

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

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
Of the Board of Education
Will County School District 92
October 13, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Kobey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. held in the Will County School District 92 Administration Center Board Room at 708 North State Street, Lockport, Illinois. Roll Call was taken with the following members answering present: Bilotta, Gorecki, Houlihan, Little, Messina, Traina, Kobey. Also present: Superintendent Peck, Assistant Superintendent Cosgrove, Business Manager LaRue, Special Education Director West and Attorney Hauser. Members Absent: None.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR PERSONS PRESENTING REQUESTS OR SEEKING INFORMATION

Mrs. Vestal and Mrs. Scialabba presented concerns with the new bus service from Positive Connections regarding violations, schedules and routes. President Kobey appreciated the input and indicated that the service is new and is improving and that all concerns should be addressed to Dr. Peck. Dr. Peck indicated that telephone calls were returned and that daily contact with Positive Connections is ongoing. Because safety of the children is very important, there have been route and schedule changes to resolve overcrowding, drivers, and earlier drop-off times.

IV. BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUEST FOR AGENDA ADDENDUM ITEMS

None.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Little, seconded by Bilotta to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: (A) (1) September 8, 2009 Budget Hearing Minutes, and (2) September 8, 2009 Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes; (B) Treasurer's Report and Financial Reports; (C) Monthly Expenditures. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Bilotta, Gorecki, Houlihan, Little, Messina, Traina, Kobey

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.
Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. SUPERINTENDENT

PFA Meeting: Dr. Peck attended the PFA meeting on Monday and thanked the PFA for allotting each school \$2,000.00 for assemblies and \$1,000.00 for supplemental materials.

Club 92: Dr. Peck indicated that Club 92 is up and running with approximately 100 participates in three out of the four schools.

NSBA Conference: Interested Board Members are to contact Dr. Peck to register for the April 10th-12th, 2010 70th Annual NSBA National Conference in Chicago.

Teachers' Institute: Dr. Peck would like to thank Dr. Cosgrove and staff for organizing a wonderful Teacher's Institute.

2. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

District 92 Communicator: Dr. Cosgrove indicated that the District Communicator will be mailed within the next week or so. This Fall edition highlights a letter from the Superintendent, special welcome to the new teachers, Health Alert related to the H1N1 virus, an overview of the District 2009-2010 Goals through the Eye to the Future, updates regarding the transportation system, and summer building projects.

Pay It Forward Foundation Recipient: District 92 would like to thank Rhonda Dealey, Social Worker from Reed School, in collaboration with Rae-Marie Peterson, second grade teacher, for being awarded a grant for the school in the amount of \$391.00. The grant will fund books for the school.

Academically Talented/Gifted and Talented Parent Meeting: On October 6, 2009, selected parents from the third grade level were invited to attend a parent orientation meeting on the Academically talented cluster/gifted program at Reed School. Eighteen parents were in attendance.

A Day Made Better Program: The Lemont OfficeMax adopted Ludwig School for the 2009-2010 school year. Through the "A Day Made Better" program, the store honored Mrs. Renee VanderMeer, 4th grade teacher, at

a school assembly with a donation package containing over \$1,000.00 worth of classroom resources.

3. BUSINESS MANAGER

2009-2010 Health/Life Safety Annual Inspection Reports: Mr. LaRue indicated that a representative from the Regional Office inspected Walsh, Reed, Ludwig, and Oak Prairie Schools and determined that there are no violations.

Budget/Maintenance: Mr. LaRue highlighted the preparation of the 2010-2011 School Year Budget that was presented for adoption. A boiler at Ludwig School is having some problems. Also, the maintenance staff is preparing for the winter months.

4. DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

Mrs. West continues to explore ways to improve our Special Education Program. Information has been posted on the District home page regarding H1N1.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. 2009 IASB/IASA/IASBO JOINT ANNUAL CONFERENCE – NOVEMBER 20-22, 2009, CHICAGO

President Kobey asked all Board members to contact Dr. Peck with any further questions regarding the November, 2009 Illinois Association of School Boards Conference.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Dr. Peck addressed this issue in Public Comments.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. PERSONNEL MATTERS

A. Resignation of Certified Personnel

None.

B. Resignation of Classified Personnel

None.

C. Employment of Certified Personnel

None.

D. Employment of Classified Personnel

None.

E. Request for Child Care Leave

None.

