

**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  
March 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, 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**

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) February 9, 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, Little, Messina, Traina, Kobey

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

**VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**1. SUPERINTENDENT**

**Race to the Top Competition:** Dr. Peck reported that he received a Statement from Robin Steans, Executive Director of Advance Illinois, indicating that Illinois has been named a finalist in the \$4.35 billion “Race to the Top” Competition, which gives the state schools an opportunity to receive Federal Grant Funds. The funds will be divided among the school districts that have applied for this grant. Further information will be forthcoming.

**PFA Dinner Dance:** Dr. Peck thanked the PFA for a wonderful Dinner Dance held on March 6, 2010 at Broken Arrow Golf Club, which “a good time was had by all”. The PFA raised over \$4,000.00 for District 92.

**Mayor/Principals’ Meeting:** City of Lockport Mayor Trivedi will be meeting with District 92’s Principals on March 19, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. to discuss any concerns.

**St. Baldrick’s Event:** On March 26, 2010, Oak Prairie School will be hosting a St. Baldrick’s event in which teachers and students will be shaving their heads to raise money for cancer research. St. Baldrick’s funds are granted to some of the most brilliant childhood cancer research experts in the world to find cures and improve the quality of life for patients and survivors.

**Girls’ Volleyball:** Dr. Peck congratulated the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Team and Coach Blondell for winning the sectionals. District 92 is proud of their hard work and dedication.

**Upcoming PFA Events:** (1) Oak Prairie is hosting “My Sister’s Closet,” which is a dress exchange for 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls in which gently worn dance dresses will be donated. The girls can browse, try on, and take home a beautiful dance dress for free. The exchange is scheduled for March 13, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Oak Prairie Jr. High. (2) Ludwig School is hosting “The Ultimate Shopping Experience” on April 16, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There will be a variety of vendors participating. (3) The annual Par for Educational Excellence Golf Outing will be held May 21, 2010 at the Gleneagles Country Club. Registration Deadline is May 3, 2010.

**2. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

**ISAT Testing Update:** Dr. Cosgrove reported that ISAT tests started March 2, 2010, with make-up tests the week of March 8, 2010. Second grade completed the Terra Nova testing. All tests will be sent out on March 15, 2010, and preliminary scoring reports will be sent to the district in June.

**Oak Prairie Jazz Band:** Congratulations to the Oak Prairie Jazz Band and Band Director, Bill Rank, who received a Division 1 performance rating at the Illinois Grade School Music Association District 6 Jazz Festival.

**Lockport Consortium Joint Institute:** A successful Lockport Consortium Joint Institute was held on February 26, 2010 at Lockport High School. District 92 teachers articulated with teachers from the high school and other feeder districts. Keynote speakers were Dr. Crystal Kuykendall and Boston Marathon wheelchair racer, Jean Driscoll.

**Apple Professional Development:** Bruce Ahlborn of Apple Computers will be conducting a two-day training for sixteen District 92 teachers to help infuse technology efficiently into curricular content. The training will be offered to sixteen more staff members at a later date this year.

**3. BUSINESS MANAGER**

**Maintenance/Repair:** Mr. LaRue indicated that there has been significant savings for the District since the District has purchased its own snow plowing equipment.

**4. DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**Alternative ISAT Assessment Testing Update:** Mrs. West reported that the Alternative ISAT Assessment tests started March 2, 2010, with make-up tests the week of March 8, 2010.

**Early Childhood:** Mrs. West reported that the newly built Homer School will accommodate Early Childhood students residing in Homer and currently attending Walsh School next fall.

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**Thank You:** Mrs. West shared a “thank you card” she received from a hearing-impaired student. The student was thankful for his voice-activated computer.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

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

Motion by Little, seconded by Messina to approve the 2010-2011 School Calendar as presented. Dr. Peck indicated that Draft 2 was selected, which aligns with the high school. 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.

**2. ASSESS TO DISTRICT’S PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY - (“FOIA”) SECOND READING (Enclosure VII-2)**

Motion by Little, seconded by Bilotta to approve the second reading of the Assess to District’s Public Records Policy No. 2:250– (“FOIA”) as presented. 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. DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE MEETING (Enclosure VII-3)**

Dr. Peck indicated that the Discipline Committee met on February 25, 2010 with Mark Murray, Teresa Martin, Dr. Cosgrove, Kim West, Elizabeth Bilotta and himself in attendance. Review and changes of the 2010-2011 Student/Parent Handbook were made, i.e., Parent Update Emergency Form, Oak Prairie Progression of Consequences and Dress Code section.

