

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, May 17, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Messina called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. held in the Media Center at Oak Prairie Junior High School located at 15161 S. Gougar Road, Homer Glen, IL 60491. Roll call was taken with the following members answering present: Bilotta, Kropf, Houlihan, Adamczyk, Sweis and Messina.

Members Absent: Gorecki

Also present: Superintendent Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Fleming, 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. RESOLUTION OF RETIRING PERSONNEL (ENCLOSURE V)

President Messina presented two resolutions for the retirement of Mark Hall and Carol Koch. President Messina and Dr. Sullivan thanked both retirees on behalf of the Board and District for their dedicated service to District 92. Mr. Hall and Ms. Koch spoke of their great experience working in District 92.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by member Bilotta and seconded by member Sweis to approve the Consent Agenda part 1 and 2; (1) 04/19/2016 Amended Budget Public Hearing Minutes and 04/19/2016 Board of Education Minutes (2) Treasurer's Report and Financial Reports.

Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gorecki

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

VII. APPROVAL – MONTHLY EXPENDITURES

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

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Adamczyk

ABSENT: Gorecki

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. SUPERINTENDENT

Activity Bus Pilot – With the support of the Board, activity buses have been running Tuesdays and Thursdays averaging 11 students per day. 70 students have completed permission slips to ride the bus. Dr. Sullivan reported that working with First Student has been a great experience. Without this option, many students would not have the opportunity to be involved in after-school tutoring. The activity buses will continue to be monitored and recommendation will be brought to the board for next year.

IASB Goal Setting – Meeting dates for goal-setting have been set for the evening of August 2nd and 9th. Dr. Sullivan had a phone conference with Larry Dirks of IASB to discuss the outlay of these meetings. Preferably from 6:00. to 9:00 in an area that will allow for sizable wall space and a target group size of 40. Dr. Sullivan will be working with the Board, Union, staff and community members to come up with representatives to be involved in the goal setting process.

Legislative Update – Senate Bill 231, which is a bill that will restructure the state aide to school districts, has been sent to the House. This bill could cut the District's state aide by 80% through a four-year period, with the exception of Special Education Private Facility Tuition and Special Education Transportation, which are excluded from the bill. Dr. Sullivan has been in contact with local legislators to monitor the process of this bill and will keep the Board and community updated on any further information. House Bill 696 has passed the house and was sent to the Senate. This bill is a property tax freeze without a sunset clause and excludes new property. Dr. Sullivan will continue to monitor this and report back to the Board with any new information as it becomes available. Dr. Sullivan than answered questions from the Board and stated that he would be making efforts to inform the community about the implications of this bill in the coming days.

Attendance Procedures – Dr. Sullivan is looking at updating attendance procedures in the handbook. He is developing procedures that would ensure that chronically absent students would need further verification with absences. Dr. Sullivan wants to help these chronically absent students before it takes on a greater effect.

2. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

K-5 Math Update – In the next week the pilot of the 4th edition of Everyday Math will be concluding. The math committee will meet to discuss and review the pilot and see if this curriculum will go for adoption or look at other math curriculum options. Mr. Fleming will give an update at the June meeting.

Illinois Science Assessment – 5th grade will start testing on Wednesday and 8th grade will start on Thursday. This assessment is online. Because the assessment is new, little is known about this assessment.

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

Update – The administration of the assessment was significantly smoother using the App instead of the browser window. There is no knowledge of when the results will be published but the District will keep the Board informed as to when the results may

be published. The state has not given a window for 2016/2017 PARCC, so the District can not set any dates for administering the assessment for next school year.

3. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS SERVICES

2015 Levy Update (Enclosure VIII-3) - The 2015 actual Levy extended was \$21,483,193, which was a decrease of 0.61% from the previous year. Because the administration is mindful of the taxpayers, Ms. Bishop requested \$21,770,694 back in December, which is less than the maximum allowed to be levied by the County Clerk's calculations. The extension was further lowered by the District in order to keep the tax rate from rising. The resulting tax rate for 2015 is 3.1772, down from 3.1949 in 2013 and 3.1839 in 2014.

TY17 Budget Presentation: June Meeting – At the next Board meeting there will be a presentation on the FY17 budget and the Board will be asked to approve a resolution to put the Tentative FY17 Budget on display and set the Public Hearing date.

Illinois Department of Revenue - In April of this year the Illinois Department of Revenue announced that the state over-paid approximately \$168 million to local governments because of a misallocation of the Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax (CPPRT) fund. The district has to pay back \$64,000, which will be deducted from future CPPRT payments to the District beginning January 2017 until December 2018.

4. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Extended School Year (ESY) Update - The Extended School Year's (ESY) theme is Super Hero Camp. It runs from June 8th to June 30th at Walsh School. There will be 10 teachers, 24 paraprofessionals and 7 support personnel.

Dynamic Learning Map (DLM) Science Alternate Assessment – The Science Alternate Assessment will be taken this Wednesday and Friday and will include Life Science, Physical Science and Earth Science. There was no information provided as to what this assessment would cover to ensure that those subjects were included in the curriculum.