2. DISTRICT BUDGET CALENDAR AND PREPARATION OF 2010/2011 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET RESOLUTION (Enclosure VIII-2)

Motion by Messina, seconded by Little to approve the District Budget Calendar and Preparation of 2010-2011 School Year Budget Resolution as presented. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Gorecki, Houlihan, Little, Messina, Traina, Bilotta, Kobey

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

3. INVESTMENT DEPOSITORY RESOLUTION (Enclosure VIII-3)

Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Little to approve the Investment Depository Resolution as presented. Mr. LaRue indicated that this is the best economic and administrative interest to continue using PMA Financial Network, Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus (PMA Securities, Inc.), and/or any local bank for Certificates of Deposit at his discretion to obtain the best economic value for District 92. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Houlihan, Little, Messina, Traina, Bilotta, Gorecki, Kobey

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

4. BANKING RESOLUTION (Enclosure VIII-4)

Motion by Houlihan, seconded by Gorecki to approve the Banking Resolution as presented. Mr. LaRue indicated that this is the best economic and administrative interest to continue using First Midwest Bank and Harris Bank. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Little, Messina, Traina, Bilotta, Gorecki, Houlihan, Kobey

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

5. CONTINUED HAZARDOUS ROUTE RESOLUTION 2010 SCHOOL YEAR (Enclosure VIII-5)

Motion by Little, seconded by Messina to approve the Continued Hazardous Route Resolution 2010 School Year as presented. Vice President Gorecki noted that the Board reviews and approves the classification of “hazardous” routes. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Messina, Traina, Bilotta, Gorecki, Houlihan, Little, Kobey

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

6. ADMINISTRATION SALARY COMPENSATION REPORTS (Enclosure VIII-6)

Dr. Peck indicated that on August 13, 2009, Governor Quinn signed into law P.A. 96-434, creating new salary reporting requirements for administrative employees, which requires school districts to post on their website before October 1st of each year an itemized salary compensation report for every employee holding an administrative certificate and working in a position requiring an administrative certificate, including the Superintendent.

7. BUILDING GOALS

Dr. Cosgrove indicated that she and Dr. Peck met with each principal who wrote and presented their building goals using the Eye to the Future model and the 8 goal dimension areas. Principals will present a written summation of their goal progress at the end of the school year. The goal charts will be regularly referenced with school staff and parents throughout the year.

8. NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION TEACHING STANDARDS STIPEND (Enclosure VIII-8)

Motion by Messina, seconded by Little to approve the National Board Certification Teaching Standards Stipends as presented. Dr. Cosgrove indicated that Mrs. Mary Creek, Library Media Specialist, received the National Board Certification in 1998. The National Board Certification requires hours of work for a teacher to put together an individual teaching portfolio that is scored by the National Certification Board. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Traina, Bilotta, Gorecki, Houlihan, Little, Messina, Kobey

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
Motion passed.
Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

9. STUDENT CONDUCT REVIEW (Enclosure VIII-9)

The October 13, 2009 Student Conduct Review for August/September, 2009 was as follows: Oak Prairie Junior High: Infraction Action Totals – In School Suspension – 1. Ludwig School: Infraction Action Totals – 1-Day School Suspension – 2.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

1. BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Peck is providing each school with a “Board Highlights” to post for their information dated September 8, 2009.

X. CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Messina, seconded by Houlihan to go into Closed Session at 8:12 p.m. to discuss:

1. Probable or imminent litigation (5ILCS 120/2 Paragraph 11); and/or
2. Personnel (5ILCS 120/2 Paragraph 1); and/or
3. Collective Bargaining; and/or
4. Student Issues; and/or
5. Closed Minutes.

Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Bilotta, Gorecki, Houlihan, Little, Messina, Traina, Kobey

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Traina to return to Open Session at 8:45 p.m.

Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Gorecki, Houlihan, Little, Messina, Traina, Bilotta, Kobey

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

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XI. APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Messina to approve the Closed Session Minutes of September 8, 2009 as reviewed in Closed Session. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Houlihan, Little, Messina, Traina, Bilotta, Gorecki, Kobey

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Little, seconded by Bilotta to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Little, Messina, Traina, Bilotta, Gorecki, Houlihan, Kobey

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

MARY JO KOBAY
President, Board of Education

REBECCA LITTLE
Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary: JoAnn Brown