

MINUTES OF A **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, CALUMET PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 132, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2008**, IN THE BOARD ROOM AT CALUMET SCHOOL, ROOM 8, CALUMET PARK, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. On roll call, Connor, Wallace, Wilson, and Stover answered. Member Ivey and Thomas were absent. Dr. Elizabeth Reynolds, Superintendent; Leonora Beck, Business Manager; Jackie Burditt, Administrator of Federal and State Grants; and Gary Lieder Representative; were also present.

ROLL
CALL

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

President Stover thanked the community for taking time out of their busy schedules for coming out to join them and sharing with them at their scheduled board meetings this summer.

Dr. Reynolds discussed the following items:

CELEBRATING
ACHIEVEMENT

- Bob Love – Recognition for Summer Reading Program kick – off
Bob Love a former Bulls player was at Burr Oak Academy to kick off the Summer Reading Program. The District presented him with a certificate of appreciation. The students were asked to read 60 books during the summer. The first week of school there will be treats given to the students. The students who read over 60 books will be invited to come to the first Board meeting where they will be provided with a token of appreciation for reading 60 books or more.
- Board Member Training and Operational Review
President Stover has drafted a Professional Development calendar that will run from year to year. The T.A.G. meetings have already been scheduled in. She will continue to plug in pieces so it can be finalized.
- Corrective Plan for Noncompliance
At the last Board meeting Gary Lieder submitted a draft in all of the areas that have been highlighted. He has shared this draft with both Boards. The District is following through on the suggestions that have been made.

At 6:29 p.m. Board member Karen Ivey joined the Board meeting.

KAREN IVEY
JOINED MEETING

Ms. Beck discussed the following items:

FINANCIAL PLAN

The business office is requesting authorization from the Board to begin initiating the proposals or bids for this new fiscal year.

Ms. Beck has been given the authorization to go ahead and proceed with the painting for Calumet School. The hallways at Calumet School will be painted. There is a request to issue a bid for lockers at Calumet School. This is a project that will exceed \$10,000. The District is in the process of putting specifications together on this project. The District is thinking about utilizing their own crew to do the demolition. The lockers will be coming in the first of September. This will enhance the overall look of the school. The District is looking at

FACILITIES PLAN

purchasing 400 lockers which will be 2 tiers. This will give enough capacity for all the students to have locker space. The condition of the old lockers was considered a safety hazard. There is another proposal to replace the chalkboards with the whiteboards which would enhance the educational environment for the classrooms.

The last day of summer school will be on Friday, July 18, 2008. A District wide improvement team has been meeting. The District has received a stipend from ISC 4 to pay for this planning that teachers have been getting. The grading and reporting matrix has been done. The District parent teacher contract is designed to build a better relationship with the parents. The team leaders have been talking about what they want for all of the students to know and be able to do as a result of attending an academic standards school. The team leaders also discussed the materials, textbooks, supplies, benchmark assessments and staffing needs that will be needed to make certain that the students meet the standards. The teachers have worked to design grade level assessments for all subject areas and all grade levels.

INSTRUCTIONAL
IMPROVEMENT

The District will hold a series of parent meetings. The meetings will take place in the multipurpose room. The meetings will be posted on the school marquees. The parents will be called at least 3 times using global connect to make them aware of the meetings. The Chamber of Commerce members, community members and staff have been invited. At the meetings the parents will be asked to agree to work with the District this year. This will be a District parent student relationship. The parents will be required to sign that they will agree to get their children to school on time. The students must come to school prepared to learn. The meetings will cover block scheduling, grading, reporting and the Promotion Matrix. The Matrix will be kept by the child and parent and it will be a part of everything that they do, so that they will know the points that they have.

The District will implement and integrate Accelerated Reading and Math. Students will keep up with their own progress and parents will as well. The District will have journals for all of the students that will be sent home every Tuesday evening with an adult representative signing the journal that you have looked at and that you are supportive of what the District is doing. One of the expectations for the parents will be to encourage the child and support the child's education.

The District will have at each school a parent room that will have uniforms. The parents will be asked to donate uniforms that are too small or don't fit. The uniforms will be washed and ironed and given to any child that may have a reason to not come to school.

Jackie Burditt stated that she has not received an approval from ISBE regarding the handbook. All of the student files are up to date at all 3 schools.

BILINGUAL
EDUCATION

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The District has had a District Improvement committee that has met 16 times with 4 more meetings scheduled. They have met with ENI to do block scheduling and Math verification meetings to schedule the coaching and testing. There are 26 ENI training sessions scheduled throughout next year and 51 ENI coaching sessions scheduled throughout next year.

ENI CONFERENCE
UPDATE

Dr. Tate stated that this year there will be a chess club. The District will qualify to be part of the National Geographic's Bee, which most of the process is done in house with the material goal out of house. The District will have a spelling bee. Dr. Tate is waiting to hear from other Districts so that they will have someone to compete with. The District qualifies to be part of the History fair which connects with the Chicago Public School system. The District will also have a choir and band which will include Kindergarten. The District has in place a parent volunteer spreadsheet where parents will now have the opportunity to select where they want to volunteer in regards to their school. There is a list of parent representatives from each school. Ms. Lopez is working on developing the parent survey in terms of what role they would like to play in the upcoming events.

The District has included in the Board packet the approval of clerks one for each school.