IX. BOARD REPORTS

Building Committee – Informational

Member Bilotta reported on the committee's May 10th meeting, which included an update on the completion of the spring break maintenance and Ludwig/Oak Prairie renovation work. The Regional Office of Education (ROE) annual Life Safety Building Inspection took place on April 21st, 2016 and there were few findings. Those noted were either already completed as of today's board meeting date, or had already been planned for completion during the summers of 2016 and 2017. The committee also received a copy of Farnsworth's proposal for capital improvements that the District has identified as potential future areas of focus. These improvements could not be completed by Siemens, Inc. as they do not relate to energy savings. A full detailed review of the proposal will take place at the next Building Committee meeting on June 7th and if considered suitable it will be brought to the Board for review and approval.

Wellness Committee Annual Report (Enclosure IX-2) – Informational

Member Sweis reported on the Black Light run/walk event, which was the committee's first district-wide event and had over 100 participants. The committee is looking into running this event again next year. Member Sweis thanked Ms. Nuccio and the rest of the custodial staff that did an exceptional job helping for this event. The committee's annual report as required by board policy 6:50 is included in the enclosures of the Board packet.

X. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nine policies are being brought forward for first read. Second reading and adoption will be brought forward at the June meeting.

XI. ACTION CONSIDERATIONS

1. Personnel Matters – Action Items

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

Motion by member Bilotta and seconded by member Kropf to accept the resignation of Laura Karli – Attendance Secretary - Reed. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gorecki

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

B. Reassignment of Classified Personnel (Enclosure XI-1B) – Action - Passed

Motion by member Bilotta and seconded by member Houlihan to reassign Genevieve Jarosz - Bookkeeper. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gorecki

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried

C. Extra Duty Assignment (Enclosure XI-1C)– Action - Passed

Motion by member Kropf and seconded by member Houlihan to accept the Extra Duty Assignment from Theresa Beymer – Dance Coach . Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gorecki

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

D. Request for Leave (Enclosure XI-1D) – Action - Passed

Motion by member Bilotta and seconded by member Sweis to accept the Leave from Callan Matalas – 4th Grade Teacher, Stacy Price-Senders – Reading Specialist – Walsh and Jeanine Rizzo – Special Education Teacher – Oak Prairie. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gorecki

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

2. Technology Equipment Proposal (Enclosure XI-2) – Action - Passed

Mr. Fleming is recommending the purchase of \$250,000 in technology equipment. This proposal does not include refreshing iPads, which is a cost savings of \$210,000 since the District is planning to convene a committee that will be charged with developing a vision for the role that technology shares in teaching and learning at District 92. Mr. Fleming answered questions from the Board. Motion by member Adamczyk and seconded by member Sweis to approve the Technology Equipment Proposal. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gorecki

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

3. Authorization to Enter Into Long Term Energy Contracts – Gas and Electric (Enclosure XI-3) – Action - Passed

The District had entered into a 3-year agreement for Gas and Electric through Vanguard Energy in June 2014. With the decline of raw cost of natural gas and electricity commodities Ms. Bishop is recommending permission to enter into new contracts that would extend the districts current contracts for one to two years. The contracts would be entered into only if commodity pricing is at or below the range of .39 - .41 per therm for natural gas and .035-.038 per kWh for electricity. These rates are lower than the current contract as well as the previous contract, which ran 2011-2014. Motion by member Bilotta and seconded by member Sweis to approve the Authorization to Enter Into Long Term Energy Contracts – Gas and Electric. Ms. Bishop answered questions from the Board. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gorecki

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

4. Board of Education Notice of Public Meetings (Enclosure XI-4) – Action - Passed

Motion by member Kropf and seconded by member Houlihan to approve the Board of Education Notice of Public Meetings. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gorecki

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

5. Approval of Quote for Purchase of Whiteboards and Tackboards – Ludwig School (Enclosure XI-5) – Action - Passed

Ms. Bishop received quotes from three vendors and recommended Frank Cooney Company at a cost of \$33,988.80, which is \$1,895 higher than the lowest of the quotes. The district has worked with Frank Cooney Company in the past and Frank Cooney has guaranteed that the product will arrive on time and be installed on the exact two dates that were requested. Motion by member Houlihan and seconded by member Kropf to approve the Quote for Purchase of Whiteboards and Tackboards. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: Adamczyk

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gorecki

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

XII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Student Conduct Review (Enclosure XII-1) – Informational

XIII. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

1. Brendan Bakala, Illinois Policy Institute
2. Roger D. Weber, Smart Local 265

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Thank You Card – Family of Michelle Rudd – Informational
2. Board Highlights (Enclosure XIV-2) – Informational

XV. CLOSED SESSION

Motion by member Bilotta, seconded by member Kropf to go into Closed Session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity (5ILCS 120/2 Paragraph 1), collective negotiating matters between the school board and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees (5ILCS 120/2 Paragraph 2) and discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of school board approval of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as required by

the ACT(5ILCS 120/2 Paragraph 14) at 8:16 p.m. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gorecki

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

XVI. APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

None

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by member Bilotta and seconded by member Adamczyk to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gorecki

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

Michael Messina
President, Board of Education

Tim Houlihan
Secretary, Board of Education