

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #95
February 26, 2009, Lake Zurich High School

Closed Session-

Mr. Hussey moved, seconded by Mr. Kropf to adjourn to closed session to discuss: Personnel matters relating to the appointment, employment, compensation, performance, discipline or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Mrs. Brown noted that the Board anticipates taking public action as a result of the deliberations during the closed session.

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

The Board adjourned to closed session at 6:31 pm

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:50 pm.

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

Students from the Farejowicz family led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Brown reviewed items of interest to the community:

- The Village of Lake Zurich has plans to re-structure the debt on the TIF district, which shows they should be able to meet tuition liabilities to the District without the 12 year extension being proposed.
- The next two Committee of the Whole meetings will have the 09-10 budget on the agenda for discussion and additional information.
- The district's PTO organizations are holding two forums for candidates for the April 7th election for Board of Education members, on March 4th at MSN at 7:30 and on March 9th at MSS at 7:30.

Dr. Knutson noted that the budget process for next year continues and that the administration is preparing a list of items that could be reinstated if additional funds become available. He noted that the middle school band, orchestra and chorus programs will not be moved into the encore program as originally planned and are no longer on the budget reduction list under consideration by the Board.

Ms. Smyser presented the Students of the Month for March who demonstrate the core values of our Strategic Plan: From Lake Zurich High School: Charles Garlock and Karen Dionesotes, from Middle School North: Kelsie Johnson, from Middle School South; Maria Schroeder, from Spencer Loomis: Alexis Gora, from Seth Paine: Jordyn Becich, from May Whitney: Veronica Lloyd, from Sarah Adams: Matt Farejowicz, from Isaac Fox: Joey Zolnierrek, and from Charles Quentin, Noah Deluga. Each of these students received a framed certificate noting the honor.

Staff member of the month recognition goes to: Susan Lindquist, 2nd grade teacher at Charles Quentin and Gayle Mancini, Speech Therapist at Spencer Loomis. Parent Volunteer of the Month is Karen Pauli for her many hours of work on behalf of the District, and especially the students at Spencer Loomis.

Consent Agenda

The items included for consideration on the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes
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| Spec. Board of Education, Closed Session | Jan. 8, 2009 |
| Committee of the Whole, Closed Session | Jan. 22, 2009 |
| Board of Education, Open Session | Jan. 29, 2009 |
| Committee of the Whole, Open Session | Feb. 5, 2009 |
| Committee of the Whole, Closed Session | Feb. 5, 2009 |
| Committee of the Whole, Open Session | Feb. 12, 2009 |
| Committee of the Whole, Closed Session | Feb. 12, 2009 |
| Board Policy Committee | Feb. 17, 2009 |
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. Personnel Report & Addendum
- D. Additional Professional Services Provider

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: Brown, Putbress, Goldberg, Finn, Pietro, Hussey, and Kropf. Nays: None. Motion passed. Motion passed. Supporting documents will be attached to these minutes.

Mrs. Brown welcomed Ms. Jodi Wirt as the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, effective July 1, 2009.

Public Comments

Ms. Polancich came forward to address the Board on retaining the current music programs, and Mr. Cerqua spoke in favor of retaining full soccer programs, and presented funds to cover the stipends, Mrs. Morrison spoke to request the retention of the golf teams, Mr. Zulke spoke to request the consideration of retaining the golf teams. Mr. Miner spoke in support of the band programs. Mr. Thompson spoke in support of the retaining the music programs in the District. Ms. Morell spoke with questions about redistricting, Ms. Brindise spoke to relate how music programs improve academics, and Mr. Blesment spoke to request that the Board make no cuts in extra-curricular programs.

Check Register

Ms. Kalou presented the check register for the last half of January and to date in February 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. Kropf 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.

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.

Student and Extracurricular Fees

Ms. Kalou reviewed the proposed school fees for the 2009-10 fiscal year, noting some of the proposed changes:
Registration Fees were increased to help offset some of the consumable materials, an early payment discount will continue for fees paid prior to June 15, 2009 or for move ins to the District.

