

Calumet Park Public
School District 132 Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
June 19, 2008

President Stover called the regular Board meeting of June 19, 2008 of the Board of Education to order at **6:23 p.m.**

Roll call:

Members present: William Connor, Barbara Thomas, Grace Wallace and Ernestine Stover.

Members absent: Karen Ivey and Abe Wilson.

Pledge of allegiance

The Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Special thank you to the community

President Stover extended a special thank you to the community residents for taking the time out of their busy schedules to join the Board at their regularly and special Board meetings. President Stover also thanked the staff and other business partners in the community for their participation as well.

Superintendent's Report

Celebrating Achievement

Attendance Award

The attendance award for the month of May and June 2008 was as follows: Burr Oak Academy 85.5% and Calumet School at 81.1%. The Award was presented to Burr Oak School at 99.7%.

Custodial Retiree

Donna Merchant who has been serving the District for 32 years will be retiring. Donna Merchant was presented with a special token of appreciation from the Board.

Bob Love – Recognition for Summer Reading Program Kick – off

Bob Love a former *Bulls* player attended the *Reading Program Kick Off* for the summer. The Students are asked to read 60 books over the summer and to also work on the multiplication facts. *Bob Love* will receive a certificate of appreciation. He was not able to attend tonight.

McDonald's Recognition

McDonald's has supported the District by providing *Happy Meals* to the students once a month. They will continue to serve the *Happy Meals* next year. The certificate of appreciation will be sent to them.

Jon Evans – Ultra Foods recognition

Ultra Food Stores has been a great supporter by providing hot dogs, chips, dips and cakes to the District. *Jon Evans* was presented with a certificate of appreciation for all the support they have given the District this school year.

Board Member Training and Operational Review

On June 26, 2008 there will be a follow up meeting as part of the *T.A.G. Program*. The Board has been involved in an 18 month program that will allow them a tremendous amount of

Professional Development. The Board has completed two surveys that they have been asked to complete prior to them having this meeting on the 26th.

Corrective Plan for Noncompliance

There was no update given.

Financial Plan

The tentative financial plan for 2008-2009 school year will be on the agenda for July and approval in September for the final budget.

Instructional Improvement

The District has been involved with in the District wide *Instructional Improvement* team. At the last meeting Grace Wallace and Ernestine Stover were present. The meetings have been productive and they will continue this over the summer months as they look forward for growth over the next school year. The District has made tremendous progress and they will continue that growth.

Staffing Needs Analysis and Plan

There was no report.

Facilities Plan

Ms. Beck gave a progress report with the cleaning that has taken place.

At Calumet School four classrooms have been completed and stripped down all the way to the bare tile. Two coats of sealer and three coats of wax have been applied. All of the school furniture has been moved back into those classrooms. Rooms 20, 21, 22, and 24 have also been completed as well.

At Burr Oak School the construction project will be taking place. The District will hold a pre-construction meeting with Precision Control. The meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2008. There will be regular construction meetings with the engineers. The contractors are going to be at the kick off meeting which will take place every Tuesday. There are no activities in this building but the custodians are still working in the areas where the work will not be done. All the rooms in the east wing of the school have been stripped all the way down. Two coats of sealer and three coats of wax will be applied. All the classroom furniture has been cleaned throughout the building.

At Burr Oak Academy the summer program is taking place. The landscaping project has been completed with some lawn patching and flower planting.

The District is getting into compliance with the fire alarm testing. Burr Oak School and Burr Oak Academy have been completed and they will be getting the full Fire Department certification. Calumet School is scheduled for June 30, 2008.

Information Items:

Teaching and Learning Update

The *S.O.A.R Summer Program* has the following number of students enrolled in the program: Pre-k 34, kindergarten 25, first grade 41, second grade 25, third grade 28, fourth grade 28,

fifth grade 27 and sixth grade 48. In the *Math and Science Academy* there are 25 students enrolled. The *Explorer Program* has 68 students in the 7th grade enrolled.

