

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
February 9, 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, Gorecki, Houlihan, Messina, Traina, Kobey. Also Present: Superintendent Peck, Business Manager LaRue, and Director of Special Education West. Members Absent: Little.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR PERSONS PRESENTING REQUESTS OR SEEKING INFORMATION

Mr. Likus addressed the Board with concerns regarding the upcoming teacher negotiation/contract. Mr. Likus asked the Board to carefully review salaries, benefit packages, health insurance, retirement costs, fringe benefits, etc. Mr. Likus informed the Board that Dr. Peck has permission to contact him with any questions.

IV. BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUEST FOR AGENDA ADDENDUM ITEMS

None.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Messina, seconded by Bilotta to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: A. January 12, 2010 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, Messina, Traina, Kobey

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Little

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. SUPERINTENDENT

Will County Regional Office Compliance Visit: Mr. Walsh, Mr. Martino, and Dr. Bradbury conducted the Will County Regional Office Compliance Visit the week of January 18, 2010. The team reviewed personnel files, curriculum, financial records, Board policies, etc. A report will be forthcoming.

Cheerleaders: Congratulations to the Oak Prairie Cheerleaders who competed and won first place at the IESA State Competition. District 92 is proud of the Cheerleaders and the coaches for their hard work and dedication. A congratulations letter has been sent to the Cheerleaders and coaches and awards will be presented to them at the May Board meeting.

Maintenance: Mr. LaRue will be reporting on the Oak Prairie power outage.

2. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT (Not in Attendance)

ISAT Testing: Dr. Peck indicated that the ISAT testing is scheduled for March 2, 2010 – March 12, 2010. All students in grades 3-8 will be tested in reading and math and students in grades 4 -7 will be tested in science. Also, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 8th grades will take the state writing assessment. Testing results will determine AYP status for Reed, Ludwig and Oak Prairie Schools in the fall.

Lockport Consortium Teacher Institute: Dr. Peck indicated that the annual joint institute will be hosted by Lockport Township High School on February 26, 2010 with District 92 staff attending. The theme for this year's institute is "Believe It! Achieve It! Keynote speakers are Dr. Crystal Kuykendall and athlete Jean Driscoll.

3. BUSINESS MANAGER

Maintenance/Repair: Mr. LaRue indicated that January and February have been busy months for school repairs. 1. Oak Prairie Junior High building was closed due to a power failure. Com-Ed repaired a broken fuse and damaged equipment. All parents were contacted using Connect-Ed. 2. On February 2nd at Reed School, an outside water supply line was repaired by the District maintenance staff. 3. On January 8th at Ludwig

School, a 2” water pipe was replaced due to a line breakage in the service tunnel. The maintenance staff also did this repair. Mr. LaRue thanked District 92 maintenance staff for their hard work and dedication.

4. DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

Co-Teaching: Ms. West indicated that co-teaching is continuing. Dr. Carol Schultz of Chicago State University is conducting training at Oak Prairie Junior High. Crisis Prevention training is ongoing at Reed, Ludwig and Oak Prairie Junior High.

ISAT Testing: Ms. West indicated that ISAT testing is scheduled for March 2, 2010 through March 12, 2010. A review of students who qualify for the Illinois Alternative Assessments is being conducted. These are students who have more severe disabilities.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. 2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR (Enclosure VII-1)

Dr. Peck reviewed the District Calendar proposals for 2010-2011. Information was collected from the certified staff members and administration. Administration is recommending Draft 2. Certified staff is recommending Draft 3. Dr. Peck has asked the Board to review each draft and a recommendation will be presented at the March Board meeting for approval.

2. DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE MEETING

President Kobey indicated that a Discipline Committee Meeting has been set for February 25, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board room to discuss and revise the Student/Parent Handbook. President Kobey and Member Bilotta indicated that they would be in attendance.

3. TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Dr. Peck indicated that a report would be made in Closed Session.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. PERSONNEL MATTERS

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- A. Resignation of Certified Personnel**
None.
- B. Resignation of Classified Personnel**
None.
- C. Employment of Certified Personnel (Enclosure VIII-1C)**
Motion by Houlihan, seconded by Gorecki to offer a one-year contract extension to Carol Koch, Principal; Teresa Martin, Principal; and Mark Murray, Principal. Roll call being had Thereon, the members voted:
AYE: Gorecki, Houlihan, Messina, Traina, Bilotta and Kobey
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Little
Motion passed.
Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.
- D. Employment of Classified Personnel (Enclosure VIII-1D)**
Motion by Messina, seconded by Houlihan to approve the employment of Jeff Winefka, Paraprofessional, Special Education, Walsh School and Jennifer Gross, Paraprofessional, Special Education, Ludwig School, per Board of Education Guidelines. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted.
AYE: Houlihan, Messina, Traina, Bilotta, Gorecki, Kobey
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Little
Motion passed.
Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.
- E. Request for Family Leave (Enclosure VIII-1E)**
Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Gorecki to approve the Request for Family Medical Leave of Barbara Sobieszek, Paraprofessional, Special Education, Walsh School, per FMLA Guidelines. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:
AYE: Messina, Traina, Bilotta, Gorecki, Houlihan, Kobey
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Little
Motion passed.
Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

