

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #95
November 20, 2008, ELA Area Public Library, 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, Pietro, Brown, Hussey, Finn and Kropf.
Absent: Putbress.

Addie Howell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Brown expressed gratitude to the District 95 Educational Foundation for their gift of the Home Access Module for the eSchool program. This will allow parents on-line access to grades, homework and many items concerning their child's education. A pilot will begin after Thanksgiving for some high school and middle school families.

She also noted that the District has no impact on recently received tax assessment notices. Budget talks are beginning for next year, and the Board will be considering the anticipated decrease in tax revenues as local properties will be assessed at a lower value. The Boundary Committee has been meeting regularly and she emphasized that no decisions have been made and the Superintendent and committee will present their final recommendation at a public meeting on January 15, at the high school. Two or three public meetings will be held in various schools across the district to listen to comments from the community on the middle and elementary school boundaries.

The Board received a letter of resignation from Mr. Tieman, effective December 1, 2008, who is moving outside the district and thus will be ineligible to continue as a Board member. His resignation will require the Board to appoint someone to fill out the unexpired term. The Board will be soliciting letters of interest and hope to appoint someone in a timely manner. Members in turn thanked him for his years of distinguished service to the community, particularly his leadership with regard to financial matters and during the negotiations process.

Public Comments

Mr. Donaldson of the Central States Bus Sales spoke on the recommendation to the Board regarding the bud bids. Mr. Brazeau came forward to comment on the request for proposals currently being considered for duplicating equipment. Mr. Brodeur spoke with concern about an incident regarding his child and a taxi delivering him to his out of district program.

Mr. Jennings presented the Students of the Month for March who demonstrate the core values of our Strategic Plan: From Lake Zurich High School: Justin Fry, from Middle School North: Preston Braithwaite, from Middle School South; Roberto Chairez, from Spencer Loomis: William Gilbert, from Seth Paine: Nolan Bertrand, from May Whitney: Caitlin Wessel, from Sarah Adams: Sandro Curcic, from Isaac Fox: Ally Tucker, and from Charles Quentin, Alyssa Townsend. Each of these students received a framed certificate noting the honor.

Staff member of the month recognition goes to: Mary Baumer, receptionist at the high school. Parent Volunteer of the Month is Lynda Howell for her many hours of work on behalf of the District, and especially the students at May Whitney Elementary School.

Consent Agenda

The items included for consideration on the Consent Agenda:

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| A. | Approval of Minutes | |
| | Board Policy Committee | Oct. 21, 2008 |
| | Board of Education, Open Session | Oct. 23, 2008 |
| | Board of Education, Closed Session | Oct. 23, 2008 |
| | Committee of the Whole, Open Session | Nov.6, 2008 |
| | Committee of the Whole, Closed Session | Nov. 6, 2008 |
| | Committee of the Whole, Open Session | Nov. 13, 2008 |
| | Committee of the Whole, Closed Session | Nov. 13, 2008 |
| B. | Treasurer's Report | |
| C. | Personnel Report | |

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

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

Check Register & Addendum

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

Mr. Hussey moved, seconded by Mr. Pietro to approve the check register and addendum for 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, Finn, Pietro, Hussey, Tieman, and Brown. Nays: None. Motion passed. Supporting documents will be attached to these minutes.

Audit Acceptance

Ms. Kalou noted that Ms. Shelly Casella-Dercole from the auditing firm of Eder, Casella & Co. was unable to be in attendance to present the Audit for FY 2008. Ms. Kalou took questions from members.

Mr. Hussey moved, seconded by Mr. Tieman to approve the 2007-08 audit as presented.

Members expressed thanks to Ms. Kalou for her leadership and ability to correct some of the challenges she inherited.

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

Bus Bids

Ms. Kalou reviewed the bid process for the acquisition of buses for next school year, noting that the district bids for buses on an annual basis. On October 28, 2008 three bids were opened. The lowest base bid was received from Central States Bus Sales; however, Central States Sales' 30 passenger bus is significantly different than the bid specifications. On Tuesday, Central States Bus Sales provided the District with a 30 passenger bus to review and test drive as per the bid requirements. After several hours of testing the bus through the tighter turns in the District, the determination is that the bus is able to make the turns without problems. Based on the reference checks and the testing of the bus, the bus is acceptable. While the bus deviates significantly from the specifications, the deviations do not impact the performance of the bus in a significant way. There are features in our current buses that are preferable, but not substantial enough to impact overall performance.

Mr. Finn moved, seconded by Mr. Pietro that the Board of Education award the bus bids for 45 - 77 passenger buses, 1-wheel chair lift bus, 12 - 30 passenger buses and 8 digital recording devices to Central States Bus Sales in the total cash outlay amount of \$4,374,831 and the net cost of \$440,183.10.

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

**Curriculum and
Instruction Quarterly
Report**

Dr. Egan reviewed the initiatives that his department has been working on during the first quarter of this school year:

SRA Math Demo Lessons, ELL Program Review, MAP Training, Instructional Technology Staff Development, K-5 Social Studies Curriculum Review, K-12 Science Review, Data Retreat, and the Curriculum Council worked on the high school's new science course proposals.

**Additional
Information**

For information only.

Included for Board members information: The notification of a \$500 grant from the Institute of International Education in honor of Brad Andress – 2008 Graduate that received a GE Star Award to be used for technology that can be used in a calculus classroom, in addition, the high school received a donation of name badges and badge holders from the United Methodist Church of Libertyville. The name badges will be used in a team-building activity for the entire faculty. Also, a donation of 500 1½ inch view binders from Costco that will be used for various projects throughout the district.

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.

Secretary Pro-Tem

Mr. Hussey moved, seconded by Mr. Finn to appoint Mr. Kropf to serve as Secretary Pro-Tem of the Board to sign paperwork for this week.

On a voice vote, all members present voted aye.

Adjournment

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

On a roll call vote, all members voted aye at 8:30 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

_____ *Date Minutes Approved by the Board of Education,*

_____ *Date Minutes Made Available for Public Inspection*

_____ *Date Minutes Posted on the District Website*