

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #95
October 23, 2008, Lake Zurich High School, Lake Zurich

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

A call of the roll showed the following members present: Tieman, Putbress, Brown, Hussey, Finn and Kropf.
Absent: Pietro.

The Gore Family led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Brown noted that the Boundary Committee has been meeting regularly and will have another update to the Board of Education on Nov. 13, 2008 at a Committee of the Whole. She emphasized that no decisions have been made and the committee will present their final recommendation at a public meeting on January 15, at the high school. A website will be activated on Friday, Oct. 24 to let the community know of the process and procedures being used to create new middle and elementary boundaries.

Jim Jennings presented the Students of the Month for March who demonstrate the core values of our Strategic Plan: From Lake Zurich High School: Shannon Hughes and DJ Placek, from Middle School North: Alex Milner, from Middle School South; Josh Carlino, from Spencer Loomis: Morgan Davis, from Seth Paine: Kathryn Miecinski, from May Whitney: Vanessa Gore, from Sarah Adams: Connor Burkley, from Isaac Fox: Alec Rowell, and from Charles Quentin, Mitchell Deery. Each of these students received a framed certificate noting the honor.

Staff member of the month recognition goes to: Janine Kierzyk, 6th Grade Literature and Language Arts teacher at Middle School North. Parent Volunteer of the Month is Lana Fava for her many hours of work on behalf of the District, and especially the students at Middle School South as PTO President.

Consent Agenda

The items included for consideration on the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - Board of Education, Open Session Sept. 25, 2008
 - Board of Education, Closed Session Sept. 25, 2008
 - Committee of the Whole, Open Session Oct 2, 2008
 - Committee of the Whole, Closed Session Oct. 2, 2008
 - Committee of the Whole, Open Session Oct. 16, 2008
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Field Trip Approvals

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

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

Public Comments

Lori Smith, Vice-chair of the Board of Trustees of the School District 95 Educational Foundation came forward to update the Board on Foundation activities. She noted that the foundation has funded the purchase of the eSchool Home Access Module, a district-wide science fair, and work on creating an alumni association in addition to many other projects.

Update on Fall Housing Report Enrollments

Ms. Kalou and Ms. Becich presented the Fall Housing Report (students enrolled as of Sept. 30, 2008) enrollment figures, noting that this year's enrollments match the 6th day enrollment numbers.

Check Register

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

**Check Register
(cont.)**

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

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

**Approval of
Contracts
Generating Income**

Ms. Kalou noted the changes in State law require the Board to approve any contract that is entered into that is expected to generate revenue and other remunerations to the District in excess of \$1,000 and that are executed after July 1, 2007.

Mr. Tieman moved, seconded by Mr. Kropf that the Board of Education approve the following contracts that are intended to generate additional revenue and other remunerations greater than \$1,000 and that the income or remunerations are allocated to the student activities accounts: High School Vending machines with Coca-Cola, High School Photographs with Visual Image Photography, Isaac Fox Photographs with Color Portraits, Inc, Sarah Adams Photographs with Life Touch, and the High School Athletic Programs with Athletic World Advertising.

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

**High School Stadium
Scoreboard**

Ms. Kalou reviewed the bid process for the replacement scoreboard at the High School Stadium and that only one bid was received from Baum Sign of Montgomery, IL. Funds for the scoreboard were raised from the community as part of the "Goal for the Field" campaign. Members thanked the chairpersons of the campaign, Jeff Meyer and Mark Hutton for their continued work.

Mr. Hussey moved, seconded by Mrs. Putbress that the Board of Education approve the bid for the High School Stadium Scoreboard from Baum Sign, Inc. in the amount of \$40,464.

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

Bleacher Repairs

Ms. Kalou reviewed the bid process for the repair and maintenance of bleachers, which had been identified as part of the annual bleacher inspection. In consultation with Ruck Pate the recommendation is to award the contract to B & R Bleachers of Woodstock, IL.

Mrs. Putbress moved, seconded by Mr. Hussey that the Board of Education approve the bid for Bleacher Repairs and Maintenance from B & R Bleachers in the base bid amount of \$44,955 and rejection of Alternates 1 through 8.

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

Wall Attachment Bid

Ms. Kalou reviewed the bid process for Wall Attachments at Middle School North. In consultation with Kevin Kalata of Wiss, Janney, Elstner and Associates, the recommendation is to award the contract to Berglund Construction Company

Mr. Kropf moved, seconded by Mrs. Putbress that the Board of Education approve the bid for Wall Attachments from Berglund Construction Company in the base bid amount of \$285,962 for repairs 1 through 4.

