board or Administration would be available to discuss the matter at the conclusion of the meeting.

Bob Braden, 1018 N. Sheridan. Waukegan, IL, asked about the decision to adopt the "House" model for the restructuring of the high school. He observed that he had done an internet search and had found other similar models which he felt were more cost effective. He then voiced his support for continuation of the rifle team activity.

Mary Rosenbloom-Avalos, 1549 Greystone, Gurnee, IL, thanked the Board for reconsidering the proposal to relocate staff and students. She noted that the District is obligated to mainstream special education students; the relocation proposal did not give details on the manner in which this was to be accomplished.

Barbara Edwards, 532 Lynn Terr. Waukegan, IL, commented that the Carman-Buckner staff appreciates reconsideration of the relocation plan.

Jeff Dick, 2516 Walnut, Waukegan, IL, spoke in support of the rifle team and asked the Board to continue to provide this activity for students.

Martha Lopez, 2239 Northern, Waukegan, IL, commented on the disappointment her son had experienced when told that his teacher would no longer be at Oakdale School. She asked for an explanation. Dr. Batiste responded that this is a personnel matter, and as such, is not discussed in open session.

#### CONSENT ITEMS (ACTION)

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

#### PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS

##### APPROVAL OF ROOFING BID AT CLEARVIEW SCHOOL AND THE WAREHOUSE

The recommendation of the Administration was: that the Board of Education award the combined bid of the Clearview and Warehouse roofing projects to G.E. Riddiford Co., Inc. at a cost totaling \$209,950.00. Principal owner of this company is George Riddiford, and is located in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

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A motion was made by Ms. Hanna and seconded by Mr. Garza that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Administration to award the

combined bid for the Clearview School and Warehouse roofing projects to: G.E. Riddiford Co., Inc. at a cost totaling \$209,950.00.

Mr. Hawn asked if the District has previously contracted with this vendor and if the vendor is bonded. Mr. Otahal responded that the District has not previously contracted with this vendor but has every reason to believe that this is a reputable firm; bonding is a requirement of the bid process.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF LAKE COUNTY HEADSTART TO PROVIDE PRESCHOOL FOR ALL SERVICES

The recommendation of the Administration was: that the Board of Education enter into an extended agreement with the Community Action Partnership to provide services for 80 three to five year old Waukegan residents for the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 school years at a cost not to exceed \$480,000. Payments will be made monthly based upon student enrollment and receipt of monthly expenditure reports. Dr. Batiste noted that the previously published recommendation contains a clerical error in reference to the designated school years.

A motion was made by Ms. Hanna and seconded by Mr. Hawn that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Administration to enter into an extended agreement with the Community Action Partnership to provide services for the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 school years as stated at a cost not to exceed \$480,000.

Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins asked if this will be paid with District funds or if grant funds are being used. Dr. Lamping clarified that this is a request for a two-year extension of the current agreement which was initiated in 2006-2007 and is paid with grant funds.

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

APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE PSYCHIATRIC AND BEHAVIORAL SERVICES

The recommendation of the Administration was: that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the agreement with Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine & Science, at an approximate cost of \$21,000.00 annually. Funds for these services are budgeted in the Special Education Budget.

A motion was made by Ms. Hanna and seconded by Mr. Hawn that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Administration to approve the renewal of the agreement with Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine & Science, at an approximate cost of \$21,000.00 annually.

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

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RATIFICATION OF THE NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT WITH SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION LOCAL #73 - MAINTENANCE AND CUSTODIAL WORKERS

The recommendation of the Administration was: that the Board of Education ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Maintenance/Custodial Workers of Service Employees International Union Local #73 at an approximate first year cost of \$180,000, funds for which are included within the fiscal budget.

A motion was made by Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins and seconded by Mr. Garza that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Administration to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Maintenance/Custodial Workers of Service Employees International Union Local #73, as presented.

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

Ms. Hanna commended the administration and union negotiating teams on the collaborative effort to come to successful agreement.

Mrs. Maguire noted that the Article 15 of the Contract contains wording specifying the Insurance Plan Board as the body empowered to make certain decisions regarding insurance benefits. She stated that the Insurance Plan Board By-laws have not been finalized at this time. She also noted that the District has agreed to provide necessary safety equipment and asked that there be assurance that employees use said equipment.

#### APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ITEMS

A motion was made by Ms. Hanna and seconded by Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins that the Board of Education approve the Appointments listed on Enclosure VII. B. 1 - Schedule 662, the Resignations listed on Enclosure VII. B. 2 - Schedule L-634, and the Leaves of Absence listed on Enclosure VII. B. 3 - Schedule N-516.

Mr. Garza asked about the appointment of the Assistant Principal at Clearview. Dr. Batiste explained that this individual had not yet received notification of approval of certification at the time of the original appointment. She is now fully certified and the appointment is a re-approval of her appointment; her title will be Assistant Principal rather than Assistant to the Principal.

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

Copies of the personnel schedules are appended to these minutes.

#### GRANTS AND DONATIONS

##### REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR FY2008 SCHOOL LIBRARY PER CAPITA GRANT

The recommendation of the Administration was: that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to apply for the FY2008 School Library Per Capita Grant.

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A motion was made by Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins and seconded by Ms. Hanna that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Administration to authorize the Superintendent to apply for the FY2008 School Library Per Capita Grant.

In response to Ms. Hanna's question, Mrs. Elliott explained that if this grant is not funded by the State, the district has no further financial obligation. The grant pays \$.75 per student for school library materials. Mr. Anderson added that the Waukegan Public Library receives funds under this grant.

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

OTHER

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR CLARK, HYDE PARK, AND MCCALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The recommendation of the Administration was: that the Board of Education approve the School Improvement/Restructuring plans for: Clark, Hyde Park, and McCall Elementary Schools, and further to authorize the Superintendent to submit the approved plans to the Illinois State Board of Education.

A motion was made by Ms. Hanna and seconded by Mr. Anderson that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Administration to approve and submit the School Improvement Plans as requested.

Mr. Anderson commented that schools making AYP under re-implementation of the existing plan are reaching that goal more rapidly than the State average.

Ms. Hanna thanked Mrs. Judy Green for her work on School Improvement. Mrs. Maguire added that the required documentation is substantial.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION TO POST NOTICE OF THE ESTIMATED 2007 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

The recommendation of the Administration was: that the Board of Education approve the estimated property tax levy for calendar year 2007 and the Truth in Taxation Resolution, and authorize the administration to post notice for the same, as appropriate, in the local newspapers of general circulation according to prescribed schedules.

Mr. Garza asked for clarification of the procedure.

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Dr. Batiste noted that Illinois statute requires a well-ordered, transparent procedure to inform the public of the aggregate levy on local property owners to provide the financial resources necessary to operate the education program in School District #60. In addition to publication of the Notice of the Truth in Taxation Resolution, a public hearing will be held on November 27, 2007.

A motion as made by Ms. Hanna and seconded by Mr. Hawn to accept the recommendation of the Administration to approve the estimate property tax levy for calendar year 2007, adopt the Truth in Taxation Resolution, and post

notice of the same, as appropriate.

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

A copy of said Resolution is appended to these minutes.

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE FOR OCTOBER 2007

The recommendation of the Administration was: that the Board of Education accept the subject bills payable for the month of October 2007 in the amount of \$1,328,393.18. He noted that in addition to the Check Register which had been published previously, the Board will be asked to approve payment of two outstanding bills: payment to the Technology Campus for three months tuition and the initial facility debt service in the amount of \$116,722; and an invoice payable to AT&T in the amount of \$5,048.

A motion was made by Ms. Hanna and seconded Mr. Hawn by that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Administration to approve the bills payable for the month of October 2007 in the amounts shown.

Dr. Batiste responded to Ms. Hanna's query about the payment to the Tech Campus noting that the tuition is for students.

Mr. Hawn had previously asked for an audit of the telephone bills. Mr. Pattison responded that the audit will be completed within the next 30 days. Mr. Hawn commended Mr. Luosa and Mr. Kiiskila for their close monitoring of the utility bills which are quite large.

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

Copies of said reports are appended to these minutes.

