

Community Unit School District #95 - Board of Education
Committee of the Whole - Regular Meeting
March 5, 2009 – 6:00 PM, Lake Zurich High School
Regular Meeting

Board President Kathy Brown called the regular meeting to order at 6:05 pm, and a call of the roll showed: Members Present: Mrs. Brown, Mr. Goldberg, Mrs. Putbress, Mr. Hussey, Mr. Pietro, Mr. Finn, and Mr. Kropf. Members Absent: None

Public Comments – Community members, staff and students came forward to express support for the programs that were identified as possible reductions from the 09-10 budget. Ms. Schwartz – Computer programs at middle schools, Mr. Krause – counseling case load, Ms. Rietsma – elementary orchestras and bands, Mr. Olney – Football programs and B teams, Mr. Orlando – freshman football and B-teams, Ms. Gira – literary magazine, Ms. Barron – requesting the formation of a community committee to work on the budget, Rev. Sundberg – music programs in the District, Ms. Wagner – freshman B teams and fundraising, Mr. Reitsch – boys and girls golf programs, Mr. Zuhlke – fundraising for golf programs, Ms. McGuire – golf teams, Ms. Armbruster – keeping class sizes lower, Mr. Wright – support of golf teams, Ms. Turk – bowling programs, Ms. Blechschmidt – extracurricular activities, Mr. Blechschmidt – freshmen B teams, Ms. Howard – volleyball and bowling teams, Ms. Kubis - bowling team, Mr. Krause – keep extra-curricular activities, Ms. Eder – paper edition of school newspaper, Ms. Liskowski – school newspaper, Mr. Buzzelli – paper edition of school newspaper, Ms. Wagner – paper edition of school newspaper, Mr. Antczak – quarterback club and football programs, Ms. Dwyer – bowling and golf teams, Mr. Miller – boys and girls golf teams.

2009-2010 Budget Reduction Recommendation Update

Dr. Knutson noted the listing of items that were recommended for re-instatement if funds become available amounts to \$730,000, and that all recommendations on the list were difficult to determine due to the cost cutting measures undertaken over the last few years. Offers of fundraising efforts by numerous groups to cover the costs of the proposed extra-curricular reduction were gratefully acknowledged. The total amount needed to maintain the extracurricular activities proposed for reductions for the 09-10 year is approximately \$153,000. If those funds are raised by June 1, the programs can be preserved for the year. Discussion was held on whether funds should be accepted for targeted activities or a general fund to cover all extracurricular activities. Members had questions about the other items targeted for reduction, and whether fundraising receipts be shared with the curricular areas. It was noted that a comprehensive music curriculum is conducted in the elementary schools for all students, and the 4th and 5th grade orchestra and band programs do not serve all students. The foundation will be approached to determine if they are able to accept the funds for these programs. Questions remain about the continued receipt of TIF tuition funds. Additional information about the details of fundraising opportunities will be presented at the next meeting. Members noted they are committed to avoid deficit spending, but funds are not available to continue all programs as they are today. With the uncertainty of the economy as a whole, members want to continue to look for possible savings and to determine ways to deliver the current programs more cost effectively.

Process for Release of Staff

Details about the process was Included for information in members' packets.

Preliminary Enrollment Numbers 09-10

The initial projection numbers was included for information in members' packets.

Field Trip Approval

Any field trip that travels more than 200 miles from Lake Zurich or extends over night requires Board approval. Middle School South Symphonic Band wishes to travel to Cleveland during April 2009 to perform at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, clinic with the faculty at the University of Akron and tour the Great Lakes Science Center. The trip will come for approval at the March Board meeting

Closed Session – Pending Litigation and Negotiations

Mr. Hussey moved, seconded by Mr. Kropf to adjourn to closed meeting to discuss: Pending Litigation and negotiating matters, on a roll call vote, all members present voted aye.

The Board adjourned to closed meeting at 9:45 pm.

The Board returned to open meeting at 10:32 pm.

As there were no further items on the agenda for the meeting, President Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:33 p.m.

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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;*

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