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

**Masonry Repairs –
Band / Orchestra
Rooms**

Ms. Kalou reviewed the bid process for the Masonry Repairs to the Band / Orchestra rooms at Middle School North. In consultation with Kevin Kalata of Wiss, Janney, Elstner and Associates, the recommendation is to award the contract to JLJ Contracting Inc. of Broadview, IL.

Mr. Hussey moved, seconded by Mr. Tieman that the Board of Education approve the bid for the Masonry Repairs to the Band/Orchestra Room from JLJ Contracting, Inc. in the base bid amount \$244,149 for base repair items 1 through 6, awarding of alternate 3 in the amount of \$2,900 and reserve the right to award alternate 1 and 2 as a change order.

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

**High School Course
Proposals**

Dr. Egan and Department Chairs from the High School recommend the following additions and deletions to the high school course of studies:

Science: Eliminate the Experimental Methods course and adopt the Physical Science course as a sophomore offering. This will adjust the Science curriculum scope and sequence to introduce physics concepts prior to taking the ACT in junior year rather than after as is the present case. Adopt a Principles of Robotic Engineering course to replace the Industrial Technology course.

Fine Arts: Change the current requirement of Art Foundations I and II (two semesters) as a prerequisite for all Level 1 art courses to a one semester prerequisite of Art Foundations. Rename Art Foundations II to Art Survey to serve as an elective to explore various art media.

Guidance Department: The Guidance Department is seeking a title change to the Counseling Department to communicate a more contemporary reflection of our mission and implementation of the developmental school counseling program.

High School Summer School: Summer School will include credit recovery course offerings as well as a course that will provide students with an opportunity to advance their studies. Courses being offered for advancement will be CP (College Prep) and Honors Biology, Consumer Ed, Creative Writing, Journalism I and II, Art Foundations, Art Survey (pending approval), Drivers Ed classroom, Behind the Wheel, Health, Astronomy, and Government.

Mr. Finn moved, seconded by Mrs. Putbress to approve the department name change, and additional courses to the Lake Zurich High School Program of Studies for 2009-2010.

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

**Publication of
School Report Card**

Dr. Knutson noted that the State of Illinois requires that each school district make available to its community members a District Report Card outlining the status of the district. The report also gives the district's standing regarding Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) a compliance measure of the federal law of No Child Left Behind.

The report will be available on the District web site, mailed in paper form upon request, and for inspection or pick up at every building.

Mr. Hussey moved, seconded by Mr. Kropf to approve the annual School Report Card as compiled by the Illinois State Board of Education and publish for distribution to community members.

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

Additional Information

Included for Board members information: A monthly report on e-mails from community members, and notification of a \$5,000 grant from MSN PTO for improvements to the grounds adjacent to the Athletic entrance at MSN, and \$5,000 from Citi Foundation/Smith Barney/Denise Schirmann for support of the Young Entrepreneurs Academy program at Lake Zurich High School

Committee Reports

Mrs. Brown reviewed the work of the policy committee this week, especially the Student Assistance Program update from the high school administration. The high school will be conducting a phantom draw to test the selection procedures. Additional discussion on the topic will be held at the Board level as to whether to conduct a program. There is a segment of the population that feels that the problem should be handled at home instead of at school. The audit committee will meet next week.

Closed Session

Mr. Kropf moved, seconded by Mr. Finn to adjourn to closed session to discuss: Personnel and Pending Litigation matters. Mrs. Brown noted that the Board may take action on one item at the conclusion of the closed session based on deliberations.

On a voice call vote: Ayes: Brown, Putbress, Tieman, and Kropf. Nays: None. Motion passed.

The Board adjourned to closed session at 8:30 pm
The Board returned to open meeting at 8:46 pm.

Possible Action Based on Closed Session Deliberations

Mr. Hussey moved, seconded by Mr. Finn to authorize the President and Secretary of the Board of Education to sign the amendment previously discussed by the Board to the employment contract for Dr. Brian Knutson in accordance with Article 3 of his current contract, specifically "Student Performance, Academic Improvement, and Performance Based Retirement Incentives."

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

Adjournment

As there were no additional items on the agenda, Mr. Tieman moved, seconded by Mrs. Brown to adjourn the meeting. On a voice vote, all members voted aye at 8:47 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

Nov. 20, 2008 Date Minutes Approved by the Board of Education,

Nov. 25, 2008 Date Minutes Made Available for Public Inspection

Nov. 25, 2008 Date Minutes Posted on the District Website