

**Community Unit School District #95 - Board of Education**  
**Committee of the Whole - Regular Meeting**  
November 13, 2008 – 6:00 PM, Lake Zurich High School Library  
Regular Meeting

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

**Public Comments** – Mr. Donaldson of Central States Bus Sales came forward to express concern over the bidding result for school buses.

**Boundary Study Committee Update** – Mark Lindner was in attendance to update the Board on the work done by the volunteer committee that was formed to re-align boundaries for middle and elementary schools due to the closure of Charles Quentin Elementary School at the end of this academic year. The boundary options under consideration expanded to 25, and all were evaluated using the satisfaction levels scoring process. The committee began the narrowing process reducing the number to 8. The committee received an overview of the impact on transportation, and the increases and decreases in route impacts cancel out across most options, the 40 minute ride limit will be maintained, and transportation looks mostly cost neutral with one possible exception.

The committee continues to work collaboratively with the goal of reaching the best solution for the entire district. This week the group took a bus tour of the district to experience the length of rides students might have with various options. Next week the group will be redefining some of the measurements they are using to score the options to help reduce the number of options further. He noted that the number of e-mails received from the community has reached 27, and a breakdown of the messages is: Don't move or split my neighborhood 14, Everything will be OK 3, and Here are some suggestions for your consideration – 10. He also outlined the schedule going forward. Members had comments and questions about the process.

**School Improvement Plans – Middle and High School** – Dr. Egan spoke about school improvement plans past and present. He reviewed last year's plans, how they determined what was successful and how that data was used to create plans for this year. Principals Mark Richter, Dave Gardner, and Kim Kolze reviewed their School Improvement Plans from last year and what was achieved and what could have had a better result. A review of that data was then used to formulate goals for this year.

Goals for this year for Middle School North are:

- All students will meet their projected target growth in reading as measured by the MAP RIT scores from fall 2008 to fall 2009.
- All students will meet their projected target growth in mathematics as measured by the MAP RIT scores from fall 2008 to fall 2009.
- Sixth and eighth grade students will improve their ISAT combined writing scale score.

Middle School South has set these goals:

- Improve all student's math skills
- Provide students the necessary skills to be quality writers

Lake Zurich High School will be working toward:

- Increasing Lake Zurich High School's ACT composite score.

Each principal took questions on their individual goals.

**Bus Bids** – Ms. Kalou reviewed that on an annual basis, the District bids the bus fleet. On October 28, 2008 three bids were opened. The lowest base bid was received from Central States Bus Sales, however, Central States Sales' 30 passenger bus is significantly different than the bid specifications, and a sample bus has not been provided for testing. Midwest Transit Equipment provided the District with an alternate that would allow the District to keep the existing eight 30 passenger buses for another year at no additional cost. This would save the District over \$36,000. When consulting with our legal counsel, because the District did

not specifically request this alternate, the District can not accept the alternate. The District can reject all of the bids and rebid the buses which is the fiscally responsible thing to do and will potentially save the District money. She also reviewed the bidding that took place last year, because of the public comments that have come forward regarding the process from one vendor.

At the November 20, 2008 Board of Education Meeting, it will be the administration's recommendation to reject all of the bus bids and re-bid the buses with keeping the 8 buses as an alternate. The bid could then be awarded at the December Board of Education Meeting.

**Additional Written Information –**

The Aramark monthly report outlining progress on various projects to date was included for information.

**Closed Session – Personnel**

Mr. Kropf moved, seconded by Mr. Finn to adjourn to closed meeting to discuss: Personnel - The appointment, employment, compensation, performance, discipline or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. All members voted Aye.

The Board adjourned to closed meeting at 8:21pm. The Board returned to open meeting at 9:00 pm. As there were no further items on the agenda for the meeting, President Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

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*Respectfully submitted, Marsha Smyser, Board Clerk*

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