

**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  
Thursday, April 14, 2011

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

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR PERSONS PRESENTING REQUESTS OR SEEKING INFORMATION**

The Board of Education, President Kobey and Dr. Peck thanked and presented Rebecca Little with a service award for her fourteen years of service on the Board at District 92.

**IV. BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUEST FOR AGENDA ADDENDUM ITEMS**

The Will County School District 92 Board has amended the agenda to include the resignations of Patricia Kelly, Teacher, Heather Hostert, Certified Instructional Paraprofessional, and Ashley Metzelaars, Certified Instructional Paraprofessional.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Little to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: (A) March 10, 2011 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, Kobey

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Traina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

**VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**1. SUPERINTENDENT**

**St. Baldrick's Fundraiser** – All District 92 schools participated in the St. Baldrick's fundraiser to help raise money for children with cancer. On March 25, 2011, members of the district staff and student body got their heads shaved, including Dr. Peck, or their long hair cut as a way to show support for those who have lost their hair to cancer. District 92 raised over \$15,500.00.

**President's Cabinet Meeting:** Dr. Peck will attend the President's Cabinet meeting scheduled for April 19, 2011 at Taft School. All the feeder districts are also invited to attend, along with Legislators Wilhelmi and McAsey.

**Economic Grant Program:** Dr. Peck reported that District 92 is a recipient of the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Grant for \$20,000.00. The application was submitted for the construction, concrete work, and bathroom remodeling at Ludwig and Walsh Schools.

**2. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

**District 92 Choir Festival:** Over 200 selected third, fourth and fifth grade students from Reed and Ludwig performed in the annual District 92 Choir Festival on April 13, 2011 at Oak Prairie. The purpose of the festival was to bring the students from the two schools together to sing and to experience a music workshop with guest conductor Andrew Wallace, choral director of Glenbrook North High School.

**Science Adoption Committee:** The district Science Committee continues to move forward in the review of the district science curricular program. On March 25, 2011, Junior High Science teachers met with Rich Fullriede, Science Department Chair from Lockport High School and discussed science course expectations for incoming ninth graders. The committee also met with Susan Dahl, Science Educational Specialist from Fermilab to explore the best practice resources and research on science teaching to aid in the curriculum adoption process.

**New Walsh School Library Media Center Position:** Dr. Cosgrove reported that the interview process began to fill the new Walsh School Library Media Specialist position. The hiring will complete the district's plan to provide quality instruction for teachers and students in the integration of informational literacy and technology skills into all learning including the areas of multimedia presentation and research.

**3. BUSINESS MANAGER**

**Maintenance/Repair:** Mr. LaRue reported that the DLA Architects have performed a study of each of the buildings and will be forwarding a comprehensive report of their findings. To date, the district has received \$30,000.00 from the Gym Light Grant.

**4. DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**Food Allergy Management Program:** The Food Allergy Management Program, Policy 7:285 and Administrative Procedures – Implementing a Food Allergy Management Program, Policy 7:285AP are being presented to the Board of Education for adoption. The policy promotes prevention and management of life-threatening allergic reactions.

**2011-2012 School Year:** Mrs. West reported that she is in the process of planning the Special Education staffing for the 2011-2012 school year.

**Technology:** Mrs. West indicated that I-Pods were purchased for the Special Education Programs, which are wonderful tools for the students. Mrs. West thanked one of the student's fathers for purchasing three of the I-Pods.

**Career Week:** Mrs. West thanked one of the parents for donating the use of a horse and carriage during Career Week. The students received cowboy's hats and were driven around the school.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION – APRIL 28, 2011, 7:30 P.M.**

The Organization of the Board of Education meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

**2. LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST – MARCH 22, 2011**

On March 22, 2011, Dr. Peck and Mr. LaRue attended a legislative breakfast at Lincolnway West High School. The main topic of the conference was the Consolidation of Schools and Districts. The conference was attended by surrounding school administrators and Legislators AJ Wilhelmi and Linda Holmes.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. PERSONNEL MATTERS**

**A. Resignation of Certified Personnel (Enclosure VIII-1A)**

Motion by Messina, seconded by Bilotta to accept the resignation of Patricia Kelley, Teacher Special Education, Walsh, as presented. 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.

