

Calumet Public School
District 132 Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
February 21, 2008

President Stover called the Regular Board Meeting of February 21, 2008 of the Calumet Public School Board of Education to order at **6:00 p.m.**

Roll Call:

Members present: Barbara Thomas, Grace Wallace, Abe Wilson and Ernestine Stover.
Members absent: William Connor, Domonic Gangley and Karen Ivey.

Pledge of allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Superintendent's Report

Celebrating Achievement:

Attendance Award

The attendance award for the month of January 2008 was as follows:
Burr Oak Academy 89.4% and Calumet School 91.5%. The award was presented to Burr Oak School at 92.2%.

William Connor arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Presentation by Burr Oak Academy Students

The Pre-k students presented a play called the *Carrot Seed* and demonstrated the *Terra Nova* test skills that they will have to take in Kindergarten. The Kindergarten class recited a speech on two African Americans.

2008 Outstanding Student Technology Award from *Infinitec Southwest*

Ms. Humphrey Director of Special Education stated that Mariana Esparza is an 8th grade student at Calumet School. Mariana Esparza has a visual impairment however she doesn't allow her disability to stop her. She is one of the most successful 8th grade students. Kristen Nelson the vision itinerary teacher from the *Eisenhower Coop* was the teacher who nominated Mariana. Next month there will be an awards banquet in celebration honoring those students that have made outstanding achievement and gains using an assistive technology device. Ms. Humphrey presented Mariana with an award.

Board Member Training and Operational Review

The Board is involved in the T.A.G. program "*Targeting Achievement Through Governance*". The program involves a massive amount of training over an 18 month period. The program is designed to address the Boards role in student achievement. The program is provided at no cost to the District.

Corrective Plan for Noncompliance

There was no report.

Financial Plan

Ms. Beck, Business Manager presented her report.

Instructional Improvement

Burr Oak Academy will be sharing their School Improvement Plan at the Joint Oversight meeting on March 5, 2008. The expectation is that all three schools must have a School Improvement Plan because they can always improve in many areas.

Staffing Needs Analysis and Plan

The Human Resource Department has sent out a letter to all staff asking about their intend to work as an employee for next year. This will allow the District to plan for the 2008-2009 school year.

Facilities Plan

Mr. LaRosa Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds demonstrated to the Board what two and four bulb ballast look like. Mr. LaRosa also showed the Board an example of the new toilet paper holders that will be installed in all bathrooms. The District has had seven days of snow command and the crew was on the road at 4:30 a.m. The District changed vendors for bulbs and ballast. The District was using *Hessel Jefferson* but will now use *Everlights*. This will save the District some money. Calumet School has had no roof leaks this month. The boilers at Calumet School are working fine. Burr Oak has had its share of roof leaks including one from a recent hole located in the multipurpose room from a bullet. There was a leak around the flashing in the 3rd grade east wing that was repaired. There was a hot water leak in the custodial room which fed the water to the kitchen and lost pressure that was do to a worn out pipe. Burr Oak Academy also had a leak and it was repaired. *Victory Heating* will give the District a proposal for semi annual service which will provide the District savings and preventive maintenance. The snow blowers are running smoothly and have been serviced.

Informational Items:

100th Year Anniversary of School District 132

The District is actually 136 years old. It has not been decided what the District is going to do it is still in the works.

Teaching and Learning Update

Dr. Reynolds thanked the parents for the donations that they have given for the *Super Saturday Program*. Dr. Reynolds commended the staff, parents and students for their strength in academics and behavioral. There will be a culminating pizza party on March 1, 2008. The District plans to serve over 600 students. The District has had support from the Chamber they have begun to give them monetary donations for the pizza. The *Recreational Center* will provide the soft drinks.

The District is offering a *Chicago Cohort* program it is a partnership with *Chicago State University*. The individuals who attend the classes will receive the type 075 administrative certification. There are currently 20 individuals attending which includes some individuals from the surrounding Districts. The program will begin in January and will continue through June of 2010.

The *Student Leadership Academy* is designed to develop young leaders. These leaders will work with other colleagues as mentors in order to change the climate positively. The goal is to provide instruction and opportunities that will enable them to have a voice in the leadership and decision making at their school site.

Public Comments and Questions from the Audience

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

Closed Session

President Stover asked for a motion to go into closed session at **6:35 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, Superintendent's evaluation, or Board/Superintendent goals.

