

Community Unit School District #95 - Board of Education
Committee of the Whole - Regular Meeting
October 16, 2008 – 6:00 PM, Lake Zurich High School Library
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, Mrs. Putbress (arr:6:25), Mr. Hussey Mr. Pietro, Mr. Finn, Mr. Tieman and Mr. Kropf Members Absent: None.

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

Boundary Study Committee Update

Mark Lindner brought the Board up to date on the progress of the Boundary Study Committee, noting that five options have been presented and been scored by the committee, and that four to eight additional options are in the process of being produced. He noted some of the concerns that have come up during the deliberations to inform the Board, while noting that the committee is working through the issues. Members agreed that there will be no solution that will be acceptable to everyone, but if the committee needs further direction they should come back to the Board for that advice on what the final recommendation should entail.

The next steps include narrowing the options and refinements will be made to those that scored the highest. Those will be presented to Dr. Knutson by Dec. 16th. Dr. Knutson will determine which recommendation he feels is best for the entire district and jointly present that recommendation on Jan. 15th at a Committee of the Whole with representatives of the community group. Members would like to see the recommended option(s) and a brief discussion of those options not brought forward. They agreed that there will not be a solution that will please everyone. After the January 15th presentation, they will discuss the recommendation during meetings in February and plan to make a decision at the Board meeting on February 26th.

Assessment Report

Dr. Egan briefly reviewed the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) scores for students in grades 3 through 8 on tests administered last spring. He also reported the cohort group scores over the last several years. The Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) is administered to all students in grades three through eight in reading and mathematics; fourth and seventh grade students in science; and grades five, six, and eight in writing. The Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE) is administered to all eleventh grade students, with a rise in the composite score on the ACT exam over the last few years up to 23.7 in 2008 testing. Ms. Vignocchi reviewed that the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests are administered to all second through eighth grade students and which are state-aligned computerized adaptive assessments that provide accurate, useful information about student achievement and growth. MAP testing is conducted in September in order for students and teachers to set learning goals and to differentiate their instruction and again in April to assess their progress towards those goals. The concept of college readiness was explained by using the results of the EPAS scores. Advanced Placement Exams are administered to high school students to provide them with the opportunity to earn credit or advanced standing at most of the nation's colleges and universities. Those scores from last year were reported with plans to encourage greater participation. After evaluating all this data, next steps were formulated including professional development and creating school improvement plans around the results.

Strategic Plan Update

Mr. Jennings and Kathy Perkins (co-facilitators of the Strategic Plan) were in attendance to review the progress on various aspects of the Strategic Plan to date. They reported on the progress of the top five priorities and those that have been successfully implemented. The steering committee will meet again later this month to consider next steps and priorities for this year.

Bid Approvals

Ms. Kalou reviewed the bid openings for the following contracts that will come for approval at the October 23 Board meeting: Scoreboard at the high school stadium, district bleacher repairs, a bid for wall attachments, and a bid for the masonry repairs in the band and orchestra room at Middle School North. Bids were opened for these projects in the last week and the recommendations will come forward at the Board meeting.

Additional Written Information

Congratulations letters to Eagle Scouts, National Merit Semi-Finalists, and School newsletters were included for information.

Closed Session – Personnel and Pending Litigation

Mr. Kropf moved, seconded by Mr. Hussey to adjourn to closed meeting to discuss: Personnel - The appointment, employment, compensation, performance, discipline or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and pending litigation matters.

The Board adjourned to closed meeting at 7:59 pm.
The Board returned to open meeting at 9:01 pm.

As there were no further items on the agenda for the meeting, President Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted, Marsha Smyser, Board Clerk

____ 10/23/08 _____ *Date Minutes Approved by the Board of Education*

____ 10/24/08 _____ *Date Minutes Made Available for Public Inspection*

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