

**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, September 8, 2011

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

President Messina 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: Gorecki, Hartford, Houlihan, Messina. Also present: Superintendent Peck, Assistant Superintendent Cosgrove, Business Manager LaRue and Special Education Director West. Members Absent: Bilotta, Kobey, 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 Houlihan, seconded by Hartford to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: (A) August 11, 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: Gorecki, Hartford, Houlihan, Messina

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilotta, Kobey, Traina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion.

**VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**1. SUPERINTENDENT**

**School Opening:** Thursday, August 18, 2011 was a shortened day for Ludwig, Oak Prairie, Reed, and Walsh. Friday, August 19, 2011 was the first full day of school. There were a few transportation issues, but were rectified in a timely manner. Dr. Peck thanked the staff for a wonderful job of organizing the beginning of the school year.

**DLA, Ltd. Architects:** The architects are in the final stages of completing an Assessment Study for District 92 school buildings. They are currently preparing a comprehensive report of proposed projects and preliminary scope of work for the renovation and enhancements of the schools which will be shared with the Board at the October meeting.

**Superintendent's Coffee:** The first Superintendent's Coffee is at Walsh School on September 16, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

**2. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

**Teacher Institute Day:** The August 17, 2011 Teacher Institute Day was held at Oak Prairie Jr. High. The keynote speaker was Dr. Mary Bigler, Professor, Department of Teacher Education, Eastern Michigan University, which was a great start to the new year.

**3. BUSINESS MANAGER**

**Budget:** Mr. LaRue will be presenting the FY12 Budget and summer projects.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Mr. LaRue thanked Gary Moser, Director of Buildings and Grounds, and staff for their hard work during the summer months in completing the summer projects.

**4. DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**Special Education Services:** Mrs. West indicated that the Special Education Programs are off to a great start. Early Childhood has already completed a Play-Based Assessment. IEPs are being completed for the high school for the eighth grade students.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. BUDGET PRESENTATION – BOARD OF EDUCATION ADOPTION 2011-2012 BUDGET (FY12 SCHOOL YEAR), BUDGET RESOLUTION, ESTIMATE OF REVENUE (Enclosure VII-I)**

Motion by Gorecki, seconded by Hartford to adopt the 2011-2012 Budget (FY12 school year), Budget Resolution, and Estimate of Revenue as outlined in the budget presentation given by Mr. LaRue. Mr. LaRue estimates the revenue, by source, of Will County District 92 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012, for a total of \$24,176,346.00. Some of the 2011 summer maintenance and school projects included: Walsh School: adding a Media Center/Library, adding parking lot lights, classroom remodel, remodeled boys bathroom; Ludwig: replaced sixty-five feet of pipe in the back of the building to allow proper drainage; Administration Office: front office landscaping; Oak Prairie: replacement windows. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Hartford, Houlihan, Gorecki, Messina

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilotta, Kobey, Traina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion.

**2. SCIENCE TEXTBOOK ADOPTION**

Motion by Hartford, seconded by Houlihan to adopt the Science Textbook as presented by Dr. Cosgrove. Dr. Cosgrove indicated that the Science textbooks are published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Science Fusion K-5. The district's 6-8 program is published by Lab-Aids and includes the texts: Issues and Physical Science, Issues and Life Science, and Issues and Earth Science. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Houlihan, Gorecki, Hartford, Messina

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilotta, Kobey, Traina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion.

**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 (Enclosure VIII-1D)**

Motion by Houlihan, seconded by Hartford to accept the employment of Classified Personnel: Megan Little – Paraprofessional – Special Education, Oak Prairie Junior High, and Kathy Snyder, Nurse, per Board of Education Guidelines, as presented. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Gorecki, Hartford, Houlihan, Messina

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilotta, Kobey, Traina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion.

**E. Request for Retirement**

None.

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

Motion by Houlihan, seconded by Hartford to accept the Request for Child Care Leave of Shanna Henry, Speech/Language Pathologist; Carol Marszalek, Psychologist, and Rhonda Dealey, Social Worker, per Article XV. Leaves of the Current Teacher Agreement, as presented. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Hartford, Houlihan, Gorecki, Messina

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilotta, Kobey, Traina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion.

**2. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF ASSIGNMENTS (Enclosure VIII-2)**

Enclosure VIII-2 details the 2011-2012 Instructional Staff Assignments as of August 15, 2011.

