

Community Unit School District #95 - Board of Education
Committee of the Whole - Regular Meeting
August 13, 2009 – 6:00 PM, Lake Zurich High School Library
Regular Meeting

Board President Kathy Brown called the regular meeting to order at 6:12 pm, and a call of the roll showed:
Members Present: Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Wallis, Mr. Pietro, Mr. Finn, Mr. Burke, and Mr. Kropf. Members
Absent: Mr. Goldberg

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

2009-2010 Budget

Mr. King updated the Board on the budget for next year. There will be a public hearing on the budget on August 27th, it will go on display and then be considered for approval in September.

Board and District Goals

Discussion was held on the development of Board/District/Superintendent goals for the coming year. Members shared their thoughts on the formation of specific and measurable goals. Goals will be aligned with the District's mission statement and developed including various aspects in the areas of Curriculum and Instruction, Communication, Finance and Budget, Culture and Technology.

Additional Information

Release of Closed Meeting Minutes – Board policy and the Open Meetings Act requires public bodies to periodically, but no less than semi-annually, review minutes of all closed sessions. The purpose of this review is to determine whether: The need for confidentiality still exists as to all or parts of those minutes, or the minutes or portions thereof no longer require confidential treatment and are available for public inspection. At least two members would review the minutes, and determine whether any meet requirements to be released under the *Illinois Open Meetings Act*. Alternatively, the Superintendent could review the minutes and make a recommendation to the Board for action at the next board meeting.

Destruction of Closed Meeting Recordings – Verbatim Record of Closed Meetings “The Superintendent or designee shall audio record all closed meetings”. After 18 months have passed since being made, the audio recording of a closed meeting is destroyed provided the Board approved: (1) its destruction, and (2) minutes of the particular closed meeting” The Board will consider the destruction at the next Board meeting.

MAP Report - The Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) are state-aligned computerized adaptive tests that accurately reflect the instructional level of each student and measure growth over time. It is an individualized assessment which means no two tests are the same. Students are allowed unlimited time to complete a test, though most students complete tests in 30 minutes to one hour. Scores are based on the number of questions answered correctly as well as the difficulty of each question. Scores are reported on a RIT scale which is an abbreviation for Rausch Unit. It is a standard unit to measure growth.

Based on a spring of '08- spring of '09 student growth district summary, between 51% and 60% of students in grades 3-8 are meeting their growth targets in reading and between 40% and 77% are meeting growth targets in mathematics.

Goals for this school year include raising students' Average Student Growth scores, providing quality staff development for utilizing data driven instruction effectively, and incorporating goal setting. We will continue the work started last year to educate parents and families and provide online resources. We will also refine the testing format to include a winter testing session and remove the language usage test. For the 2009-10 school year, all students in grades 2-8 will be tested in the fall, winter, and spring in both reading and mathematics. We also plan to regulate testing schedules and environments to improve uniformity of testing conditions.

Gifted Program – Information was provided outlining services within the Gifted program:

- Push-in critical thinking program in grades one and two
- Math replacement classes for students who meet the criteria in grades three through five
- Advanced math classes at the middle schools for students who meet criteria whether or not they participate in the gifted program
- Replacement classes in literature, language arts, social studies, and science for students who meet the criteria at the middle schools
- Honors and advanced placement classes at the high school
 - 16 Advanced Placement courses offered in science, math, English, computer science, social studies, foreign language, and art
 - 38 Honors courses offered in math, social studies, English, science, art, foreign language, and business

The program is scheduled for complete review during the 2009-2010 school year.

Approval of Field Trips – Board policy 6:240 Field Trips – “Field trips beyond a 200 mile radius of the school or extending overnight must have prior approval of the Board” Board approval is needed for Choir program (students in grades 9-12) travel via coach buses to Walt Disney World to participate in Candlelight Processional at Epcot, and annual field trips for elementary and middle school students.

Springfield – (7th graders)

MSS - October 8 – 9, 2009, MSN - April 29 – 30, 2010

Taft Outdoor Education - (5th graders)

Isaac Fox – March 22 -24, 2010, Sarah Adams -April 12 – 14, 2010

May Whitney April 14 – 16, 2010, Spencer Loomis- February 22 – 24, 2010, and

Seth Paine February 24 – 26, 2010

As an information item: Washington D.C. for MSS 8th graders is not a district sponsored trip, but some students go on an outside sponsored trip to D.C. from Feb. 12 – 14, 2010. Any staff attending as chaperones uses personal days. Approval of these field trips will be considered at the next Board meeting.

Supplemental Information – Included for information was the schedule for regular meetings for this academic year, letter to donors to the “Kids Win” fundraising effort, and an explanation of the payride lottery process. Members were invited to the Community Forum at May Whitney on Aug. 20th, New Teacher Orientation on Aug. 20th, and Institute Day on Aug. 24th.

Closed Session – Not needed

As there were no further items on the agenda for the meeting, President Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted, Marsha Smyser, Board Clerk

8/27/09 *Date Minutes Approved by the Board of Education,*

8/28/09 *Date Minutes Made Available for Public Inspection;*

8/28/09 *Date Minutes Posted on the District Website*