



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
KEENEYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #20
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, December 17, 2009: 7:00P.M.
Spring Wood School – Library
5540 Arlington Drive East, Hanover Park, IL 60133**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Regular Meeting of the Keeneyville Elementary School District #20 Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Tim McHugh.

Roll Call: Tim McHugh - present
Carola Majewski - present
Barb Wisniewski - present
Mike Fuechtmann - present
Tom Lair - present
Phil Anderson - present
Scott Williams - present

A quorum was present.

Also in attendance were: Dr. Carol J. Auer, Superintendent; Dr. Dorothy J. Dirks, Assistant Superintendent; Gary Ofisher, Director of Operations and Treasurer; Mary Iwema, Director of Special Education; Joseph Neilon, District Technology Coordinator; Craig Barringer, Principal, Spring Wood; Mark Bocian, Assistant Principal, Spring Wood; Beth Carow, Principal, Waterbury; Deena McLoughlin, Assistant Principal, Waterbury; Tod Tecktiel, Principal, Greenbrook; John Gustafson, Assistant Principal, Greenbrook; Peggy Whitlow, Executive Director of Phil Rock Center and School; Tiffani Haught, Jen Engstrom, Joline Tewksbury, Terry Karner, Spring Wood Teachers; Gail Banek, Greenbrook Teacher; Joanne Champagne, KEA Vice-PMrs. Pam Falco and family; Mike Loizzi, HLERK; Barb Erickson, HLERK; Melanie Scott, Recording Secretary.

II. Approval of Agenda

Mike Fuechtmann moved to approve the Agenda; Barb Wisniewski seconded.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 7

Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

A. Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting – November 18, 2009

B. Financial Reports (4.80 & 4.95))

1. District 20 Financial Reports – November, 2009

2. Philip Rock Center Financial Reports – November, 2009

C. Personnel Report (2.20 and 5.195)

D. Second Reading and Approval of New, Revised and Reviewed Policies (2.20, #1)

Mike Fuechtmann moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Barb Wisniewski seconded. No items were pulled for individual discussion.

Roll Call: Carola Majewski - aye
Barb Wisniewski - aye
Mike Fuechtmann - aye
Tom Lair - aye
Phil Anderson - aye
Scott Williams - aye
Tim McHugh - aye

Motion carried.

IV. Public Participation

Ms. Beth Carow, Principal of Waterbury School, acknowledged the Waterbury team of students, teachers and parents who made the Holiday Book Sale at Barnes and Noble a tremendous success. Board member Scott Williams joined in acknowledging the teachers who volunteered their time, the chorus performance under Beth Thompson, and the terrific parent participation at Barnes and Noble that night.

Ms. Carow also updated the Board on the loss of the DARE program at Waterbury due to the reduction of two police officers in Roselle. Ms. Carow explained that the benefit to the children at Waterbury was the relationship-building opportunity the program provided between the police and the children. Ms. Carow was disappointed and will attend a meeting in Roselle next Monday to voice her disappointment.

Ms. JoAnne Champagne, on behalf of the KEA, wished the Board happy holidays, with hopes for a better financial picture.

V. School Board President's Report

A. Recognition of Perfect ISAT Math Score – Austin Falco

Spring Wood eighth grade student Austin Falco was honored for a perfect score on his seventh grade ISAT math test. Dr. Auer recognized him, his parents, his teachers, the principal and the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction for their role in his success. A Certificate of Achievement was presented to Austin.

B. Review Recent Board Meeting Monitoring Results (2.10, #6)

Board President Tim McHugh thanked Carola Majewski for presiding over the November meeting, in his absence. Board member feedback from that meeting indicated the Board considered it an efficient meeting.

C. Recap of III Conference (2.10, #4)

Mike Fuechtmann recapped the issues discussed at the Delegate Assembly at the III Conference. He reported on one resolution that was recommended for further action -- that teachers be considered, similar to essential fire and police personnel in a community, a no-strike group. Phil Anderson reported on the school board leadership workshop he attended, as well as a session on reporting financial information to the community. Mr. Anderson commented that another benefit to attending the III Conference was getting to know his

fellow board members as well as board members from across Illinois.

Carola Majewski relayed to the Board how much she enjoyed being involved with the DuPage legislative group for the first time this year. She stressed that one voice can be heard and can make a difference, and considers it a privilege to be able to give direction to the Illinois State Board of Education and Illinois legislators through this group. Ms. Majewski also discussed the benefit of getting to know Mr. Anderson and his wife on a personal basis. Ms. Majewski informed the Board that she expressed her concern over the Phil Rock Center and School financial predicament with representatives of the ISBE at the conference as well..

