

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #95
October 22, 2009 – Lake Zurich High School, Lake Zurich

Board President Brown called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

A call of the roll showed the following members present: Brown, Kropf, Wallis, Burke, Finn, Pietro and Goldberg
Absent: None

Luke and Eric Thurston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Brown expressed thanks for all the staff and students for participating in fall activities. Tomorrow is Principals' Day and the Board would like to recognize all principals and assistant principals for all the work they do with our students. This meeting will be the first meeting to be webcast and community members will be able to view the meeting by clicking on the link for media on the District home page. This evening, the Board will be discussing the questions some parents have brought forward over the air quality at one of the elementary schools in the district. Dr. Egan has met with representatives of the parents and clarified that the consultant they are working with is offering to do a visual inspection and that the parent group's expectation is that the District will bear the cost of any testing that may be recommended.

President's Comments –

Recognitions – Mrs. Becich presented the Students of the Month for October who demonstrate the core values of our Strategic Plan: From Lake Zurich High School: Paul Geimer and Mayuri Chandran, from Middle School North: Ashley Mies, from Middle School South; Eric Thurston, from Spencer Loomis: Maureen McCullough from Seth Paine: Katelyn Menas, from May Whitney: Tyler Gillen from Sarah Adams: Jarred Winandy and Stephen Grinnip, and from Isaac Fox: Bledian Arjorja Each of these students received a framed certificate noting the recognition.

Parent Volunteer of the Month honors go to Julie McPeek for her many hours of work on behalf of the District, and especially the students at Lake Zurich Middle School South Campus Staff member of the month is Julie Walger, 6th grade Special Education Teacher at Lake Zurich Middle School, North Campus.

Consent Agenda Items included for consideration on the consent agenda includes items of regular and ordinary business.

A. Approval of Minutes

Board of Education, Open Session	September 24, 2009
Board of Education, Closed Session	September 24, 2009
Board of Education, Special Session	Oct. 8, 2009
Committee of the Whole, Open Session	Oct. 8, 2009

B. Treasurer's Report

C. Personnel Report

D. Prevailing Wages

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

On a roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, Kropf, Wallis, Burke, Pietro, Finn, and Goldberg. Nays: None. Supporting documents will be included with these minutes.

Public Comments No members of the community came forward to address the Board

Check Register Mr. King 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.

Mr. Kropf moved, seconded by Mrs. Wallis 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, Kropf, Wallis, Finn, Pietro, Burke, and Goldberg. Nays: None. Motion passed. Supporting documents will be included with these minutes.

Contract for Electricity

Mr. King noted that the District's contract for electricity will expire in late December of 2010. Consequently, the District has published a bid to provide the electricity to all District facilities for a minimum of one year and potentially longer depending on the rates that will be proposed from the suppliers. Since price fluctuations occur on a daily basis it is imperative for the District to lock in a price on the same day that the price quote is provided or within twenty four hours. Administration is requesting that the Board approve entering into a contract for electricity service and allow the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations to sign a contract with the lowest responsible bidder. Upon full execution of the contract, administration will bring the contract back to the Board to answer any questions that they may have.

Mr. Kropf moved, seconded by Mr. Finn to direct the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations to enter into a contract with the lowest responsive bidder for electricity supply to all district facilities for at least one year.

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

School Report Card

Dr. Egan 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 major categories of each report include: demographic data on students and certified employees; instructional settings comprising class sizes, instructional minutes, parental contact, and educational level of its teachers; school district finances; academic performance including graduation rate, aggregated results of ISAT and PSAE, and disaggregated results by sub groups. 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 full report will be available on the District web site, mailed in paper form upon request, and for inspection or pick up at every building.

Indoor Air Quality

On Oct. 15th, Dr. Egan met with two representatives from parent groups that have expressed concerns about the air quality at one of the elementary buildings and a consultant from an industrial hygiene assessment and remediation firm to get details about the parent group's request for independent review of the conditions at the building. The company offers at no cost to *"perform a cursory visual inspection to verify the findings and conclusions outlined in the reports prepared by the District's environmental contractors regarding the school's indoor environmental conditions."*

He then asked for Board comments on the proposal, and even though the initial assessment by CRA would be at no cost, it should be known that any additional testing, over the *"cursory visual inspection..."* would be at the district's expense, and not covered by the concerned community members as was originally presented.

Members agreed to permit the CRA consultant into the building to do his walk through visual inspection (with access to locked doors and spaces) with the Director of Facilities. The visual assessment would not include any invasive work. It was also suggested that someone from the current firm that does this work for the District and possibly a Board member would accompany the consultant on this inspection, if they are available.

The results of the visual inspection will then be presented at a Board meeting. If the outside consultant recommends additional testing, discussion can be held to determine whether additional testing at Board expense will be conducted.

Additional Information

An update on the progress of the District's intention to operate its own special education program beginning on July 1, 2010 and withdraw from the SEDOL cooperative was provided in written form.

Resolution – Procurement Cards

Dr. Egan reviewed that the average cost to process a purchase order and pay the invoice is approximately \$120-\$150 per transaction. For items that are purchased under this threshold the card will provide an alternative that is more cost effective. In addition, in the operations area where many small items are purchased daily from local suppliers it will allow us to recognize the savings of processing each payment. Each card will be linked to an internal account and once the balance of the account is depleted the card will not allow future transactions. In addition, we can control the vendors that a card can be utilized with thru restrictions placed on each card using the merchant codes. All transactions will be balanced with the receipts on a monthly basis and if a card is being abused it will be immediately revoked.

Mr. Goldberg moved, seconded by Mrs. Wallis to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Individual Procurement Cards.

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

Committee Reports

Reports from Standing Board Committees were presented for information. The Policy Committee met on Oct. 21 and reported their work. Mrs. Brown outlined the basic process for changes or a revision to current policies or creation of new policy is facilitated. One item that will come forward is the requirement that an annual proof of residency be submitted with enrollment forms. Additional work will be done on the current availability of a discretionary waiver for those who do not qualify for Free and Reduced lunches, but are still experiencing hardship covering school and extracurricular fees.

Additional Information

School reports were included for members' information.

Closed Session

Was not needed.

Adjournment

As there were no additional items on the agenda, Mr. Kropf moved, seconded by Mr. Pietro to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 PM. On a voice vote, all members voted aye.

Mrs. Kathy Brown
President, Board of Education
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Mrs. Kathleen Wallis
Secretary, Board of Education
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Respectfully submitted, Marsha Smyser Board Clerk

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