

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
April 13, 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, Kobey. Also present: Superintendent Peck, Assistant Superintendent Cosgrove, Business Manager LaRue, Special Education Director West, and Attorney Hauser. Members Absent: Messina and Traina.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member Traina arrived at 7:32 p.m.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR PERSONS PRESENTING REQUESTS OR SEEKING INFORMATION

None.

IV. BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUEST FOR AGENDA ADDENDUM ITEMS

The Board amended the Agenda to add VIII. New Business, 1. Personnel Matters: (F). Resolution Authorizing Notices of Honorable Dismissal to Educational Support Personnel – (1) Melissa Andrade, Certified Paraprofessional, Oak Prairie and (2) Jennifer Gross, Certified Paraprofessional, Ludwig.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Houlihan to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: (A) March 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, Traina, Kobey

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Messina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. SUPERINTENDENT

Race to the Top Competition: Dr. Peck reported that Illinois, one of 16 first round finalists named, placed fifth in the point totals awarded by judges. Delaware and Tennessee have won nearly \$600 million in first round Race to the Top grants. Illinois State officials will review the comments and scores from judges and prepare another application due June 1st. \$400 million will be awarded at a second round in June.

The First Tee: Dr. Peck was pleased to announce that The First Tee Program began and 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 is the first school in Will County to utilize the program.

The Ultimate Shopping Experience: On April 16, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Ludwig School, approximately thirty-nine vendors will be selling their wares. All proceeds will help provide services and programs for the students of District 92. This event is sponsored by the Foundation for Educational Excellence.

Mayor/Principals' Meeting: On March 19, 2010, City of Lockport Mayor Trivedi met with the District 92 Principals and discussed numerous concerns/improvements. Mayor Trivedi will be the keynote speaker for the 2010 District 92 5th Grade Great Graduation.

Hand-outs: (1) April, 2010 Reed Review; (2) April, 2010 Words from Walsh; (3) Registration Form for the Golf Outing and Fundraiser scheduled for May 21, 2010 at Gleneagles Country Club; (4) March 12, 2010 Letter to Mr. Maurella; (5) March 29, 2010 Homer Horizon News Article entitled: "The bald and the beautiful"; and (6) 2010 School District Financial Profile and Certificate of Financial Recognition.

2. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

St. Baldrick's Oak Prairie Event: Dr. Cosgrove congratulated staff and students for attending and participating in the head-shaving event to support children's cancer research through the Baldrick's Foundation on March 26, 2010. Students and staff raised approximately \$6,000.00 for this cause.

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Choral Festival: On April 15, 2010, the district will host its 3rd Annual Choral Festival featuring the talents of 200 young singers from Reed and Ludwig Schools at 6:30 p.m. in the Oak Prairie gymnasium.

Apple Professional Development: Apple educator, Bruce Ahlborn, conducted a two-day training for sixteen teachers to learn how to infuse teaching with technology using a Problem Based Learning approach. Another workshop will be offered to sixteen more teachers on May 19th and 20th.

Matt Lamb: Unveiling of the Peace Murals: Oak Prairie will hold a special ceremony on April 26th at 1:30 p.m. to recognize the hanging of the Peace Murals that were designed with Oak Prairie students and artist, Matt Lamb, in December.

3. BUSINESS MANAGER

Maintenance/Repair: Mr. LaRue indicated that an energy grant would be submitted for the Reed, Walsh, Ludwig, and Oak Prairie School gymnasiums. There is a 90% reimbursement for not only the florescent bulbs and lights, but for the installation. The maintenance team will be completing the installation. The project will be completed by May 31, 2010.

4. DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

Annual and Re-Evaluation Meetings/Scheduling: Mrs. West indicated that all annual and re-evaluation IEP meetings are being completed. The scheduling of classes and staff for next year is also being completed. A meeting with all staff members at each school is being scheduled for the purpose of transitioning students to the next grade level school. Mrs. West indicated that she is working with Lockport High School to ensure that the students with the most significant needs will have a smooth transition.

Co-Teaching: Mrs. West indicated that she is continuing to work with Dr. Carol Schultz on co-teaching. Dr. Schultz has observed three sets of co-teachers.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. FINAL COMPLIANCE REPORT – REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION (Enclosure VII-1)

Dr. Peck is proud to announce that he received the March 8, 2010 Will County Regional Office of Education Final Compliance Report for District 92 conducted by Shawn Walsh, Alex Martino, and Gary Bradbury which indicated that District 92 is currently in compliance with the Illinois

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School Code. Dr. Peck thanked all staff members for their hard work in preparing for the compliance visit.

2. BOARD MEETING CHANGE – Board of Education Awards – May 11, 2010 Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m. at Oak Prairie Junior High (Enclosure VII-2)

Dr. Peck indicated that the May 11, 2010 Board Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at Oak Prairie Junior High in the Oak Prairie gymnasium. The award presentation will take place at the beginning of the meeting followed by a short social afterwards. The meeting will resume in the Library Media Center approximately twenty minutes after the final Board Award is presented.

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

None.

F. Resolution Authorizing Notices of Honorable Dismissal to Educational Support Personnel (Enclosure)

Motion by Little, seconded by Houlihan to approve the Resolution Authorizing Notices of Honorable Dismissal to Education Support Personnel of Melissa Andrade, Certified Paraprofessional, Oak Prairie Junior High and Jennifer Gross, Certified Paraprofessional, Ludwig School. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Messina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

2. RETIREMENT/RECOGNITION GIFT PRESENTATIONS IN MAY – (Enclosure VIII-2)

Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Little to approve the purchase of a gift (\$125.00 - \$150.00 each) for the two staff members retiring in June as presented. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Messina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

3. HOMER STALLIONS LACROSSE FIELD REQUEST (Enclosure VIII-3)

Motion by Traina, seconded by Little to authorize the Homer Stallions LaCrosse Team to use the District 92 field as presented. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Messina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

4. BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SET MEETING DATES, TIME AND LOCATION (Enclosure VIII-4)

Motion by Gorecki, seconded by Bilotta to approve the Board of Education meeting dates changing from the second Tuesday of each month to the second Thursday of each month (August 12, 2010, September 16, 2010, October 14, 2010, November 11, 2010, December 16, 2010, January 13, 2011, February 10, 2011, March 10, 2011, and April 14, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Will County School District 92 Administration Center Board Room) as presented. Meetings are subject to change through board action. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Messina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

5. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUESTS: A. ON LINE DATA SERVICES; B. THE STANDARD COMPANIES

Dr. Peck indicated that each month a report would be given regarding the Freedom of Information Act.

6. STUDENT CONDUCT REVIEW (Enclosure VIII-6)

The April 13, 2010 Student Conduct Review for March, 2010 was as follows: Oak Prairie Junior High: Infraction Action Totals – 1 Day Suspension from School – 3; In School Suspensions – 9. Ludwig School: Infraction Action Totals – In School Suspensions – 1; 1 Day Suspension from School - 6.

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. THANK YOU CARDS. Vice President Little read the thank you letter from Karen Sadler dated March 23, 2010 regarding the Dress Donation/Exchange Program (Enclosure IX-2).

3. BOARD HIGHLIGHTS (Enclosure IX-3)

Dr. Peck is providing each school with a “Board Highlights” to post for their information dated March 10, 2010.

X. CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Little to go into Closed Session at 8:04 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, Little, Traina, Kobey

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Messina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Traina, seconded by Bilotta to return to Open Session at 10:19 p.m.

Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Messina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

XI. APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Messina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Little, seconded by Bilotta to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Messina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

MARY JO KOBEY
President, Board of Education

REBECCA LITTLE
Secretary, Board of Education