ENI Conference Update

On July 1, 2008 the District has block scheduling training with an *ENI*. On August 14, 2008 training is scheduled with *ENI* all day. At the teacher institute on August 21 and 22 there will be training with *ENI*. The 2009 grants that have been approved to date are the *Reading Improvement Block* and *Early Childhood Pre-k Grant*. The District receives a small grant for Calumet students for their *Career Technical Education Improvement* which is part of *Moraine Valley*. The District was blessed with an *Improvement Grant* from the *South Cook Intermediate Service Center* to help the District work on *Improvement Plans* for the next school year. The District's Improvement committee will take part in those funds. The District has also been approved for *Immigrant Education Program* funds for next year which is for students who are born outside of the United States. *The No Child Left Behind* title grant has been submitted and is in the revision process. This is usually just a matter of changing wording in the grant. The budget part of it has been approved.

Bilingual and Special Education

The bilingual student files are up to date and accurate. All end of the year IEP's were completed before school ended. All students were tested prior to school ending. There was no need to have any staffings occur this summer. There will be two issues outstanding one is the *Speech Therapy Supervision Technical Assistance*. It his hard to find a person with that certification. *Eisenhower Cooperative* is in the process of sending a candidate to school that can complete the course work by January. The second issue is to hire highly qualified staff for next year.

Acceptance of Comments or Questions from the Audience

There were no comments or questions from the audience related to the agenda.

Closed Session

President Stover asked for a motion to go into closed session at **6:48 p.m.** to discuss information regarding appointment, employment, or dismissal of an employee or officer, contracts, grievances, negotiations, litigation, the sale of real estate, student discipline, Superintendents and/or Board evaluation.

It was moved by Grace Wallace and seconded by William Connor.

Voting aye: William Connor, Barbara Thomas, Grace Wallace and Ernestine Stover.

Voting nay: 0

Members absent: Karen Ivey and Abe Wilson.

Vote: 4 ayes; 0 nays.

Motion Carried.

Board Reconvened

President Stover asked for a motion to reconvene into open session at **7:41 p.m.**

It was moved by William Connor and seconded by Grace Wallace.

Voting aye: William Connor, Barbara Thomas, Grace Wallace and Ernestine Stover.

Voting nay: 0

Members absent: Karen Ivey and Abe Wilson.

Vote: 4 ayes; 0 nays.

Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda Items

President Stover asked for a motion to approve item # 11, 12, 13 and 14 under the consent agenda.

It was moved by William Connor and seconded by Barbara Thomas.

Voting aye: William Connor, Barbara Thomas, Grace Wallace and Ernestine Stover.

Voting nay: 0

Members absent: Karen Ivey and Abe Wilson.

Vote: 4 ayes; 0 nays.

Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes

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Personnel Items

The personnel list consisted of 1 termination and 1 retirement.

Approval of May/June Bills and May Payroll

Total accounts payable: \$342,358.16

Total payroll: \$745,245.70

Action Items

President Stover asked for a motion to approve to adopt the resolution 2007-2008 amended budget as presented during the budget hearing held on Thursday, June 19, 2008. [Policy #4:10]

It was moved by Grace Wallace and seconded by William Connor.

Voting aye: William Connor, Barbara Thomas, Grace Wallace and Ernestine Stover.

Voting nay: 0

Members absent: Karen Ivey and Abe Wilson.

Vote: 4 ayes; 0 nays.

Motion Carried.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the payment of retirement benefits in the amount of \$13,854.37. [Policy #5:210]

It was moved by Grace Wallace and seconded by William Connor.

Voting aye: William Connor, Barbara Thomas, Grace Wallace and Ernestine Stover.

Voting nay: 0

Members absent: Karen Ivey and Abe Wilson.

Vote: 4 ayes; 0 nays.

Motion Carried.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Performance Contract Agreement with Precision Control Systems Inc. [Policy #4:60].

It was moved by Barbara Thomas and seconded by Grace Wallace.