2. **RESOLUTION SETTING THE AMOUNT OF THE TREASURER'S BOND (Enclosure VIII-2)**

Motion by Traina, seconded by Houlihan to approve the Resolution setting the amount of the Treasurer's Bond as presented. Mr. LaRue explained that the bond amount of \$4,250,000.00 will comply with the requirement set forth by Section 8-2 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/8-2).

Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Little

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

3. **ACCESS TO DISTRICT'S PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY ("FOIA") (Enclosure VIII-3)**

Dr. Peck indicated that the Will County School District 92 Policy No. 2:250 has been revised with the following changes: (1) **Freedom of Information Officer:** Dr. Gary Peck, Superintendent and Mary Jo Sarata, Executive Secretary, have been named as the Freedom of Information Officers, and (2) **Copying Fees:** To the extent permitted by law, the District shall charge a fee for the copying of its public records pursuant to a request. The fees charged shall be those set by a schedule periodically approved by the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, but shall in no event be greater than permitted by FOIA. A second reading of Policy No. 2:250 will be at the March meeting.

4. **DISTRICT'S ASSESSED VALUATION INVESTIGATION**

Dr. Peck indicated that a report would be made in Closed Session.

5. **FIDDYMENT CREEK PRESERVE RESTORATION PLAN**

Dr. Peck indicated that a report would be made in Closed Session.

6. **STUDENT CONDUCT REVIEW (Enclosure VIII-6)**

The February 9, 2010 Student Conduct Review for January, 2010 was as follows: Oak Prairie Junior High: Infraction Action Totals – 1 or more days Suspension from School: 2; In School Suspensions: 6. Ludwig School: Infraction Action Totals – In School Suspensions: 2.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

1. CORRESPONDENCE FROM SRAGA, HAUSER, LLC (Enclosure IX-1)

Dr. Peck indicated that he received a letter from Sraga, Hauser, LLC dated February 3, 2010 indicating that the "Fee Rate to Remain Unchanged Through Fiscal Year 2011". The current rate of \$195.00 per hour will not be increased for at least the period extending through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

2. BOARD HIGHLIGHTS (Enclosure IX-2)

Dr. Peck is providing each school with a "Board Highlights" dated January 13, 2010 to post for their information.

3. THANK YOU CARD

President Kobey read a thank you card from Kathy and Roy Broderick and family.

4. ANNUAL DINNER DANCE AND AUCTION (Folder Enclosure)

President Kobey indicated that the District 92 Parent Faculty Association cordially invited the Board to attend the Annual Dinner Dance and Auction scheduled for Saturday, March 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Broken Arrow Golf Club and Banquets, 16325 West Broken Arrow Drive, Lockport. \$50.00 per person would include dinner, dancing, live and silent auction and open bar. Please respond with our payment by March 1, 2010.

X. CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Messina, seconded by Bilotta to go into Closed Session at 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, Messina, Traina, Kobey

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

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Traina, seconded by Messina to return to Open Session at 9:41 p.m.
Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:
AYE: Gorecki, Houlihan, Messina, Traina, Bilotta, Kobey
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Little
Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

XI. APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Motion by Messina, seconded by Houlihan to approve the Closed Session Minutes of January 12, 2010 as reviewed in Closed Session. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:
AYE: Houlihan, Messina, Traina, Bilotta, Gorecki, Kobey
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Little
Motion passed
Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

DISTRICT'S ASSESSED VALUATION INVESTIGATION

Motion by Houlihan, seconded by Gorecki to approve the District's Assessed Valuation Investigation and to engage Witt Law, LLC as District 92's legal council. Also, to hire the consulting firm Pearson, Watson, Millison and Company at a cost of \$15,000.00. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:
AYE: Messina, Traina, Bilotta, Gorecki, Houlihan, Kobey
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Little
Motion passed.
Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

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PERSONNEL

Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Messina to extend Rae Marie Peterson's teaching career with District 92 for one additional year, retiring at the end of the 2011/2012 school year. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Little

Motion passed

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Messina to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Little

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

