

WILL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 92
708 North State Street
Lockport, IL 60441

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
Of the Board of Education
Will County School District 92
Tuesday, November 17, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Messina called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. held in the Administrative Center Board Room at 708 N. State Street, Lockport, Illinois 60441. Roll call was taken with the following members answering present: Bilotta, Gorecki, Kropf, Houlihan, Adamczyk and Sweis

Members Absent: None

Also present: Superintendent Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent for Business Bishop and Assistant Superintendent for Special Education West.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR PERSONS PRESENTING REQUESTS OR SEEKING INFORMATION

None

IV. BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUEST FOR AGENDA ADDENDUM ITEMS

None

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by member Bilotta and seconded by member Sweis to approve the Consent Agenda part 1 and 2; (1) 10/20/15 Board of Education Minutes; (2) Treasurer's Report and Financial Reports.

Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Gorecki, Kropf, Houlihan, Adamczyk, Sweis, Bilotta and Messina.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL – MONTHLY EXPENDITURES

Motion by member Houlihan and seconded by member Kropf to approve the November Expenditures and November Interims. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Kropf, Houlihan, Sweis, Bilotta, Gorecki and Messina.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Adamczyk

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. SUPERINTENDENT

Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) –

The preliminary data has been released from the state and the district is currently verifying the data. After corrections have been made, Dr. Sullivan plans to present the PARCC results to the Board at the December meeting.

Illinois State School Report Card – There will be a two-tier release of the School Report Cards. The second tier of the School Report Cards will include the PARCC results and will be shared with the board and community when released. Dr. Sullivan stated that there will be a plan to educate families about what PARCC results mean.

**2. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION
Presented by Dr. Sullivan**

Assessment Development – Beginning next year, student-growth will be incorporated into teacher evaluations as required by Illinois law. The district has been working with Kids At The Core to help teachers in developing assessments that will allow them to monitor the progress of the students.

Revised State Assessment of English Language Learners (ELL) – A revised state assessment for English Language Learners (ELL) will be administered in January or February to ELL students. In previous years, ACCESS was given on paper; this year will be the first year it will be administered online. The new format is aimed at providing a more valid assessment of language skills. Students must demonstrate mastery for two consecutive years in order to be excluded from the assessment.

New Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Science Assessment – A new state science assessment will be administered to grades 5 thru 8 this spring. There has been little information given on this assessment; however, as soon as information is release it will be shared.

3. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS SERVICES

Affordable Care Act – The Business Office is on pace to meet the new reporting requirements for health care. In January employees will receive a W-2 and 1094-C. This new reporting requires that the district report health care eligibility, participation, and cost of participation.

457b Retirement Savings Plan – The district is excited to bring to the Board for approval in December a request to offer a 457b Retirement Savings Plan. Similar to a 401k, this is a pre-tax withdrawal retirement savings plan. With this plan, employees are able to make withdrawals without penalties under certain circumstances. This is in addition to the current 403b plan the district currently offers. A plan document will be brought to the Board in December for approval consideration.

4. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Revised Dynamic Learning Map (DLM) Assessment – This assessment was previously the Illinois Alternative Assessment, which offers a way for all students with significant disabilities to demonstrate their learning throughout the school year. By integrating this assessment with instruction during the year and providing a year-end assessment, the DLM system maps student learning aligned with college and career readiness standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics. The assessment is administered online and allows for the use of common assistive

technologies in addition to keyboard, mouse and touch-screen technology. The testing window is between March 21, 2016 and May 13, 2016. The results are in from the previous assessment and are currently being reviewed for any needed corrections.

VIII. BOARD REPORTS

Building Committee Update – Member Gorecki reported on the committee’s November 10th meeting. Siemens discussed the progress of the Ludwig Facility Audit. Ken Detina and Skip Shein presented preliminary results from the facility audit which is nearly complete and a potential scope of the project has been discussed. The Ludwig project is similar in scope to that of the Reed project; however, due to the size of Ludwig, it is being planned in two phases for completion over the course of two summers. Pricing information is still in the process of being obtained. The committee also discussed the ongoing Oak Prairie chiller issues and the need for replacement. The Building Committee will meet again with Siemens on December 3rd and is anticipating preliminary cost numbers for the projects. There is a tentative plan for a board presentation by Siemens at the December board meeting.