Mr. Ofisher was acknowledged for his efforts in developing the recently held workshop for board members, *Finance 101*. The board members agreed it was very helpful and very timely.

D. Clarify NSBA Conference Attendance (2.10, #4)

The Board discussed attendance at the National School Board Association to be held in Chicago in April. Renewal of membership in NSBA was also discussed. It was decided that Tim McHugh, Tom Lair, Phil Anderson and Barb Wisniewski will attend the conference, since transportation costs to the conference are minimal this year. It was also decided that District 20 will continue its membership in NSBA. It was felt that school districts need legislative support now more than ever and NSBA provides that voice to the legislature. Attendance to the conference was included in the 2009-2010 budget.

Mr. McHugh also informed the Board that the IASB DuPage Division Spring Dinner Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 29th at the new Hubble Middle School in Wheaton-Warrenville.

VII. Superintendent's Report

A. Update on Grants

Dr. Auer informed the Board that the District has applied for ARRA energy grants in the amount of \$500K per school, and an E2T2 grant for over \$500K for Spring Wood notebooks, SMART Boards, staff development and a partnership with Comcast for Internet access for low-income Spring Wood parents.

B. FOIA from the *Daily Herald*

A FOIA request was received from Matt Arado from the Daily Herald, asking for information on the job title, job description, union status and year of retirement for James Erickson and Anthony Przeklasa. The request was fulfilled.

C. Noteworthy Items

Dr. Auer noted that there will be no voting at Spring Wood this year. The new site will be Evangel Church.

Dr. Auer also reported that under the leadership of Pastor Ron Heitman, and through the generosity of members of Evangel Church, 150 packages of \$25.00 gifts were provided to some of our low-income families at Greenbrook before the holidays. Dr. Auer profusely thanked the members of Evangel for their kindness, and thanked the principal of Greenbrook for orchestrating the distribution of the gifts to the families with most need. The District prepared a Certificate of Appreciation

for Evangel Church and will ask Tod to deliver it.

Dr. Auer informed the Board that we had 3 teachers recertified as National Board Certified Teachers, Deena McLoughlin, Becky Jarolin and Pat Fogarty. And, that the PE teachers at Spring Wood received a \$2700 check for a grant to purchase video bikes. In addition, Spring Wood, Waterbury and Greenbrook received 3 \$800 fitness grants. As a result of the grants and a donation from the Spring Wood PTO, Spring Wood will be able to purchase 4 video bikes.

HB4711 is a bill in the House that says that if the State or federal government does not give us money for mandates (excluding special education transportation and free lunch program) we will not be required to meet the mandate/s. Dr. Auer asked that the Board support Representative Roger Eddy's bill – HB 4711.

Mrs. Peggy Whitlow spoke about the dire situation at Phil Rock Center and School. She reported on the attempts to get funding owed them. She thanked Dr. Auer and Mr. Ofisher for their efforts in this vein, as well as other people who have made calls to their legislators. Many people are supporting Phil Rock Center, including Senator Phil Rock who has also made calls on behalf of the Center. Mrs. Whitlow thanked Mr. Ofisher for securing a loan of \$250,000, however, Mrs. Whitlow reported that if the funding owed them is not received soon, decisions will have to be made to keep the children safe and receiving services. PRC had to close over both the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Dr. Auer reiterated that District 20 will continue to support Phil Rock.

VIII. Information Items and/or Reports

A. Report on Special Education Budget (Mr. Ofisher)

Mr. Ofisher reported that last year the District received \$1.2M in revenue for special education. Expenses were approximately \$3.3M. Therefore, \$2M from local taxes were used for special education services mandated by federal and State government. If the federal and State governments paid a full portion of the requirements to supply special education programs, that \$2M could be used to support other educational programs. Costs continue to increase and reimbursement continues to decrease.

Dr. Auer distributed a list of mandates enacted since 1992, and mentioned that there are other mandates pending as well.

B. Capital Improvement Replacement Program 2009-2016 (Mr. Ofisher) (4.181)

For the past 2.5 years, we have used in-house staff and contracted services to continue the capital improvement program that the District established in 2006. Mr. Ofisher recommends continuing the program as is.

The program has been successful. The purpose of the program is to save money by working on projects on an ongoing basis with internal staff and contract services rather than waiting 10 years and going out for bonds, paying interest for those bonds.

Mr. Ofisher will be bringing bids for contracted services as well as for the projects that we hope to do this spring and summer – replace air conditioning compressor serving the library at Waterbury, replace the air conditioning compressor and unit for the district media room which houses the servers for the district, and replacing the air conditioning

compressor which serves the Spring Wood office. Bids will be sought from outside companies and compared with the cost of doing the projects internally. These bids will be brought to the Board in March.

