

**Community Unit School District #95 - Board of Education**  
**Committee of the Whole - Regular Meeting**  
February 12, 2009 – 6:00 PM, Lake Zurich High School  
Regular Meeting

Board President Kathy Brown called the regular meeting to order at 6:04 pm, and a call of the roll showed: Members Present: Mrs. Brown, Mr. Goldberg, Mrs. Putbress, Mr. Pietro, Mr. Finn, and Mr. Kropf. Members Absent: Mr. Hussey

**Public Comments** – Mr. Madsen and Mrs. Edwards spoke to request that students from their subdivision remain at their current elementary school. Ms. Gage, Ms. Buto, Mrs. Buto, Mr. Johnson spoke in support of continuing all fine arts programs. Mr. Williams spoke in support of the Driver's Ed program. Ms. Johlie, Mr. Beshoar and Ms. Clemens spoke in support of fine arts programs. Officer Finlon spoke in support of keeping the school resource officer position. Mr. McHenry and Mr. DeJulio spoke in support of the Golf program.

**Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Recommendation**

Dr. Knutson reviewed that as a result of anticipated lowered tax revenues the board has directed the administration to prepare a budget for 2010 that was \$4 million lower than the current year. The framework under which the Administration prepared the recommended budget reduction was: preservation of the instructional program and maintenance of a comprehensive program for our students. Ms. Kalou reviewed each of the recommended reductions that would total the requested amount of reductions.

Members complimented the early address to the lower CPI which results in a lower tax rate. They each expressed understanding of the difficulty of determining any areas for reductions. Each had questions on various points of the presentation. Each of the reductions will be prioritized in case the tax collections come in at a higher level than anticipated or other items are identified for reduction. The next date when more information on the rate of collections will be June, and then any reductions that could be avoided will be returned to the budget. The topic will be discussed again at more meetings until the tentative budget is presented for approval in June. Later this year, the Administration will bring back a list of possible re-instatements if tax collections are higher than 97%.

**Redistricting**

The last of the three community forums were held on the 9<sup>th</sup>, and the Boundary Study Committee met again on the 10<sup>th</sup> to determine whether there is a need to change their recommendation to the Superintendent. They discussed whether any new information came forward that hadn't been considered in their eight months of work on the topic that could change their recommendation. Many different minor changes to Option 13 were investigated in detail and it was not suggested that other end statements be compromised by incorporating these changes. The Superintendent has also reviewed whether to change his recommendation to the Board in light of the information, comments and questions that have come from Board, staff and community members. Members in turn thanked the committee again for all their work.

**Student Fees and Extracurricular Participation Fees**

On an annual basis the Board of Education adopts the student and extracurricular fees for the next school year. This year the fees increased due to the significant budget reductions that the District is facing and the continuing high cost of consumable materials used by our students. Participation fees are increased in order to preserve the opportunities offered to our students as the District continues to pay over 50% of the cost of most programs offered outside of the school day. A detailed cost per activity was provided with the budget information. The transportation fee will increase to \$350 due to the fact that the State reduces the amount provided to the District for each paid rider. If the District continues to offer the paid rider service, the District should not continue to subsidize this service. Programs are in place for those families that cannot afford activities or fees that will allow for a

payment plan or a hardship waiver. A recommendation on student and extracurricular participation fees will be brought to the Board of Education at the February 26, 2009 Meeting for action.

**Facilities Usage Fees**

On an annual basis the Board of Education adopts the fees for facilities usage for the next year. In the past, we have been increasing the fees at the consumer price index. This year we increased fees to the nearest \$5 in order to making billing more uniform. This caused some individual rated to increase at a greater amount. Overall, the attempt is to average the increase or less than 5%. Costs such as natural gas and electricity will continue to increase at rates close to 5%. The District has expenditures related to rentals that are increasing at a rate greater than the CPI. A recommendation on facilities usage fees will be brought to the Board of Education at the February 26, 2009 Meeting for action.

**Short Term Borrowing**

The Administration is seeking the authorization to participate in the Illinois Funds Local Government Short-Term Loan Program. This program allows the District a "to borrow funds needed until the June tax collections at a low rate and avoids the high cost of issuance associated with tax anticipation warrants. The District is working with Associated Bank Corp. Associated Bank Corp. is expected to provide a commitment letter any day at an interest rate of 3.5%. While we anticipate only possibly needing the last draw at the end of May, we are seeking the authority to borrow up to \$5 million in case tax collections are late. The District will pay interest at the rate of 3.25%.

The District will continue to monitor cash flow carefully and only take the minimum draws required.

**Closed Session – Personnel**

Mr. Pietro moved, seconded by Mr. Finn to adjourn to closed meeting to discuss: Personnel matters and Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees. On a roll call vote, all members present voted aye.

The Board adjourned to closed meeting at 8:50pm.  
The Board returned to open meeting at 9:51 pm.

As there were no further items on the agenda for the meeting, President Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

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*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;*

3-02-09      *Date Minutes Posted on the District Website*