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#### REPORTS

##### BOARD COMMITTEES

Mr. Rodriguez commented on the work of the Waukegan Schools Foundation noting that the Foundation provides grants for individual projects which are not funded by the District Budget. He asked that the community be informed of these projects and be invited to attend a ceremony when these grants are awarded.

He then noted that the United Way Success By Six program has announced another effort to inform parents of available resources to help them prepare their preschool age children for school.

##### SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Batiste acknowledged the passing of two former members of the Waukegan Schools family: Hazel Danielson, retired teacher; and Cynthia

Pohlman, a 2006 Waukegan High School graduate who was killed in an automobile crash in Gurnee.

He then noted that the District has initiated an effort to ascertain if any student currently attending school in District #60 resides outside the District. The program has been successful in identifying the first such student and a request for tuition payment has been sent to the family.

Mrs. Maguire asked that if any member of the audience has knowledge of a situation which should be investigated, please contact a member of the administration.

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

#### PROPOSED REVISION OF POLICY #5141.3, HEALTH AND DENTAL EXAMINATIONS, IMMUNIZATIONS, AND EXCLUSION OF STUDENTS - FIRST READING

The Board had received a copy of the proposed revisions to the Policy. Dr. Batiste asked that any proposed amendments be directed to his attention.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Hanna asked whether the rifle team is a part of the JROTC program or whether it is considered to be some other extracurricular activity. Mr. Hawn noted that this program has been highly successful and needs to continue.

Dr. Batiste noted that the high school has a new principal and a new athletic director this year. When this issue has been thoroughly reviewed, a recommendation will be brought to the Board.

Ms. Hanna commented that champions have come out of this program. Mrs. Maguire added that her uncle and brother had each been a captain of the team. Mr. Hawn suggested that signs noting the championship status of the rifle team could be placed in prominent locations. Mr. Garza also expressed his support for the program.

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Mr. Anderson spoke to the issue of athletic eligibility. He suggested that while the focus of the school program is academic achievement, sports and other extracurricular activities play an important role in the development of students. He suggested that students with a marginal academic record be given additional support and mentoring to foster growth in the academic area. Mrs. Maguire commented that athletic eligibility will be discussed at the next meeting of the Student Achievement Committee on November 7, 2007, at 6:00 p.m.

#### NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

#### LEGAL REPORT

#### ADOPTION OF RESPOLUTION TO AMEND THE SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT

Mr. Morris noted that the Board had received a copy of a Resolution to formalize the successful completion of the Goals set forth as an addendum to his original employment contract. This addendum states the contractual goals required by statute for a multi-year contract; the Resolution states the successful completion of those goals. The Board also received a copy of the second amendment to the original contract which states the mutually agreed contractual goals for the 2007-2008 school year.

A motion was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Hanna that the Board adopt the Resolution to formally amend the Superintendent's contract.

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

A copy of said Resolution is appended to these minutes.

#### STUDENT DISCIPLINE ACTION

##### EXPULSION OF STUDENT NO. 897229

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 October 23, 2007, hold a hearing concerning possible expulsion of Student #897229; and,

WHEREAS, the evidence taken at said hearing shows that Student #897229 has been found guilty of Possession of a Weapon/Look-Alike Gun, 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 #897229 is expelled, effective immediately, from attendance at said Community Unit School District No. 60 (Waukegan Public Schools) for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school 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.

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It was moved by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Hawn 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: Hawn, Anderson, Mayfield-Jedkins, Rodriguez, Garza, Maguire. Pass: Hanna. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

##### EXPULSION OF STUDENT NO. 925748

The following resolution was read by Mr. Hawn:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Waukegan School District No. 60, did, through its hearing officer on October 23, 2007, hold a hearing concerning possible expulsion of Student #925748; and,

WHEREAS, the evidence taken at said hearing shows that Student #925748 has been found guilty of Life Threatening Issues, 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 #925748 is expelled, effective immediately, from attendance at said Community Unit School District No. 60 (Waukegan Public Schools) for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school 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.

It was moved by Mr. Hawn and seconded by Mr. Garza 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: Hawn, Anderson, Rodriguez, Garza, Maguire. No: Mayfield-Jedkins, Hanna. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

Ms. Hanna stated that she could not support the Resolution because, in her judgement, the Student should have been offered another alternative. Mr. Hawn responded that the student was being offered alternative placement. Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins stated that, in her belief, the matter had not been fully investigated.

#### ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION OF DISMISSAL

The Board met in closed session earlier in the evening to consider evidence of charges and to hold a hearing for Employee #5705; said Employee did not attend the hearing.

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A motion was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins to adopt the Resolution of Dismissal for Employee #5705 as presented.

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

A copy of said Resolution is appended to these minutes.

#### RECOMMENDATION FOR SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE YEOMAN CREEK DESIGN MATTER

Mr. Morris commented that during a previous closed session meeting, the Board had been apprised of claims against the Yeoman Creek Remediation Group concerning defective design and/or faulty supervision issues involved in the remediation of the Yeoman Creek landfill. He noted that progress is being made and a formal document will be brought for ratification by the Board at the next regular meeting.

#### BOARD MEMBER TIME

Mr. Rodriguez commented that the textbook issue is being addressed. A textbook survey was taken to pinpoint areas of need and to ascertain the underlying cause. He thanked community members for attending the meeting to

share their concerns.

Mr. Garza apologized to parents who expressed concern about the reassignment of their children and noted that better communication is needed.

In reference to the rifle team, Mr. Garza voiced his support for the former coach and expressed his belief that the matter will be resolved by Mrs. Schaefer and Mr. Perkins.

Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins stated that greater accountability is needed to assure that instructional materials are in place when needed. She suggested that purchases be made through a different vendor.

In reference to the rifle team, Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins stated that freshmen should be on the team. She then thanked everyone from Carman-Buckner for their attendance at the meeting.

Mrs. Mayfield-Jedkins commented that there are questions concerning the validity of the principles upon which the proposal for Smaller Learning Communities is based. It will be necessary to work out appropriate implementation to make it successful.

In the matter of neighborhood schools, she asked that anyone interested in serving on the study committee should contact Eric Christianson.

Ms. Hanna apologized to parents and staff for the unnecessary stress placed on them concerning the proposed relocation of staff and students from Carman-Buckner and Oakdale.

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She noted that she had been pleased to serve as a homecoming parade judge and commented on the creativity displayed by students. She also suggested that a different parade route be followed because of traffic conditions.

Ms. Hanna noted that she had been pleased to be present at the Grandparent Expo at the Waukegan Township Park Place and noted that guardianship is a legal question faced by many grandparents who are raising grandchildren.

Ms. Hanna encouraged the Carman-Buckner staff to maintain the momentum which had brought them to the meeting and asked that they help support the PTO which she had proposed for the school.

Mr. Hawn thanked parents who had participated in the meeting and noted his appreciation for the statements made by Dr. Batiste to ameliorate the situation related to the proposed transfer of staff and students. He also thanked Mr. Rodriguez for his concern for District infrastructure.

Mr. Anderson congratulated the football team for a fine season and encouraged everyone to support the girls' volleyball team in their game at Zion.

In reference to creating a budget process which is transparent, Mr. Anderson commented that many factors must be considered and that changes occur

regularly. The Board is committed to revenue neutral hiring; however, enrollment and mobility produce daily changes. The Smaller Learning Communities budget was presented at the Finance Committee meeting; however, the architect has not yet finalized the renovation plans. When plans are complete, the budget can be made available to the public.

Mrs. Maguire stated that the Board is proud of every team and each of the students who give their best effort, whatever the end result. She commented that the student mobility rate is substantial which makes budgeting, staffing, and other types of planning extremely difficult.

In reference to the Smaller Learning Communities, Mrs. Maguire noted that the staff has invested considerable time to thoroughly study the variables implicit in making a change of this nature. They believe that the District cannot move forward using the same strategies which have resulted in less than stellar results. When change is necessary, it is inevitable that there will be those individuals who do not view the change in a positive way.

Ms. Hanna commented that the District has a sincere concern about students who are not able to read at a sufficiently competent level. In assessing the transportation matter, she stated that very young children cannot walk to school. Additionally, the District is studying the possibility of assigning students to the school nearest their home. Anyone who has an interest in serving on this committee may contact Mr. Christianson.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Hanna 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