**4. TRANSPORTATION UPDATE**

Dr. Peck indicated that the Bus Depot/Barn has been changed to Bruce Road and 171<sup>st</sup> Street.

**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 Retirement (Enclosure VIII-1E)**

Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Traina to approve the Request for Retirement of Dawn McCure, Reading Specialist, Retirement June, 2014; Stella Parrish-Verros, Nurse, Retirement June, 2010, and Martha Krausz, Teacher, Retirement June, 2014. 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.

**F. Resolution For Non-Renewal of Non-Final Year Probationary Teachers (Enclosure VIII-1F)**

Motion by Houlihan, seconded by Little to approve the Resolution Authorizing Non-Renewal of Non-Final Year Probationary Teachers of Bridgette Sprovieri, Walsh; Christina McCoy, Ludwig; Kristin Grahovec, Ludwig; Cheryl Davis, Reed; and Tracy Kocanda, Walsh, dismissed effective the end of the 2009-2010 school term. 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.

**2. STUDENT FEES – (Enclosure VIII-2)**

Motion by Messina, seconded by Bilotta to approve the Student Fees as presented for the 2010-2011 school year. Early Childhood: \$32.00 to \$33.00; Kindergarten: \$70.00 to \$72.00; Grades 1-5: \$96.00 to \$100.00; and Grades 6-8: \$108.00 to \$112.00. Information is being collected regarding lunch fees for the 2010-2011 school year. 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.

**3. ACTIVITY FEES – (Enclosure VIII-3)**

Motion by Traina, seconded by Little to approve the Activity Fees as presented. A \$20.00 each activity fee for participating in athletics, band, and choir for the 2010-2011 school year. 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.

**4. LOCKPORT LEGENDS YOUTH FOOTBALL (Enclosure VIII-4)**

Dr. Peck indicated that he received a letter from Carmen Maurella, President of Lockport Legends Youth Football. Mr. Maurella asked District 92 to use the Ludwig School field from August 1, 2010 to November 15, 2010 (44 days) for football practice. After discussion regarding the above, the Board asked Dr. Peck to contact Mr. Maurella and advise that District 92 would not be able to accommodate his request.

**5. MAC GREGOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (Enclosure VIII-5)**

Dr. Peck stated that on February 12, 2010, he wrote a letter on behalf of District 92 to City of Lockport Mayor Dev Trivedi indicating the support for the MacGregor Road Reconstruction Project.

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

The March 9, 2010 Student Conduct Review for February, 2010 was as follows: Oak Prairie Junior High: Infraction Action Totals – 1-3 Day Suspension from School – 3; In School Suspensions – 12. Ludwig School: Infraction Action Totals – In School Suspensions – 1.

**IX. COMMUNICATIONS**

**1. KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Wednesday, April 14, 2010, 9:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m. (A-L) & 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. (M-R) and Thursday, April 15, 2010, 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. (S-Z) & 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**2. ISBE CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION – 2009/2010 (Enclosure IX-2)**

Will County School District 92 received a Fully Recognized Certificate of Recognition for the years of 2009-2010 from the Illinois State Board of Education.

**3. BOARD HIGHLIGHTS (Enclosure IX-3)**

Dr. Peck is providing each school with a “Board Highlights” to post for their information dated February 9, 2010.

**4. THANK YOU CARDS.** Vice President Little read the thank you cards from Kathy and Roy Broderick & Family; Mary Jasinski; and Patti O'Donnell.

Member Bilotta thanked the students for selling over \$25,000.00 worth of candle products in the fundraiser sponsored by the PFA.

**X. CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Little to go into Closed Session at 8:07 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: Gorecki, Houlihan, Little, Messina, Traina, Bilotta, Kobey

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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Motion passed.  
Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Motion by Messina, seconded by Gorecki to return to Open Session at 8:49 p.m. 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.

**XI. APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

Motion by Messina, seconded by Gorecki to approve the Closed Session Minutes of February 9, 2010 as reviewed in Closed Session. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Little to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. 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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MARY JO KOBAY  
President, Board of Education

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REBECCA LITTLE  
Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary: JoAnn Brown