Voting aye: William Connor, Barbara Thomas, Grace Wallace and Ernestine Stover.

Voting nay: 0

Members absent: Karen Ivey and Abe Wilson.

Vote: 4 ayes; 0 nays.

Motion Carried.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Prevailing Wage Rate Resolution as presented [policy #4:60].

It was moved by Grace Wallace and seconded by William Connor.

Voting aye: William Connor, Barbara Thomas, Grace Wallace and Ernestine Stover.

Voting nay: 0

Members absent: Karen Ivey and Abe Wilson.

Vote: 4 ayes; 0 nays.

Motion Carried.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the acceptance of the asbestos abatement contract submitted by Angel Abatement, LLC in the amount of \$44,200.00 [Policy # 4:160].

It was moved by William Connor and seconded by Grace Wallace.

Voting aye: William Connor, Barbara Thomas, Grace Wallace and Ernestine Stover.

Voting nay: 0

Members absent: Karen Ivey and Abe Wilson.

Vote: 4 ayes; 0 nays.

Motion Carried.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the acceptance of the asbestos project management proposal submitted by Midwest Environmental Consulting Services Inc. in the amount of \$13,450.00[Policy #4:160].

It was moved by Grace Wallace and seconded by William Connor.

Voting aye: William Connor, Barbara Thomas, Grace Wallace and Ernestine Stover.

Voting nay: 0

Members absent: Karen Ivey and Abe Wilson.

Vote: 4 ayes; 0 nays.

Motion Carried.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the terms of the Intergovernmental Agreement Suburban Schools Consortium for Annuity Compliance. [Policy #4:60].

It was moved by Barbara Thomas and seconded by Grace Wallace.

Voting aye: William Connor, Barbara Thomas, Grace Wallace and Ernestine Stover.

Voting nay: 0

Members absent: Karen Ivey and Abe Wilson.

Vote: 4 ayes; 0 nays.

Motion Carried.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the terms of the Engagement Services as presented by Gatekeeper Administration & Consulting LLC 403 (b) "Gatekeeper" Services Agreement. [Policy #4:60].

It was moved by Grace Wallace and seconded by William Connor.

Voting aye: William Connor, Barbara Thomas, Grace Wallace and Ernestine Stover.

Voting nay: 0

Members absent: Karen Ivey and Abe Wilson.

Vote: 4 ayes; 0 nays.

Motion Carried.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the renewal of the Arbor Management Inc. contract as presented. [Policy #4:120].

It was moved by Grace Wallace and seconded by William Connor.

Voting aye: William Connor, Barbara Thomas, Grace Wallace and Ernestine Stover.

Voting nay: 0

Members absent: Karen Ivey and Abe Wilson.

Vote: 4 ayes; 0 nays.

Motion Carried.

President Stover asked for motion to approve the terms of the Engagement Services presented by Legacy Professionals LLP. [Policy #4:60].

It was moved by William Connor and seconded by Grace Wallace.

Voting aye: William Connor, Barbara Thomas, Grace Wallace and Ernestine Stover.

Voting nay: 0

Members absent: Karen Ivey and Abe Wilson.

Vote: 4 ayes; 0 nays.

Motion Carried.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Evans Newton Incorporated proposal as presented. [Policy #6:40].

It was moved by William Connor and seconded by Grace Wallace.

Voting aye: William Connor, Barbara Thomas, Grace Wallace and Ernestine Stover.

Voting nay: 0

Members absent: Karen Ivey and Abe Wilson.

Vote: 4 ayes; 0 nays.

Motion Carried.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Consultant Contract (Summer Bridges). [Policy #4:60].

It was moved by Barbara Thomas and seconded by William Connor.

Voting aye: William Connor, Barbara Thomas, Grace Wallace and Ernestine Stover.

Voting nay: 0

Members absent: Karen Ivey and Abe Wilson.

Vote: 4 ayes; 0 nays.

Motion Carried.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the room utilization. [Policy #8:20].

It was moved by Grace Wallace and seconded by William Connor.