Mrs. Putbress moved, seconded by Mr. Pietro that the Board of Education approve the following student fees for the 2009-10 school year:
Kindergarten \$115, Grades 1-5 \$145, Grades 6-8 \$175, Grades 9-12 \$215 with a \$25 discount per fees for fees paid prior to June 15, 2009; elementary lunch fee of \$2.20, middle and high school lunch fee of \$2.40, milk fee of \$.40; middle and high school physical education uniform of \$23; driver's education fee of \$300; middle school year book fee of \$26, high school yearbook fee of \$54.

Discussion on the motion: Members asked that extracurricular fees be removed from consideration until a later date, and asked for information on per participant costs for the extracurricular programs in order to determine truer costs of the programs.

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

Facilities Usage Fees

Ms. Kalou presented the proposed facilities usage fees for the 2009-10 fiscal year. She is proposing to charge for Class II rentals in the PAC, which is consistent with all other spaces in the District. PAC rental fee were increased very

little as we are already in line with similar spaces in the area and fear that an increase will force renters into non-District 95 spaces. The increases in the other facilities fees were minimal as the District has already seen a decline in rentals because of the economy. The fear was that an increase would result in fewer users and less rental income.

Mrs. Putbress moved, seconded by Mr. Hussey that the Board of Education approved the Facilities Usage Fees for 2009-10 as presented. Supporting documents will be included with these minutes.

Short Term Borrowing

The District will once again be participating in the Illinois Funds: Local Government Short-term Loan Program to borrow funds to bridge the period between May and June. Two Banks were contacted to provide rates for this program JP Morgan Chase and Associated Banc. JP Morgan Chase is no longer participating in this program. Associated Banc has provided a Commitment Letter at 3.25% for up to \$5 million. Included the application to borrow funds, which indicates that the District is requesting to borrow an amount not to exceed \$5 million. The District does not anticipate borrowing \$5 million, but would like the financing in place as a cushion. All draws can be canceled with 5 days notice. The District is still hoping to borrow very little funds, but the State is not paying their bills in a timely manner.

Mr. Hussey moved, seconded by Mr. Finn that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution presented allowing Community Unit School District 95 to borrow up to \$5 million dollars that will be repaid with the June collection of real estate taxes.

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

Boundary Realignment Recommendation

Dr. Knutson reviewed that the Board developed 'End Statements' in May, 2008 in order to assist the committee in their deliberations and development of their recommendation. The boundary study committee was established to obtain community involvement in the process of redistricting. The committee's role was advisory with the final recommendation being the sole responsibility of the Superintendent.

The group was facilitated by a member of our community, Mr. Mark Lindner, who has extensive experience in facilitating strategic planning and change processes in the private sector. Additionally, Mary Kalou (Asst. Supt for Business and Operations), Karen Logan (Director of Transportation), Marsha Smyser (Admin. Assistant to the Supt.) and Brian Knutson (Superintendent) assisted the committee in the deliberations with data, technical support and clarification of many issues. John Kropf also joined the committee as an observer and liaison to the Board of Education. Mike Egan joined the group in November to gain insight into the process of formulation of the recommendation of what he ultimately would be implementing next school year.

The end statements established by the Board were the framework for analyzing and deciding upon the options considered by the committee. Every effort was made to make the decision-making process measurable and objective. For example, the committee established a measurable range of satisfaction levels for each end statement. Each option was then evaluated by calculating its impact on each end statement. This was done by providing extensive supporting data and using measurable criteria to establish a score for each end statement.

The end statements are inherently in conflict. This means improving in one end statement often would produce a negative impact in one or more of the remaining nine end statements. Thus, the committee saw its challenge as producing an

option or options which optimized the total impact on the end statements while minimizing the inevitable trade-offs that will have to be made.

The committee generated 25 different options. This large number was an effort to consider every possible variation to find the best way to achieve an optimal result while reducing the negative impacts.

Once the field of options was established, the committee began a process of reduction and elimination to determine which option(s) to recommend to the Superintendent. Using the measurements that had been determined for each option as background, the committee applied a series of group decision making and voting techniques to arrive at its recommendation.

