

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
November 10, 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 (Out of Town – Represented by Speaker Phone), Houlihan, Little, Messina, Kobey. Also present: Superintendent Peck, Assistant Superintendent Cosgrove, Business Manager LaRue, and Special Education Director West. Members Absent: Gorecki (Out of Town – Represented by Speaker Phone), Traina.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR PERSONS PRESENTING REQUESTS OR SEEKING INFORMATION

President Kobey introduced Dev Trivedi, Mayor of Lockport, and thanked him for coming to District 92. Mayor Trivedi stated that the City of Lockport has a lot to offer and enjoys working with the school districts. He stated that the City had many sites to visit and would like the school districts to take advantage of them for future field trips. He is open to any questions or concerns; please contact him or his office.

IV. BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUEST FOR AGENDA ADDENDUM ITEMS

None.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Messina, seconded by Little to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: (A) October 13, 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, Kobey

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gorecki (Out of Town-Represented by Speaker Phone), Traina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. SUPERINTENDENT

PFA: Dr. Peck indicated that the PFA meeting set for last night was very successful. The PFA members are selling cookbooks for a fundraiser. The cookbook is filled with great recipes. The PFA will be selling the cookbooks at the Parent-Teacher Conferences. The PFA has also scheduled a Santa's Secret Workshop at Walsh.

District 92 Foundation for Educational Excellence: Dr. Peck thanked the Foundation for the \$1,000 stipend for each school to be used to enhance technology. Also, mini grant opportunities for \$250.00 each have been extended to all teachers.

The First Tee: Dr. Peck thanked Member Messina for working with The First Tee National School Program, which will introduce children to the game of golf and The First Tee Nine Core Values during regular physical education classes. This program is designed to promote character development and self-esteem and will be unveiled at Ludwig School.

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.

2. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

School Improvement Day: Dr. Cosgrove indicated that on October 30th, teachers met together to participate in school improvement activities. Ludwig and Oak Prairie staffs received training from Dr. Ausburger, Lewis University Professor in literacy, who shared reading comprehension and vocabulary development strategies. Teachers at Walsh and Reed received training by consultant Debbie Endress in the guided reading instructional approach. The administration team and district administrators met with Dr. Carol Schultz from Chicago State University to begin dialogue on co-teaching at Oak Prairie.

Wellness Institute – January 15, 2010: Dr. Cosgrove indicated that twelve teachers representing all schools, along with Mr. Murray and Ms. Sprovieri have volunteered to serve on the committee. The wellness institute will include participation from local health experts.

3. BUSINESS MANAGER

Maintenance/Repair: Mr. LaRue indicated that boiler repairs are needed at Ludwig and Reed Schools. Preparation for the winter season is under way for snow removal. District 92 is phasing out the outside contractors since a vehicle and plow have been purchased.

4. DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

Professional Development: Mrs. West reported that she is researching professional development opportunities in co-teaching to raise student achievement. Early Childhood enrollment continues to grow in the District. RTI training continues as a staff development priority.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. 2009 IASB/IASA/IASBO JOINT ANNUAL CONFERENCE – NOVEMBER 20-22, 2009, CHICAGO – POLICY/PROCEDURE REVIEW OF EXPEDITURES (Enclosure VII-I)

President Kobey reviewed Policy 2:120, 2:125, 2:125-E1 regarding the November, 2009 Joint Annual Conference. If any questions, please see Dr. Peck.

Vice President Gorecki stated that he would be attending and representing District 92 at the Delegates Assembly scheduled for Saturday, November 21st. Please review the booklet received from the assembly. Most of the issues are positive and are backed by the IASB. One issue to be discussed and voted upon will be: “Should teachers be allowed to strike?” If any questions, please contact Mr. Gorecki.

2. TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Dr. Peck reported that during the past months improvements regarding transportation have been made. The students continue to arrive on time and are delivered to their home stops within twenty minutes of leaving school. Preparations for the winter months are being reviewed with Positive Connections. Positive Connections Route Supervisor, Colleen Lesko, meets with Dr. Peck daily to review relevant transportation topics. Dr. Peck will continue to monitor Positive Connections for the remainder of the school year.

