

# Community Unit School District #95 - Board of Education

## Committee of the Whole - Regular Meeting

June 11, 2009 - Lake Zurich High School

Board President Kathy Brown called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm, and a call of the roll showed: Members Present: Mrs. Brown, Mr. Kropf, Mr. Pietro, Mr. Finn, Mrs. Wallis, and Mr. Goldberg.  
Members Absent: Burke.

**Public Comments** – Mrs. Barron and Ms. Dwyer came forward to report on the fundraising efforts of the Save Lake Zurich Music Fund, Mrs. McGuire on the Golf Booster Club, Mrs. Warren, treasurer of the Educational Foundation reported on funds raised, Mrs. Orbut spoke in support of the Bowling Team, and Mr. Thompson on the need for additional staff.

**Tax Increment Financing** – Representatives from the Village of Lake Zurich and Ehlers (Bond consultants to the Village) updated the Board on the current status of the bond refinancing. They presented a check to cover the invoice for the additional students that have come to the District that reside within the TIF area for this past year, and assured the Board that the funds would be available for that payment for at least the next four years.

### **9-10 Budget Discussion**

Ms. Kalou reviewed the additional information that has come available to give a better picture of revenue for the 2009-2010 budget. Several items that were proposed to be reduced or eliminated due to the anticipated lower tax revenues will be re-instated as a result of community fundraising and an anticipated increase in the level of property tax collections. She noted that several areas of State funding are still uncertain, as is the level of any federal stimulus funds that might become available. Members gave direction on the items that should be included in the budget for next year. Board members expressed gratitude to all the community members who worked so hard to keep the extracurricular activities funded. Discussion was held on various other aspects of projected revenues and expenditures. The tentative budget will come for adoption at the June 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and will be made available for public inspection thereafter.

### **District Handbook Review**

Mrs. Rosenfeld noted there were only a few changes that need to be made to the handbook for next year. The handbook will come for approval at the June 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Upon approval, the handbook will be printed and mailed to each family within 15 days of the beginning of the school year or a student's enrollment.

### **Structure and Dates for Board and Committee Meetings** –

Dr. Knutson asked the Board to determine whether they would like to continue the current format and schedule of meetings – CoW and BoE or go to a separate committee structure with one formal Board meeting a month and a committee structure where groups would meet as needed. A different location was requested for Committee meetings, which will be explored. The schedule for next year will reflect one Committee of the Whole per month, and one Board meeting per month with additional meetings posted as needed.

### **Additional Information** –

- **Technology Obsolescence Plan** – Information was provided on the Technology Department's plan to replace the oldest computers and update and re-image all other desktop and laptop computers. Members asked for additional computers per student as the District runs below the national average.
- **Curriculum Council Update** – Information was provided on the work of the curriculum council for this past year.
- **Strategic Plan Update** – Information was provided on the work of the Strategic Plan Steering Committee and their focus for next year.
- **Resolution to Transfer Interest** - The administration is recommending that money earned on investments of the bond and interest fund be transferred to the operations and maintenance fund because of the facility

repairs that are needed. The District budgeted \$225,000 for the transfer, but due to the significant decline in investment rates, the District is projecting \$88,000. The resolution will come for approval at the June 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

- **Life/Safety Extension of Time** – Information was provided on Health Life Safety Amendments items listed as in the process for work scheduled next year or listed as part of the five year plan. Also included was a list of all outstanding life safety amendments. The District has a significant amount of work left to complete, and the urgent life safety items should be repaired within one year. The District is repairing the lintel at Seth Paine School this year. The only other urgent items are at Charles Quentin and Old May Whitney, therefore the District is requesting an extension on this work. The remaining amendments should be completed within 5 year of the life safety survey, June 30, 2013, but because of the financial situation of the District, many items will not be able to be addressed by 2013. After the work completed this summer, the District will have close to \$6.3 million in life safety amendments needed, not including the work at the Old May Whitney or Charles Quentin. In addition, the 10 Year Life Safety Survey for the high school will be completed next year and will add to the \$6.3 million total. The District will continue to complete the life safety amendments as the capital repair budget allows. The District will always complete any repair that poses an urgent risk to the safety of our students and staff. The Administration will be providing a recommendation to approve the Application of Time to Complete Health Life Safety Work Items at the June 25<sup>th</sup> Board of Education Meeting.
- **CLIC Renewal** - The District is a member of the Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative (CLIC). CLIC has 160 member districts for property/liability insurance and 114 member districts for worker's compensation insurance. District 95 is able to receive broader coverage and greater limits by being a member of a pool. Coverage includes: Property Liability, Worker's Compensation, and Potential Payment for Loss. The District will be bringing a recommendation to the Board at the June Board of Education Meeting.
- **Professional Services Providers** – A listing of those firms that are used on an “as needed” basis for their expertise will come for approval at the June 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
- **SEDOL Update** – Information was provided on the status of the proposal to withdraw from the Special Education District of Lake co-op.
- **Retaining Wall** – Bids were received for repairs to the retaining wall behind the field house. A recommendation to award a bid to the lowest responsible bidder will come for approval at the June 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**Closed Session – Personnel**

Mr. Finn moved, seconded by Mr. Goldberg to adjourn to closed meeting to discuss: Personnel Matters, the appointment, employment, performance, compensation, discipline or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. On a roll call vote, all members present voted aye.

The Board adjourned to closed meeting at 9:29 pm.

The Board returned to open meeting at 9:39 pm.

As there were no further items on the agenda for the meeting, President Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:40 pm.

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President, Board of Education  
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*Respectfully submitted, Marsha Smyser, Board Clerk*

6/25/09      *Date Minutes Approved by the Board of Education,*

6/29/09      *Date Minutes Made Available for Public Inspection;*

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