

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #95
January 29, 2009, Lake Zurich Middle School South

Board President Brown called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A call of the roll showed the following members present: Goldberg, Pietro, Brown, Finn, Putbress, Hussey, and Kropf. Absent: None

A group of students led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Brown reviewed the schedule for community forums to solicit comments regarding the Superintendent's recommendation to redraw the elementary and middle school boundaries, and that the next Committee of the Whole on Feb. 5th will be devoted to discussion on the issue.

She noted that the CPI has come in at 0.1% which means that the expenditures for next year can increase no more than the 0.1% as there are very few reserves. She notes that all programs and staff will be considered for reductions. The administration will bring initial budget

Mrs. Brown reviewed that the administration has begun building the budget for next year, and with the challenges of the economy this will be very difficult and may require some cuts to staff or programs.

Mr. Jennings presented the Students of the Month for March who demonstrate the core values of our Strategic Plan: From Lake Zurich High School: Matt Brazeau, from Middle School North: Melanie Spears, from Middle School South; Kasia Kisielewski, from Spencer Loomis: Julianna Babin from Seth Paine: Maureese Penate, from May Whitney: Jessica Crenshaw, from Sarah Adams: Kaleigh Heisterkamp, from Isaac Fox: Clair Jones, and from Charles Quentin, Jillian Glasser. Each of these students received a framed certificate noting the honor.

Staff member of the month recognition goes to: Vicki O'Connell. Parent Volunteer of the Month is Marianne Roe for her many hours of work on behalf of the District, and especially the students at Middle School North.

Consent Agenda

The items included for consideration on the Consent Agenda:

Board of Education, Open Session	Dec. 18, 2008
Board of Education, Closed Session	Dec. 18, 2008
Board of Education, Special Session	Jan. 8, 2009
Committee of the Whole, Open Session	Jan. 15, 2009
Committee of the Whole, Open Session	Jan. 22, 2009

- A. Treasurer's Report
- B. Personnel Report
- C. Out of District Tuition 09-10

Mr. Hussey moved, seconded by Mr. Pietro to approve the consent agenda as prepared and presented by the administration.

On a roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, Putbress, Goldberg, Finn, Pietro, Hussey, and Kropf. Nays: None. Motion passed. Motion passed. Supporting documents will be attached to these minutes.

Public Comments

Ms. Edwards came forward to address the Board on comments made at a prior meeting regarding budget reductions and opening the teacher's contract. Mr. Krause came forward to address the Board on the work of the Boundary Study Committee, Mr. Kapoor, Mr. Russ, and Mrs. Coombs came forward to request that their respective sub, Ms. Euker spoke in support of retaining fine arts programs in light of needed budget reductions, and Mr. Burke came forward to speak about the possibility that the federal stimulus plan would contain funds for schools and thereby delete the need to reduce staff and programs.

Check Register

Ms. Kalou presented the check register for the last half of December and to date in January and asked for approval. The register also includes payments from the imprest fund, bond fund, and the building activity monthly account reports.

Mr. Finn moved, seconded by Mr. Hussey to approve the check register for payments from the imprest fund, disbursements from the bond fund, and student activity monthly reports, as presented by the Administration.

Discussion on the motion: Members directed the administration to hold the check to the Village of Lake Zurich in the amount of \$12,000 until further discussion can be held on the outstanding debt from the Village TIF to the district in payment of additional students residing in the TIF District. The topic will be discussed again on Feb. 5th at a Committee of the Whole.

On a roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, Putbress, Goldberg, Finn, Pietro, Hussey, and Kropf. Nays: None. Motion passed. Supporting documents will be attached to these minutes.

Contract over \$1,000

Section 10-20.21 of the School Code requires all vendor contract for goods and services that are intended to generate additional revenue and other remunerations greater than \$1,000 that are executed after July 1, 2007 to be approved by the Board of Education. The High School is renewing a contract with Royal Publishing Company for athletic programs and pocket schedules. The High School has been pleased with the work of Royal Publishing. These funds will be used for the high school Student Activities accounts. The Board of Education has the right to allow these funds to be provided to Student Activities. This is consistent with past practices.

Mr. Pietro moved, seconded by Mr. Kropf that the Board of Education approve the contract for high school athletic programs and pocket schedules with Royal Publishing Company where the high school receives 5% of the paid advertising for their student activities accounts for the years 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2012-13.

On a roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, Putbress, Goldberg, Finn, Pietro, Hussey, and Kropf. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Quarterly Curriculum Update

Dr. Egan reviewed the initiatives that the Department of Curriculum and Instruction have been involved in during the second quarter of the 08-09 school year: ELL Program Review, Instructional Technology Staff Development, K-5 Social Studies Curriculum Review, K-12 Science Review, Book Discussions Literacy Initiative, and the ECRA Program Review.

The ECRA Group, spearheaded by Dr. Lou Gatta has begun their process of reviewing the District 95 academic programs. A team from the ECRA Group will be visiting each of the district's building the first week of February to interview teachers and to observe methods of instruction and levels of student engagement in language arts and math classes. The ECRA Group will report their findings to the Board sometime in late April or early May.

For your information only.

School Calendar 2008-2009

Dr. Knutson recommends approving the changes to the 2008-2009 school calendar due to inclement weather, driving conditions and sub zero temperatures, which caused the district to cancel classes this winter. Three of the previously scheduled emergency days will be used. At this time there is no consideration of changing the dates for middle and high school graduations, due to the multiple parent and staff arrangements that already have been made.

Mrs. Putbress moved, seconded Mr. Kropf to revise the 2008-09 school calendar to tentatively make Thursday, June 11, 2009 the last day of school.

On a roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, Putbress, Goldberg, Finn, Pietro, Hussey, and Kropf. Nays: None. Motion passed.

FOIA Report

Dr. Knutson reported on two Freedom of Information requests received by the District. Both were responded to within the time frame require by the statute.

Election of Vice-President of the Board

With the resignation of Mr. Tieman, the Vice-President of the Board remains open. Members nominated John Kropf to fill the position until the reorganization of the Board following the April 7th Consolidated Election.

On a roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, Putbress, Goldberg, Finn, Pietro, and Hussey. Abstains: Kropf. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Redistricting

Mrs. Brown reviewed the community forum on the redistricting recommendation held last evening and the topics of questions and comments from those in attendance. Any additional questions that members have on the recommended plan should be sent to the Administration in preparation for the Feb. 5th Committee of the Whole which will be dedicated to discussion on the topic.

Additional Information

Included for Board members information: The notification of a donation to the Lake Zurich High School band program of \$1,000 from Scott Buchta. The funds will be used as a partial payment of an oboe for the program.

Also included was a monthly report on e-mails from community members regarding the elementary and middle school boundary changes anticipated, and reports from some of the elementary schools.

There were no standing Board committees meetings in November.

Closed Session

Was not needed.

Adjournment

As there were no additional items on the agenda, Mr. Hussey moved, seconded by Mr. Finn to adjourn the meeting.

On a voice vote, all members voted aye at 8:35 pm.

Mrs. Kathy Brown
President, Board of Education
C.U.S.D. #95 Lake Zurich, IL

Mrs. Jan Putbress
Secretary, Board of Education
C.U.S.D. #95 Lake Zurich, IL

Respectfully submitted, Marsha Smyser Board Clerk

2-26-09 *Date Minutes Approved by the Board of Education,*

3-02-09 *Date Minutes Made Available for Public Inspection*

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