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 (Enclosure VIII-1E)

Motion by Little, seconded by Houlihan to approve the Request for Child Care Leave for Kelly Mandros and Jessica Quaresima, Teachers at Ludwig, per Article XV of the Teacher Agreement. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gorecki (Out of Town-Represented by Speaker Phone),
Traina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

F. Request for Retirement (Enclosure VIII-1F)

Motion by Bilotti seconded by Messina to approve the Request for Retirement of Carol Cooley, Teacher at Reed/Ludwig, Retirement, June, 2014. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gorecki (Out of Town-Represented by Speaker Phone),
Traina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

2. RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ESTIMATED AMOUNTS NECESSARY TO BE LEVIED FOR THE 2009 TAX YEAR AND SETTING OF THE TRUTH-IN-TAXATION HEARING (Enclosure VIII-2)

Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Little to approve the Will County School District 92 Tax Levy – November 10, 2009 Truth in Taxation Notice and Resolution Regarding the Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for the 2009 Tax Year and Setting of Public Hearing for December 8, 2009 at 7:20 p.m. as presented. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gorecki (Out of Town-Represented by Speaker Phone), Traina
Motion passed.
Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

3. ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT 2008/2009 FISCAL YEAR – (Enclosure VIII-3)

Motion by Houlihan, seconded by Messina to approve the Annual Audit Report 2008/2009 Fiscal Year as prepared by Wermer, Rogers, Doran & Ruzon. Also enclosed is the Management Letter Comments dated June 30, 2009. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gorecki (Out of Town-Represented by Speaker Phone), Traina
Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

4. ISAT/AYP 2009 STATUS REPORT

Dr. Cosgrove and Ms. West gave a Power Point Presentation highlighting the Will County School District 92 ISAT 2009 Performance and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Report. All students must meet annual state targets in reading and math performance, test participation and attendance rates. Students in grades 3-8 took ISAT assessments in reading and math. Students in grades 4 and 7 took ISAT assessments in science. Students in grades 3,5,6 and 8 took ISAT assessments in writing. Grades 3 and 8 show 7-year highs in the percentage of non-IEP students who meet and/or exceed state standards in reading. Grades 3 and 5 show a 7-year high in the percentage of IEP and non-IEP students who meet and/or exceed state standards in math. Grade 8 shows second highest percentage over a 7-year period for IEP and non-IEP. Dr. Cosgrove reported that Oak Prairie Junior High did not meet AYP targets this year due to performance in the IEP sub group (reading and math).

5. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT E-PLAN/OAK PRAIRIE

Motion by Messina, seconded by Little to approve the School Improvement E-Plan/Oak Prairie as presented by Mr. Murray. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gorecki (Out of Town-Represented by Speaker Phone), Traina
Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

6. IDEA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Houlihan to approve the IDEA Policies and Procedures as presented by Ms. West, who indicated there were two changes involving (1) Right to Revoke Services; and (2) Parent Telephone Call in Lieu of a Signature. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gorecki (Out of Town-Represented by Speaker Phone), Traina
Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

7. PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING – (Enclosure VIII-7)

President Kobey indicated that she would be attending the President's Cabinet Meeting, along with Dr. Peck scheduled for November 12, 2009 at the LTHS Central Campus, Little Theater, 1222 S. Jefferson Street.

8. STUDENT CONDUCT REVIEW (Enclosure VIII-9)

The November 10, 2009 Student Conduct Review for October, 2009 was as follows: Oak Prairie Junior High: Infraction Action Totals – 1 Day Suspension from School: 2; In School Suspension – 7. Ludwig School: Infraction Action Totals – 1-Day Suspension from School – 1.; In School Suspensions – 7.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

1. BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Peck is providing each school with a "Board Highlights" to post for their information dated October 13, 2009.

X. CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Little, seconded by Bilotta to go into Closed Session at 8:47 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: Houlihan, Little, Messina, Bilotta, Gorecki, Kobey

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

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ABSENT: Gorecki (Out of Town-Represented by Speaker Phone), Traina
Motion passed.
Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Messina, seconded by Bilotta to return to Open Session at 9:00 p.m. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gorecki (Out of Town-Represented by Speaker Phone), Traina
Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

XI. APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Motion by Little, seconded by Bilotta to approve the Closed Session Minutes of October 13, 2009 as reviewed in Closed Session. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gorecki (Out of Town-Represented by Speaker Phone), Traina
Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Messina, seconded by Houlihan to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gorecki (Out of Town-Represented by Speaker Phone), Traina
Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

MARY JO KOBEY
President, Board of Education

REBECCA LITTLE
Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary: JoAnn Brown