**3. FALL ENROLLMENT REPORT – 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY ATTENDANCE (Enclosure VIII-3)**

Dr. Peck indicated that Enclosure VIII-3 is a District 92 Fall Enrollment Report – 6<sup>th</sup> Day Attendance. As of today, total enrollment is 1,758 for K-8 grades, 172 students have enrolled for Kindergarten, and 14 Early Childhood students. According to the enrollment history, the 2011-2012 school year reflects forty-three (43) student down from the 2010-2011 enrollment.

**4. APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF SCHOOLS (Enclosure VIII-4)**

Motion by Hartford, seconded by Gorecki to approve the Application for Recognition of Schools as presented. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Houlihan, Gorecki, Hartford, Messina

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilotta, Kobey, Traina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion.

**5. OPEN HOUSE REPORTS (Enclosure VIII-5)**

Enclosure VIII-5 are the Open House Memos from Principals Martin (Walsh), Jasinski (Reed), Koch (Ludwig), and Murray (Oak Prairie). All Open Houses were well attended. Curriculum Overviews for K – Grade 5 and Course Description Books (Grades 6-7-8) were handed out to all parents in attendance.

**6. DISTRICT GOALS 2011/2012 (Enclosure VIII-6)**

Motion by Houlihan, seconded by Hartford to approve the District Goals as presented in Enclosure VIII-6 – Eye to the Future. Dr. Peck and Dr. Cosgrove highlighted goals in the Operations, Facilities, Assessment, Leadership, Staff Development, Teaching and Learning, Technology, and Parent/Community programs. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Gorecki, Hartford, Houlihan, Messina

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilotta, Kobey, Traina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion.

**7. SUPERINTENDENT'S PERFORMANCE GOALS 2011/2012 (Enclosure VIII-7)**

Enclosure VIII-7 is the Superintendent's Performance Goals for 2011-2012.

**8. TRANSPORTATION UPDATE (Enclosure VIII-8)**

Dr. Peck indicated that during the first two weeks of school Positive Connections bus service encountered some minor problems with transportation. Numerous meetings were conducted prior to the opening of school to review routes and bus stops for every student seeking transportation. During the first three days of school, some of the stops were missed and a few of the routes had to be reworked due to the length of time the children were spending on the bus. On August 24, 2011, there was a bus accident on Route 26, which was an Oak Prairie bus. There were no injuries and all students were checked and transported home by a second bus.

Since this is the final year of the contract with Positive Connections, we will be reviewing the agreement and will provide transportation information to the Board within the upcoming months.

**9. BOARD MEMBER TRAINING (Enclosure VIII-9)**

Enclosure VIII-9 is a letter from Sraga Hauser advising of the New Training Requirements for School Board Members. The governor signed into law P.A. 97-504, which will require that all board members (including incumbents) complete an elective training course in compliance with the Open Meetings Act offered online through the Public Access Counselor of the Illinois Attorney General's Office. Any members newly elected or appointed after January 1, 2012, will have ninety days to complete the course.

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

None.

**IX. COMMUNICATIONS**

**1. ALLIANCE LEGISLATIVE REPORT (Enclosure IX-1)**

Enclosure IX-1 is the August 30, 2011 Alliance Legislative Report (97-26) highlighting bills signed and vetoed by the governor.

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

Dr. Peck is providing each school with a “Board Highlights” to post for their information dated August 12, 2011.

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**X. CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Houlihan, seconded by Gorski to go into Closed Session at 8:32 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: Hartford, Houlihan, Gorecki, Messina

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilotta, Kobey, Traina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Motion by Hartford, seconded by Houlihan to return to Open Session at 9:18 p.m.

Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Houlihan, Gorecki, Hartford, Messina

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilotta, Kobey, Traina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion.

**PERSONNEL**

Motion by Hartford, seconded by Houlihan to extend Superintendent Dr. Gary Peck’s contract one year with retirement June 2013. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Gorecki, Hartford, Houlihan, Messina

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilotta, Kobey, Traina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion.

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**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Hartford, seconded by Gorecki to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Hartford, Houlihan, Gorecki, Messina

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilotta, Kobey, Traina

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion.

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MICHAEL MESSINA  
President, Board of Education

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ELIZABETH BILOTTA  
Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary: JoAnn Brown