On December 16, 2008, the committee fulfilled its obligation and advised the Superintendent by recommending two options which scored very well on objective measures, and received the strongest level of support from the majority of the committee.

On January 15, 2009, we made a public presentation of the Superintendent's recommendation to the Board. Members of the Boundary Committee also assisted as panelists in helping to respond to Board questions. We then conducted three community forums to provide the community a chance to make comments and ask questions. The Board met on February 12th to receive a final report of the committee's deliberations following the last community forum. Based upon our final deliberations Option 13 with four very minor adjustments is being recommended to the Board (see maps of Option 13 enclosed) as the final recommendation for K-8 boundaries effective with the 2009-2010 school year.

Option 13, as modified, is recommended for the new boundaries for K-8 enrollment. Because flexible space is somewhat limited, this recommendation does not include any special provisions for students to be "grandfathered" into their current school. Board of Education policy 7:30 – *Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer* provides parents the opportunity to request an exception to their assigned attendance area. Those applications will be accepted and considered on a case by case basis dependent upon space available at the grade level and building requested. Every attempt will be given due consideration for approval based upon the impact on class size and flexible space at the respective buildings.

Mr. Hussey moved, seconded by Mr. Kropf to approve the new K-8 school attendance boundaries for 2009-2010 as presented.

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

**Additional
Information**

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

**Release of Closed
Session Minutes**

Board Policy and the School Code require the review of all written minutes held as "closed", and determine whether any may be released for public inspection. This review should be held at least twice a year. All sets of minutes held as "closed" were reviewed to determine whether any could be released for public review and inspection. The Superintendent's recommendation is to release the following sets of minutes:

Dec 18, 2008, Nov. 6, 2008, Feb. 21, 2008, March 22, 2007, March 8, 2007,
Dec. 14, 2006, Dec. 7, 2006, Oct. 12, 2006, Sept. 4, 2006, June 8, 2006,

Dec. 15, 2005, Aug. 25, 2005, Aug. 04, 2005, and Dec. 16, 2004

Mr. Goldberg moved, seconded by Mr. Finn to release the listed sets of written closed session minutes for public inspection.

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

Destruction of Closed Meeting Recordings

The School Code requires that all closed meetings be audio recorded. School Code further allows for the destruction of those recordings after 18 months have passed if:

- The written minutes of that particular meeting have been approved, and
- The Board votes to destroy the audio recordings.

At this time there are 14 recordings of closed meetings that are eligible to be destroyed: 8/23/07, 6/14/07, 05/31/07, 05/24/07, 05/17/07, 05/10/07, 05/03/07, 04/26/07, 04/12/07, 03/22/07, 3/13/2007, 3/8/2007, and 3/1/2007.

Mr. Kropf moved, seconded by Mr. Pietro to authorize the Superintendent or designee to destroy the audio recordings of the listed minutes in accordance with Board policy and School Code.

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

Committee Reports

Mrs. Putbress reviewed the policy committee meeting that was held this month, noting that discussion was held on the proposal to eliminate class rank, designation of Valedictorian and Salutatorian and replace it with another way to recognize top performers. Additional discussion will be held on the topic at the March 12th Committee of the Whole.

Additional Information

Additional information included was a monthly report on e-mails from community members regarding the recommendation for budget reductions and elementary and middle school boundary changes anticipated, and reports from some of the elementary schools. Mrs. Putbress reported on the SEDOL Governing Board meeting that she attended; noting construction is underway at their new facilities. They anticipate some funding from the stimulus bill, and are hopeful that they can provide a rebate to District 95 if the funds are received.

Closed Session

The Board resumed closed session at 8:57 pm
The Board returned to open meeting at 9:50 pm.

Adjournment

As there were no additional items on the agenda, Mrs. Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:51pm.

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

3/26/09 Date Minutes Approved by the Board of Education,
3/27/09 Date Minutes Made Available for Public Inspection
3/27/09 Date Minutes Posted on the District Website