IX. POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS - ACTION

Motion by member Kropf and seconded by member Houlihan to approve the adoption of the recommended policy updates. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Houlihan, Adamczyk, Sweis, Bilotta, Gorecki, Kropf and Messina.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

X. ACTION CONSIDERATIONS

1. Personnel Matters – Action Items

A. Resignation of Classified Personnel (Enclosure X-1A) – Action

Motion by member Houlihan and seconded by member Sweis to accept the resignation of Jill Dunn-Gillis – Instructional Paraprofessional – Oak Prairie and Tai Rymar-Rodney – Special Education Paraprofessional. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Adamczyk, Sweis, Bilotta, Gorecki, Kropf, Houlihan and Messina.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

B. Employment of Classified Personnel (Enclosure X-1B) – Action

Motion by member Bilotta and seconded by member Gorecki to employ Ashley Grycko – Paraprofessional – Special Education. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Sweis, Bilotta, Gorecki, Kropf, Houlihan, Adamczyk and Messina.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

C. Reassignment of Classified Personnel (Enclosure X-1C) - Action

Motion by member Kropf and seconded by member Houlihan to accept the reassignment of Judy Fisher – Paraprofessional – Oak Prairie. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Bilotta, Gorecki, Kropf, Houlihan, Adamczyk, Sweis and Messina.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

2. Resolution Regarding the Estimated Amounts Necessary To Be Levied for the 2015 Tax Year and Setting of the Truth-In-Taxation Hearing (Enclosure X-2) – Action

Ms. Bishop gave a presentation of the levy calculation procedures and the requested levy amount of \$21,770,694, an increase of .73% from last year. Ms. Bishop noted that if a district is requesting more than a 5% increase from the prior year, a public notice has to be given and a public hearing held. The administration is continuing the practice and giving a public notice and holding a public hearing even though the requested levy amount is less than 5 % in order to ensure that the district is being thoroughly transparent in this process. Ms. Bishop then answered questions from the board. Motion by member Sweis and seconded by member Kropf to accept the Resolution Regarding the Estimated Amounts Necessary To Be Levied for the 2015 Tax Year and Setting of the Truth-In-Taxation Hearing. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Gorecki, Kropf, Houlihan, Adamczyk, Sweis, Bilotta and Messina.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

3. Approval of the 10-Year Health Life Safety – Mr. Troy Strange from Farnsworth Group (Enclosure X-3) - Action

Mr. Troy Strange presented the 10-Year Health Life Safety Report. After the board approval, Farnsworth will send the report to the Illinois State Board of Education for their approval. Many items had been removed from the list because of the renovations completed at Walsh and Reed and work that the maintenance staff has completed. Mr. Strange answered questions from the board. Motion by member Houlihan and seconded by member Kropf to approve the 10-Year Health Life Safety. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Kropf, Houlihan, Adamczyk, Sweis, Bilotta, Gorecki and Messina.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

4. Approval of District 92 Copier Lease Proposal (Enclosure X-4) – Action

Ms. Bishop presented the recommendation for the copier lease. Two proposals were comparable but the recommendation came down to the guaranteed service. Proven Proposal #1 is being recommended due to a better guaranteed business response time of two-hours, a better loaner program and great references. With an additional cost of \$3,628 on the five-year contract compared to the lowest quote from another vendor, this appears to be a prudent investment. Motion by member Adamczyk and seconded by member Sweis to approve the District 92 Copier Lease Proposal. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Houlihan, Adamczyk, Sweis, Bilotta, Gorecki, Kropf and Messina.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

5. Resolution – Disposal of District Surplus Inventory Items (Enclosure X-5) – Action

Motion by member Sweis and seconded by member Kropf to approve the Resolution to Disposal of District Surplus Inventory Items. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Adamczyk, Sweis, Bilotta, Gorecki, Kropf, Houlihan and Messina.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. 2015/2016 School Building Goals (Enclosure XI-1) – Informational

Dr. Sullivan introduced each building principal: Ms. Teresa Martin, Ms. Mary Jasinski, Ms. Carol Koch, Mr. Mark Murray and Mr. Scott Nyssen. Each building principal presented their 2015/2016 schools building goals and answered questions from the board. Conversation included discussion of altering the format of the future goal presentations.

2. Student Conduct Review (Enclosure XI-2) – Informational

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Parent/Teacher Conferences – Monday, November 23rd 1:00p. – 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday, November 24th 8:00a.m. – 3:00p.m. – No Student Attendance – Informational

2. **IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference – November 20-22, 2015 - Informational**

3. **Board Highlights (Enclosure XII-3) – Informational**

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

Motion by member Kropf, seconded by member Sweis to go into Closed Session for litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the school board has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the school board finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting (5ILCS 120/2 Paragraph 11) at 8:48 p.m. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Sweis, Bilotta, Gorecki, Kropf, Houlihan, Adamczyk and Messina.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

XV. APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Motion by member Bilotta and seconded by member Kropf to approve the Closed Session Minutes of November 17, 2015, as reviewed. Roll Call being had thereon, the member voted:

AYE: Adamczyk, Bilotta, Houlihan, Kropf, Gorecki, Sweis and Messina.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by member Kropf and seconded by member Sweis to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 p.m. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Bilotta, Houlihan, Kropf, Gorecki, Sweis, Adamczyk and Messina.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

Michael Messina
President, Board of Education

Tim Houlihan
Secretary, Board of Education