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

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

Voting nay: 0

Members absent: Domonic Gangle and Karen Ivey.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion Carried.

Board Reconvened

President Stover asked for a motion to reconvene into open session at **7:50 p.m.**

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

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

Voting nay: 0

Members absent: Domonic Gangle and Karen Ivey.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion Carried.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the following items #10, 11, 12, and 13 under the consent agenda.

It was moved by William Connor and seconded by Abe Wilson.

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

Voting nay: 0

Members absent: Domonic Gangle and Karen Ivey.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion Carried.

President Stover asked for a motion to accept that item #11 under the consent agenda be pulled out.

It was moved by Abe Wilson and seconded by William Connor.

Voting aye: William Connor, Barbara Thomas, Abe Wilson and Ernestine Stover.

Voting nay: Grace Wallace.

Members absent: Domonic Gangle and Karen Ivey.

Vote: 4 ayes, 1 nay.

Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes

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Personnel Items

The personnel list consisted of 1 suspension without pay for classified staff, and 2 issuances of notice to remedy certified staff.

Approval of January Bills and Payroll

Total Accounts payable: \$882,710.43

Total Payroll: \$465,233.19

Action Items

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Resolution Designating and Directing the Superintendent to prepare the 2008-2009 budget in tentative form (Policy #4:10)

It was moved by Grace Wallace and seconded by Abe Wilson.

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

Voting nay: 0

Members absent: Domonic Ganglely and Karen Ivey.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nay.

Motion Carried.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Individual Procurement Card (Policy #4:60)

It was moved by Abe Wilson and seconded by William Connor.

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

Voting nay: Abe Wilson

Members absent: Domonic Ganglely and Karen Ivey.

Vote: 4 ayes, 1 nay.

Motion Carried.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve Resolution Authorizing the Superintendent to Issue a Request for Bids for Custodial Services. (Policy #4:60)

It was moved by Abe Wilson and seconded by William Connor.

Voting aye: William Connor, Barbara Thomas, Abe Wilson and Ernestine Stover.

Voting nay: Grace Wallace

Members absent: Domonic Ganglely and Karen Ivey.

Vote: 4 ayes, 1 nay.

Motion Carried.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve Title 1 District Plan for Calumet School District 132 for the period through June 30, 2008 as presented.

It was moved by Abe Wilson and seconded by Grace Wallace.

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

Voting nay: 0

Members absent: Domonic Ganglely and Karen Ivey.
Vote: 5 ayes.
Motion Carried.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve Additional Compensation as presented.
It was moved by Abe Wilson and seconded by William Connor.
Voting aye: William Connor, Barbara Thomas, Grace Wallace, Abe Wilson and Ernestine Stover.
Voting nay: 0
Members absent: Domonic Ganglely and Karen Ivey.
Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays.
Motion Carried.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve Issuance of Notice to Remedy Certified Employee #1 (Policy #5:320).
It was moved by Abe Wilson and seconded by William Connor.
Voting aye: William Connor, Barbara Thomas, Abe Wilson and Ernestine Stover.
Voting nay: Grace Wallace.
Members absent: Domonic Ganglely and Karen Ivey.
Vote: 4 ayes, 1 nay.
Motion Carried.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve Issuance of Notice to Remedy Certified Employee #2 (Policy #5:320).
It was moved by Abe Wilson and seconded by William Connor.
Voting aye: William Connor, Barbara Thomas, Grace Wallace, Abe Wilson and Ernestine Stover.
Voting nay: 0
Members absent: Domonic Ganglely and Karen Ivey.
Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays.
Motion Carried.

Old Business

T.A.G. Meeting "Targeting Achievement Through Governance"
There will be no *T.A.G.* meeting in March for the Board members. There will be a *T.A.G.* meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2008 and Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

President Stover stated that the District is cutting cost for the Annual State Conference. The Board members should attend the local conference because that would not be that expensive as it would be to go out of town for the out of State annual conference. In the term it would give each Board member the opportunity to attend the out of State Conference twice and that would help them not to spend so much money.

New Business

Summer School Planning Registration 2008-2009
The District has already held one registration meeting and dates were set.

The *Southtown Newspaper* is asking for all the surrounding Districts for information regarding what is provided to Board members. For example do they have laptops, cell phones, travel and car allowance for administrators. Dr. Reynolds stated that they are safe with that because they don't have any of that.

Adjournment

President Stover asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of February 21, 2008 at **8:33 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education