STAFFING NEEDS
ANALYSIS AND
PLAN

The following individuals spoke during this session:

- Ms. Tracey Taylor (Calumet Park) stated that she and other parents have not received letters of information from School District 132 all year and asked that the District try to do a better job this year with the mailings.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

At 6:58 p.m., Abe Wilson moved, Grace Wallace seconded, to go into Executive Session. On roll call, Members Connor, Ivey, Wallace, Wilson and Stover voted aye: nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNED TO
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

At 7:17 p.m. Board member Abe Wilson left the Board meeting.

ABE WILSON
LEFT MEETING

At 7:20 p.m., Grace Wallace moved, Karen Ivey seconded, to return to Regular Session. On roll call, Members Connor, Ivey, Wallace and Stover voted aye, nay, none; motion passed.

RETURNED TO
REGULAR SESSION

Karen Ivey moved, William Connor seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, which included the following:

CONSENT
AGENDA

1. The minutes of the Budget Hearing meeting of June 19, 2008.
2. The District 132 bills as presented for payment.
3. Terminations: See Director of Human Resources

MINUTES:
JUNE 19, 2008

BILLS

TERMINATIONS

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| 4. Employment: See Director of Human Resources | EMPLOYMENT |
| Karen Ivey moved, William Connor seconded, to approve the display of the 2008-2009 tentative budget. On roll call, Members Connor, Ivey, Wallace and Stover voted aye; nay, none; motion passed. | DISPLAY OF 2008-2009 TENTATIVE BUDGET |
| William Connor moved, Karen Ivey seconded, to approve the pupil transportation services agreement as presented by First Student Inc. On roll call, Members Connor, Ivey, Wallace and Stover voted aye; nay, none; motion passed. | TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT RENEWAL 2008-2009 |
| Karen Ivey moved, Grace Wallace seconded, to approve the authorization to proceed with the appropriate procurement initiatives. On roll call, Members Connor, Ivey, Wallace and Stover voted aye; nay, none; motion passed. | REQUEST FOR BIDS/PROPOSALS |
| Karen Ivey moved, Grace Wallace seconded, to approve the Superintendent's Professional Development Seminar on July 21-23, 2008 in San Diego, California. On roll call, Members Connor, Ivey, Wallace and Stover voted aye; nay, none; motion passed. | SUPERINTENDENT'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR |
| William Connor, Board member stated that an update with snapshots of the work in progress at Burr Oak School was passed out to the Board members. Precision's team of contractors is working hard to meet the demanding summer schedule. They agree that they can meet the District's schedule. | FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING |
| Dr. Reynolds stated that the Board members received dates in their updates. The only days that were available were Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. | T.A.G. PROGRAM |
| Ernestine Stover stated that the President's proposal will be forth coming in the next update next week. | PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL |
| Grace Wallace, Board member stated that she attended and enjoyed the 15 different seminars which were all excellent. She concentrated a lot on data. She is looking forward to seeing more of that data of what is happening in the schools. She feels that the Board should know what the results are from the different programs. She needs to see if all that different extras that they have is really helping and showing progress. Target Teach program is one of the classes she took and liked. The programs are very beneficial. She liked meeting Board members from all over the United States. | NSBA CONFERENCE |
| William Connor, Board member stated that some of the schools from different states are moving towards having ID's for the students. They are finding out that people are going into schools as being unauthorized. At one point in time this issue was discussed as a probability. Students should have some type of ID identifying them as being students of Calumet Park. This is something the District might want to look into because of the shootings that have occurred at schools, colleges and universities. Metal detectors are being put in some schools because of the shootings that are occurring. There are doors at all three | |

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buildings that are accessible other than the main doors. William Connor made the suggestion to look into this as a security measure.

ISBE is requiring the Board to have an agenda for the entire year. This will tie in with the Board proposal. Ernestine Stover will be representing something to the Board on what the Board will be doing next year as far as T.A.G., seminars and other events that may come up. The Board will decide who is going and a budget of how the Board members are going to spend. This has to be presented to the Oversight Board. This must be completed by September.

BOARD PLANNING
2008-2009 SCHOOL
YEAR

Dr. Elizabeth Reynolds stated that that District is scheduled to have an organizational meeting in early August. They will talk about how they will roll out the process. The District has scheduled all of the activities through the end of the school year. The District has aligned their Reading communication arts block. The District has them send them their Math text. The District is aligning Science, Social Studies and World History on their own.

ENI UPDATE

The save the date cards were mailed out and parents should be receiving those soon. The registration information has also been posted on the school website.

NEW BUSINESS

The District is looking into having Saturday Technology classes. The classes will be offered to the staff and parents.

PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT

The District is conducting interviews for a Special Education Coordinator and Special Education teachers.

STAFFING 2008-2009

Joint Annual Conference of IASB/IASA/IASBO Nov 21-23, 2008
The District has sent in a check to secure the Board members rooms at the Hyatt which will be the main site. The Board will be presenting on 3 subjects this year.

JOINT ANNUAL
CONFERENCE

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, August 21, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. The next Joint Oversight Board meeting will held on Wednesday, August 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

At 7:17 p.m. Karen Ivey moved, Grace Wallace seconded, to adjourn the meeting. On roll call, Members Connor, Ivey, Wallace and Stover voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary

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Regular Session