Voting aye: 0

Voting nay: William Connor, Barbara Thomas, Grace Wallace and Ernestine Stover.

Members absent: Karen Ivey and Abe Wilson.

Vote: 0 ayes; 4 nays.

Motion Carried.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the use of Scariano, Himes and Petrarca, Attorneys at Law. Chartered as the Board of Education's legal representatives.

It was moved by William Connor and seconded by Barbara Thomas.

Voting aye: William Connor, Barbara Thomas, Grace Wallace and Ernestine Stover.

Voting nay: 0

Members absent: Karen Ivey and Abe Wilson.

Vote: 4 ayes; 0 nays.

Motion Carried.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the payment of retirement benefits in the amount of \$4,800.00. [Policy #5:210].

It was moved by Grace Wallace and seconded by William Connor.

Voting aye: William Connor, Barbara Thomas, Grace Wallace and Ernestine Stover.

Voting nay: 0

Members absent: Karen Ivey and Abe Wilson.

Vote: 4 ayes; 0 nays.

Motion Carried.

Old Business

Facilities Committee Meeting Update – Mr. William Connor

The Facilities Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at Burr Oak School. Scott Piper and Precision Control talked about the details of the renovation at Burr Oak School. The renovation will start off in the area of the stairwells and corridors. The boys washrooms will have some items restored using new valves and the necessary painting to keep the area bright and clean. The emergency lighting will be replaced by another type of lighting. The boiler room will have new switch gears.

In the computer lab the heating and cooling system will be on one cord. They will be taking out all of the duct work around the windows and restoring it with panels. The heating and air conditioning will come off the roof. They will have the plumbing that would be extended throughout the room in order to maximize the amount of air condition that would be necessary to facilitate the computers.

The District has to make a decision on what to do with a concrete shed that is on the *Laflin* side of the school. The proposal of the recommendation is to remove it and relocate it so it is closer to Burr Oak Academy. This will be the recommendation to find a different structure to erect to hold the lawn mowers, salt and the outside equipment.

The District will also need to make the decision on what color to paint the school. The entire school will get painted.

T.A.G. Program “Targeting Achievement Through Governance”

The next *T.A.G.* meeting will be held on Thursday, June 26, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. At 5:30 p.m. there will be a snack.

President’s Proposal

There was no proposal. President Stover and Barbara Thomas will get together and present something to the rest of the Board members about what they are going to do for next year 2008-2009 as far as traveling and going to different meetings. The Board will have to present this to the State.

NSBA Conference Update: Orlando, FL

Grace Wallace and Karen Ivey have not presented their reports. They will present those reports soon.

Board Planning 2008-2009 School Year

The Board will come together to talk about the vision, goal and mission to see if the Board wants to add anything to it. It already is a great mission but they might want to add a little bit to it to make it even better. The Board will pick a date soon to meet and talk. This will be a special meeting.

2008-2009 Budget

There will be a tentative budget starting in July. The grant funds do pull the District up when they are doing the budget. The tentative budget will be on display for 30 days and will be passed in September.

ENI Update

President Stover and Barbara Thomas had the opportunity to attend the *ENI* camp in *Phoenix Arizona*. They heard testimonies from other schools that are having problems in the areas of academics, math and reading. They also heard good testimonies about how *ENI* has helped School Districts come up in *ISAT* and other scores. They showed different slides about how they are going to take the books and align them with the curriculum so that if there are any gaps they will see them right away and be able to address it. There are other School Districts that are academically worse off then School District 132; and they were able to take this program and come up to high levels in their math and reading and other areas.

New Business

Registration 2008-2009

The District will be sending out a save the date. The District has finalized the 3 days in August. They will work with volunteers and staff as well.

Joint Annual Conference of IASB/IASA/IASBO November 21-23 2008

The Board hopes to be at the main site this year. The check for the Hyatt has already been sent in. The Board will be presenting 3 sessions.

Adjournment

The regular Board meeting of June 19, 2008 adjourned at **8:16 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education