**B. Resignation of Classified Personnel (Enclosure VIII-1B)**

Motion by Little, seconded by Houlihan to accept the resignations of Heather Hostert and Ashley Metzelaars, Certified Instructional Paraprofessionals, as presented. 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.

**C. Employment of Certified Personnel (Enclosure VIII-1C)**

Motion by Little, seconded by Bilotta to accept the reassignment of Kyle Jacobson, STEM teacher, Oak Prairie Jr. High, as presented and accept the employment of Elizabeth Morris, Teacher, Science, Oak Prairie Jr. High, Certified K-9 Elementary Science Endorsement Master's Degree, Step 3 (pending verification), as presented. 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

**D. Employment of Classified Personnel (Enclosure VIII-1D)**

Motion by Houlihan, seconded by Bilotta to accept the employment of Lynn Pepsnick, Paraprofessional Part-Time, as presented. 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

**E. Request for Retirement (Enclosure VIII-1E)**

None.

**F. Request for Child Care Leave (Enclosure VIII-1F)**

None.

**2. FOOD ALLERGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM POLICY/  
PROCEDURE NO. 7:285 (Enclosure VIII-2)**

Motion by Little, seconded by Messina to approve the Food Allergy Management Program Policy/Procedure No. 7:285, as presented. 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.

**3. RETIREMENT/RECOGNITION GIFT PRESENTATIONS IN MAY**

Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Little to approve the Retirement/Recognition Gift Presentations in May, as presented. 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.

**4. KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION ENROLLMENT**

The Kindergarten Registration was scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2011, 1:30 p.m. (A-L) and 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, April 5, 2011, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (M-R) and 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (S-Z). As of April 6, 2011, there are 133 Kindergarten students enrolled.

**5. STUDENT CONDUCT REVIEW (Enclosure VIII-5)**

The April 14, 2011 Student Conduct Review for March, 2011 was as follows: Oak Prairie Junior High: Infraction Action Totals – In School Suspensions – 8, 3-Day Out of School Suspensions - 1; 1-Day Out of School Suspension – 1; and Ludwig School: Infraction Action Totals – In-School Suspensions – 3 and 1-Day Out of School Suspensions - 4.

**6. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUESTS**

Neopost – Postage Equipment.

**IX. COMMUNICATIONS**

**1. ISBE – CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION 2010/2011 (Enclosure IX-1)**

Enclosed is the Fully Recognized Certificate of Recognition for the 2010/2011 school year for Will County School District 92.

**2. ALLIANCE LEGISLATIVE REPORT (Enclosure IX-2)**

The March 28, 2011 Alliance Legislative Report highlights the Myths and Facts about Forced School Consolidation.

The April 14, 2011 Alliance Legislative Report highlights the School Reform Amendment which was filed April 13, 2011, and other bills approved by the House of Representatives and will be sent to the Senate for further consideration.

**3. BOARD OF EDUCATION AWARDS – THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2011, OAK PRAIRIE JUNIOR HIGH**

The Board of Education Award Night will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2011 at Oak Prairie Junior High at 7:00 p.m.

**4. EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION – THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2011, L.T.H.S. EAST CAMPUS – 7:30 P.M.**

The Eighth Grade Graduation will be held on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at the Lockport Township High School East Campus at 7:30 p.m.

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**5. KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION – MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2011**

The Kindergarten Graduation will be held on Monday, June 6, 2011.

**6. THANK YOU CARDS**

Secretary Little read the thank you card from Mark Murray.

Member Traina arrived at 7:57 p.m.

**7. BOARD HIGHLIGHTS (Enclosure IX-4)**

Dr. Peck is providing each school with a “Board Highlights” to post for their information dated March 11, 2011.

**X. CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Messina, seconded by Bilotta to go into Closed Session at 7:58 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.

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 Bilotta, seconded by Houlihan to return to Open Session at 9:50 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 Bilotta to approve the Closed Session Minutes of March 10, 2011 as reviewed in Closed Session. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

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NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Kobey declared the motion.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Traina to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 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.

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MARY JO KOBEY  
President, Board of Education

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REBECCA LITTLE  
Secretary, Board of Education

Appointed April 27, 2011

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MICHAEL MESSINA  
President, Board of Education

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ELIZABETH BILOTTA  
Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary: JoAnn Brown