

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
December 8, 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, and Special Education Director West. 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

None.

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) November 10, 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

Will County Superintendent Breakfast: Dr. Peck and Mr. LaRue attended a Superintendent Breakfast at Lincolnway West High School in which approximately 29 school district Superintendent's were in attendance. The meeting focused on discussions regarding school financing and finding new ways to create more money for schools: equity funding, tax relief, income tax, real estate taxes, etc. Mrs. Kovacevich (LASEC), Mr. Gus Tomac (Superintendent), and Dr. Larry Wiley (Superintendent) were some of the keynote speakers.

The First Tee: Dr. Peck thanked Member Messina for securing the sponsorship with The First Tee National School Program. This program will introduce children to the game of golf and is designed to promote character development and self-esteem. Ludwig School will be the first school in Will County to utilize the program.

Profile Sheet: Dr. Peck asked the Board to complete their profile sheets in order to update the website.

2. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Holiday Concerts: Please check the district calendar to join us at the wonderful holiday concerts scheduled.

Canvas Murals: Artist Matt Lamb will be visiting the district again to work with 80 aspiring artists in 6th-8th grades and painting two canvas murals for Oak Prairie Jr. High beginning December 18th. The theme is "Peace". Mr. Lamb spent four days last spring working with the students to paint peace umbrellas and march in school peace parades.

Wellness Institute: Helen Phillips, winner of the NBC show "The Biggest Loser" will be the keynote speaker for the January 15, 2010 Wellness Institute. The Foundation will be sponsoring a Family Night on January 14, 2010 featuring Ms. Phillips beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Oak Prairie gym. The newspapers have been notified of these upcoming events.

3. BUSINESS MANAGER

Tax Levy: Mr. LaRue will be presenting the Tax Levy under New Business.

Maintenance/Repair: Mr. LaRue indicated that the snow equipment is in working order for the upcoming winter. Boiler repairs are currently being completed and all schools currently have heat.

4. DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

Co-Teaching Goals: Mrs. West indicated that the 6th, 7th and 8th grade teachers are working on co-teaching model goals. Mrs. West is currently working on the Special Education IEPs.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Dr. Peck reported that on November 17th at approximately 4:00 p.m., the Fish Bus from Walsh hit a light pole in the Oak Prairie parking lot. No injuries were sustained, but the front end of the bus was damaged which prohibited it from being driven from the parking lot. Police and emergency personnel were called and the Fire Department paramedics examined all the students and the driver. The bus driver was dismissed as a result of the incident and all drivers reviewed operating procedures for bus turn-a-rounds.

2. 2009 IASB CONFERENCE – CHICAGO

Vice President Gorecki indicated that he attended the Delegates Assembly on behalf of District 92 on November 21st. Member Gorecki indicated that the meeting was successful and very productive and reviewed many issues regarding school district policies on funding and finances. Member Gorecki will submit a detailed report at the next Board meeting.

3. PRESIDENT’S CABINET MEETING

President Kobey and Dr. Peck attended a President’s Cabinet Meeting on November 12, 2009 at Lockport Central High School. Cindy Polke and Ron Svana, two of Lockport Township High School board members, highlighted, through a Power Point Presentation, the need for the feeder grade schools to help prepare the students for high school. The high school board members are looking into establishing a District Learning Team. A survey was passed out to the feeder schools to be completed. District 92 Board Members are all in agreement not to participate at this time in the future President’s Cabinet Meetings since the Lockport Township High School Board does not sanction them.

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 (ENCLOSURE VIII-1D)

Motion by Messina, seconded by Bilotta to approve the employment of classified personnel of Cole Gaines, Paraprofessional Special Education, Reed School, per Board of Education Guidelines. 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.

E. Request for Child Care Leave

None.

F. Request for Retirement

None.

2. TAX LEVY RESOLUTION – (ENCLOSURE VIII-2)

Motion by Traina, seconded by Little to approve the Tax Levy Resolution Levying Taxes For Will County School District 92 for the 2009 School Year for a Total Levy of \$18,133,746.00 as presented by Mr. LaRue in the power point presentation highlighting the amounts of the funds. 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.

**3. TRUTH-IN TAXATION HEARING CERTIFICATION
RESOLUTION (ENCLOSURE VIII-3)**

Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Houlihan to approve the Will County School District 92 Truth in Taxation Notice Hearing Certification Resolution as presented. 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.

**4. DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE – REQUEST FOR BOARD MEMBER
PARTICIPATION – JANUARY, 2009 MEETING**

President Kobey asked the Board Members if they would like to volunteer to participate in the Discipline Committee to review the Parent/Student Handbook, etc. President Kobey and Member Bilotta will participate.

5. WELLNESS INSTITUTE DAY

Dr. Peck thanked the committee and all staff for finalizing the events for the Wellness Institute Day scheduled for January 15, 2010. All staff and Board Members are welcome to attend. Please see flyer in the Supplemental Folder.

**6. HAZARDOUS AND INFECTIOUS MATERIALS – POLICY
(ENCLOSURE VIII-6)**

Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Messina to approve Policy 4:160, Operational Services: Hazardous and Infectious Materials as presented. 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.

**7. INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT ACT – POLICY –
(ENCLOSURE VIII-7)**

Motion by Little, seconded by Gorecki to approve Policy 4:161, Operational Services, Integrated Pest Management Policy as presented. 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.

8. GREEN CLEANING SCHOOL ACT – POLICY - (ENCLOSURE VIII-8)

Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Houlihan to approve Policy 4:162, Operational Services, Green Cleaning as presented. 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.

**9. INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT POLICY–
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE – ENCLOSURE VIII-9)**

Motion by Messina, seconded by Little to approve Policy 4:161 AP, Operational Services, Administrative Procedure: Integrated Pest Management Policy 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.

10. STUDENT CONDUCT REVIEW (ENCLOSURE VIII-9)

The December 8, 2009 Student Conduct Review for November, 2009 was as follows: Oak Prairie Junior High: Infraction Action Totals – 1 Day Suspension from School: 1; In School Suspension – 5. Ludwig School: Infraction Action Totals – In School Suspensions – 3.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

1. BOARD HIGHLIGHTS (ENCLOSURE IX-1)

Dr. Peck is providing each school with a “Board Highlights” to post for their information dated November 10, 2009.

2. GET TOGETHER (FLYER)

Dr. Peck invited Board Members to join District 92 for a Holiday Get Together on December 16, 2009 at the American Legion Post, 15052 South Archer Avenue, Lockport, Illinois from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please return bottom portion of flyer if you are able to attend.

X. CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Houlihan to go into Closed Session at 8:52 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, Traina, Bilotta, Gorecki, Kobey

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Little, seconded by Houlihan to return to Open Session at 8:58 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.

XI. APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Motion by Messina, seconded by Little to approve the Closed Session Minutes of November 10, 2009 as reviewed in Closed Session. 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.

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XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Little to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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.

MARY JO KOBAY
President, Board of Education

REBECCA LITTLE
Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary: JoAnn Brown