

**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  
January 12, 2010

**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, Houlihan, Little, Messina, Kobey. Also present: Superintendent Peck, Assistant Superintendent Cosgrove, Business Manager LaRue, and Special Education Director West. Members Absent: Gorecki and Traina.

**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 Bilotta, seconded by Little to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: (A) (1) December 8, 2009 Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes; (2) December 22, 2009 Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes (Student Residency Hearing); (B) Treasurer's Report and Financial Reports; (C) Monthly Expenditures. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Bilotta, Houlihan, Little, Messina, Kobey

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gorecki and Traina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

**VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**1. SUPERINTENDENT**

**Will County Compliance Visit:** The week of January 18, 2010, the Will County Regional Office representatives: Mr. Martino, Dr. Bradbury, and Mr. Walsh will conduct a compliance visit of District 92. Collection of information for this visit has been ongoing. The Will County Regional Office will give a full report in February.

**PFA Meeting:** A PFA meeting was held on January 11, 2010. Dr. Peck thanked all staff and community for participating in the mitten trees provided at all the schools. All items donated have been given to students in need. Upcoming PFA events are: February 20<sup>th</sup> Fun Fair and March 6<sup>th</sup> Dinner Dance.

**Packet:** Dr. Peck asked the Board Members to complete the Blue Profile Sheet found in their Board Packet and return to him.

**2. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

**Matt Lamb Mural Project:** On December 17, 2009, Artist Matt Lamb worked with 100 Oak Prairie Junior High students to paint two large murals (15 feet x 12 feet). The theme of the activity was "Peace". The murals will be hung outside the Oak Prairie gymnasium. A slide presentation was presented.

**3. BUSINESS MANAGER**

**Maintenance/Repair:** Mr. LaRue indicated that the snow removal equipment is in good working order. There have been a few set backs at Oak Prairie including a pipe freezing and a heat failure, which have been addressed.

**4. DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**Special Education Meeting:** Ms. West has met with Homer 33C to discuss the extended school year program.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. "YOU CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE" INSTITUTE DAY – JANUARY 15, 2010 (Enclosure VII-1)**

Helen Phillips, a recent winner of the NBC show "The Biggest Loser" will be the keynote speaker for the January 15, 2010 Wellness Institute. Many wellness presentations will be offered by local doctors, fitness experts, etc.

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District 92 staff and other health consultants. The Foundation will be sponsoring a Family Wellness Night on January 14, 2010 featuring Ms. Phillips beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Oak Prairie gym. Tickets will be sold in advance at all District 92 schools and Administrative Office.

Vice President Gorecki arrived at 7:44 p.m.

**2. TRANSPORTATION UPDATE**

Dr. Peck indicated that he is still in daily contact with the bus company. To date, all students are being picked up and dropped off in a timely manner.

**3. PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE SURVEY (Enclosure VII-3)**

Dr. Cosgrove indicated that the Parent Teacher Conferences were held at all the schools on November 23<sup>rd</sup> (1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) and November 24<sup>th</sup> (8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.). Parents were given the opportunity to complete a 15 question survey and respond on a 5 point Likert scale. The survey results were extremely positive and showed high ranks for (1) teachers keeping on schedule; (2) teachers focusing on the student's quality of work; (3) teachers available for contact at any time; and (4) parents satisfied with the conference.

**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 childcare leave of Amy Ternig, Teacher at Reed School, per Article

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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: Traina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

**F. Request for Retirement**

None.

**2. 2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR PROPOSALS – (Enclosure VIII-2)**

Dr. Peck reviewed the three Draft Proposals of the 2010-2011 School Calendar in the Board Packet. Draft 1 has the same Spring Break as the high school. Draft 2 is the same as Draft 1 with the exception of the Winter Break. Draft 3 has the most changes with school beginning August 18<sup>th</sup>, the Winter Break different and the Spring Break the same. Please review the calendars and contact Dr. Peck with your recommendations.

**3. RACE TO THE TOP COMPETITION (Enclosure VIII-3)**

Dr. Peck indicated that on December 18<sup>th</sup>, he received a letter from State Superintendent Christopher Koch stating that a grant called Race to the Top (RT3T) is being sought. RT3T is a \$4.35 billion competitive grant available from the U.S. Department of Education (ED) for states. At least half of any RT3T grant award to Illinois will go to districts that sign the Memorandum of Understanding. District 92 has submitted their Memorandum of Understanding.

**STUDENT CONDUCT REVIEW (Enclosure VIII-4)**

The January 12, 2010 Student Conduct Review for December, 2009 was as follows: Oak Prairie Junior High: Infraction Action Totals – 1 Day Suspension from School: 2; In School Suspension – 3. Ludwig School: Infraction Action Totals – In School Suspensions – 3.

**IX. COMMUNICATIONS**

**1. UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN (Enclosure IX-1)**

Dr. Peck thanked the District 92 staff for their commitment, support and generosity for pledging and contributing \$4,547.00 to the 2009-2010 United Way of Will County Campaign.

**2. BOARD HIGHLIGHTS (Enclosure IX-2)**

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

**3. THANK YOU CARDS.** Secretary Little read the thank you card from JoAnn Brown.

**X. CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Messina, seconded by Bilotta to go into Closed Session at 8:14 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

ABSENT: Traina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Motion by Messina, seconded by Houlihan to return to Open Session at 8:36 p.m. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Traina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

**XI. APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

Motion by Houlihan, seconded by Bilotta to approve the (1) Closed Session Minutes of December 8, 2009 and, (2) Closed Session Minutes of December

22, 2009 – Board of Education Special Meeting – Student Residency Hearing 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: Traina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Little to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Traina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

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MARY JO KOBAY  
President, Board of Education

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REBECCA LITTLE  
Secretary, Board of Education