

**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, December 8, 2011

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

President Messina called the meeting to order at 7:54 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, Hartford, Houlihan, Kobey, Traina, Messina. Also present: Superintendent Peck, Assistant Superintendent Cosgrove, Business Manager LaRue, and Special Education Director West. 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 Kobey to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: (A) November 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, Hartford, Houlihan, Kobey, Traina, Messina

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

**VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**1. SUPERINTENDENT**

**Supplemental Folder:** Dr. Peck provided the Board with a copy of the Board Meeting Agenda; Board Meeting Packet; and Information on the Reed Family Literacy Night.

**Lock Down:** On December 2, 2011 at 2:30 p.m., a lock down was issued for the district due to an alert received by the Lockport and Will County Sheriff's Police Departments that an escaped convict was in the Lockport area. Students were released to parents or taken home on the bus after receiving information from the Lockport and Will County Sheriff's Police Departments that the person was no longer in the Lockport area. Dr. Peck has scheduled a meeting with the Lockport and Will County Sheriff's Police Departments to coordinate procedures for any future situations. Dr. Peck thanked the students, parents and staff for their patience and cooperation.

**Superintendent Coffee:** A Superintendent Coffee is scheduled for Friday, December 16, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at Ludwig School.

**2. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

**National Fluid Power Association Fluid Power Challenge:** On November 18, 2011, twelve eighth grade students from Oak Prairie competed in the National Fluid Power Association Fluid Power Challenge at Harper Junior College in Palatine. The students were required to find a solution to an engineering problem by using technology powered by fluid. Congratulations to all the teams and the team who won First Place in the Team Work Category: Ryan Hrachovski, Mia Massaro, Eric Rivera and Monika Zajac. Dr. Cosgrove thanked Kyle Jacobson, Linda Rachner and Lynn Jankowski for organizing and leading this event.

**Annual Midwest Clinic: International Band and Orchestra Conference:** On December 14, 2011, the Oak Prairie Jr. High School Jazz Band 1 will perform at the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Clinic at McCormick Place West, Chicago. Dr. Cosgrove thanked and congratulated Band Director Bill Rank and all the Junior High musicians.

**3. BUSINESS MANAGER**

**Maintenance/Repair:** Mr. LaRue indicated that operations are running well, and the schools are being prepared for the winter months.

**4. DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**Extended School Year:** Mrs. West reported plans regarding the 2012 extended school year are underway.

**Co-Teaching Program:** Mrs. West reported that Dr. Carol Schultz of Chicago State provided professional development regarding the co-teaching program which is continuing with selected Oak Prairie/Ludwig staff.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. 2011 IASB/IASA/IASBO JOINT ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 18-20, 2011, CHICAGO**

District 92 was proud to present "A District's Journey: From Libraries to Media Centers" at this year's conference. The presentation was comprehensive and very well received. There were several districts who indicated an interest in visiting District 92's Library Media Centers to improve their own district programs.

Member Gorecki indicated that he attended the Delegates Assembly on behalf of District 92 on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Member Gorecki indicated that the meeting was quiet, successful and very productive which reviewed many issues regarding school district policies on funding and finances. A resolution was passed regarding the Prevailing Wage Act in which the school districts control the cost of the contractor's fees. One of the resolutions voted down was paying Board Members for serving on the School Board.

**2. BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Member Gorecki indicated that a Building Committee meeting will be held January 12, 2012 at 6:15 p.m. The Agenda will include reviewing the DLA Architect's Report and prioritizing a list of school improvements.

**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. Request for Leave**

Motion by Kobey, seconded by Bilotta to approve the Requests for Child Care Leave of Kellie Pasch, Teacher, and Beth Laga, Teacher per Article XV. Leaves of the Current Teacher Agreement, as presented. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

**2. TAX LEVY RESOLUTION/CERTIFICATE OF TAX LEVY  
(Enclosure VIII-2)**

Motion by Traina, seconded by Kobey to approve the Tax Levy Resolution/Certificate of Tax Levy, as presented by John LaRue, Business Manager. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

**3. TRUTH-IN-TAXATION HEARING CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION (Enclosure VIII-3)**

Motion by Kobey, seconded by Houlihan to approve the Truth-In-Taxation Hearing Certification Resolution, as presented. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

**4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION IN PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT PROCEEDINGS (Enclosure VIII-4)**

Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Kobey to approve the Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Property Tax Assessment Proceedings, as presented. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

**5. DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE – REQUEST FOR BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION – JANUARY, 2012**

Vice President Kobey and Secretary Bilotta indicated they would attend the Discipline Committee meeting. Dr. Peck will schedule the meeting in January, 2012.

**6. PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES – BUILDING SUMMARIES (Enclosure VIII-6)**

Principals Martin (Walsh), Koch (Ludwig), Jasinski (Reed), and Murray (Oak Prairie) indicated that the Parent/Teacher Conferences were very successful. Parent attendance for the conferences were high and those who were unable to attend or participate in a phone conference will have their student information mailed home.

**7. BUILDING VISITATION**

Dr. Peck indicated that visits to Ludwig, Oak Prairie, Reed and Walsh will be conducted for Board Members to share the progress in each school building. If interested, please select a half day or day(s) in which you will be able to attend.

**8. STUDENT CONDUCT REVIEW (Enclosure VIII-8)**

The December 8, 2011 Student Conduct Review for November, 2011 was as follows: Ludwig School: Infraction Action Totals – Out of School Suspension - 1; Oak Prairie Junior High: Infraction Action Totals – In School Suspensions – 13; 1 Day Out of School Suspension – 2; 2 Day Out of School Suspensions – 1.

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

None.

**IX. COMMUNICATIONS**

**1. BOARD HIGHLIGHTS (Enclosure IX-1)**

Dr. Peck is providing each school with a “Board Highlights” to post for their information dated November 10, 2011.

**X. CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Kobey to go into Closed Session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss: Probable or imminent litigation (5ILCS 120/2 Paragraph 11); and/or

1. Personnel (5ILCS 120/2 Paragraph 1); and/or
2. Collective Bargaining; and/or
3. Student Issues; and/or
4. Closed Minutes.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Hartford to return to Open Session at 9:06 p.m. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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Motion passed.  
Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

**XI. APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Gorecki to approve the Closed Session Minutes of November 10, 2011 as reviewed. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.  
Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Bilotta, seconded by Hartford to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.  
Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

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MICHAEL MESSINA  
President, Board of Education

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ELIZABETH BILOTTA  
Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary: JoAnn Brown