Mr. Ofisher will supply the board with additional information on how much the District saved using internal staff and contract services, as suggested by Tom Lair.

Ms. Majewski reopened the discussion of Phil Rock and getting funding for them. Dr. Auer replied that the administration has a plan and a time line for action. She stated that many people are working on this problem, including State Superintendent Chris Koch. Additional action will be taken when appropriate.

- IX. Closed Session** [Information related to the employment, appointment, compensation, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057; collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2); and the semi-annual review of minutes and destruction of Closed Session tapes prior to June 2008. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).]

At 7:55 p.m., Carola Majewski moved that the Board of Education enter Closed Session to discuss information related to the employment, appointment, compensation, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057; collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2); and the semi-annual review of minutes and destruction of Closed Session tapes prior to June, 2008. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).] Mike Fuechtmann seconded.

Roll Call: Barb Wisniewski - aye
Mike Fuechtmann - aye
Tom Lair - aye
Phil Anderson - aye
Scott Williams - aye
Tim McHugh - aye
Carola Majewski - aye

Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 11:29 p.m.

X. Item for Board Action

A. Resolution for Support of E2T2 Grant Sustainability

Scott Williams moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution in Support of E2T2 Grant Sustainability. Barb Wisniewski seconded.

Discussion: Dr. Auer asked for the Board's support for all E2T2 programs for students, staff, parents, and community.

Roll Call: Tom Lair - aye
Phil Anderson - aye
Scott Williams - aye
Tim McHugh - aye
Carola Majewski - aye
Barb Wisniewski - aye
Mike Fuechtmann - aye

Motion carried.

B Approve the Release and Retention of Closed Session Minutes from 5/28/09 through 11/18/09.

Tom Lair moved that the Board of Education approve the release of Closed Session Minutes of 6/18/09; approve the retention of the Closed Session Minutes of 5/18/09, 8/13/09, 9/24/09, 10/22/09, along with previously retained Closed Session Minutes of 10/10/96, 10/24/96, 3/12/98, 8/26/99, 11/8/01, 7/24/03, 8/21/03, 10/23/03, 11/19/03, 8/5/04, 10/28/04, 8/16/06, 10/26/06, 1/24/07 and 4/3/08; and the destruction of all Closed Session tapes prior to June 19, 2008. Mike Fuechtmann seconded.

Roll Call: Phil Anderson - aye
Scott Williams - aye
Tim McHugh - aye
Carola Majewski - aye
Barb Wisniewski - aye
Mike Fuechtmann - aye
Tom Lair - aye

Motion carried.

C. Approve the Insurance Coverage and Premium for 2010 through the Suburban School Corporation Insurance Pool.

Carola Majewski moved that the Board of Education approve the Insurance Coverage and Premium for 2010 through the Suburban School Corporation Insurance Pool as presented. Tom Lair seconded.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Scott Williams - aye
Tim McHugh - aye
Carola Majewski - aye
Barb Wisniewski - aye
Mike Fuechtmann - aye
Tom Lair - aye
Phil Anderson - aye

Motion carried.

C. Approve the Appointment of the District's Freedom of Information Officer and Backup.

Scott Williams moved that the Board of Education approve Melanie Scott as Freedom of Information Officer and Nanette DiCianni as back-up. Mike Fuechtmann seconded.

Discussion: Dr. Auer explained this position is now required by law.

Roll Call: Tim McHugh - aye
Carola Majewski - aye
Barb Wisniewski - aye
Mike Fuechtmann - aye
Tom Lair - aye
Phil Anderson - aye

Scott Williams - aye

Motion carried.

D. Approve the Appointment of the District’s Open Meetings Act Manager and Backup.

Scott Williams moved that the Board of Education appoint Dr. Carol Auer as the District’s Open Meetings Act Manager and Melanie Scott as back-up. Mike Fuechtmann seconded.

Discussion: Dr. Auer explained this position is now required by law.

Roll Call:	Carola Majewski	- aye
	Barb Wisniewski	- aye
	Mike Fuechtmann	- aye
	Tom Lair	- aye
	Phil Anderson	- aye
	Scott Williams	- aye
	Tim McHugh	- aye

Motion carried.

XI. Miscellaneous

- A. January Board of Education Meeting, Thursday, January 28, 2010, Spring Wood Library, 7:00 p.m.
- B. Waterbury PTO, Wednesday, January 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
- C. Greenbrook PTO, Tuesday, January 6, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.
- D. Spring Wood PTO, Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

XII. Adjournment

At 11:34 p.m., Mike Fuechtmann moved to adjourn; Barb Wisniewski seconded.

Ayes: 7
 Nays: 0
 Abstains: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Tim McHugh, President

Barb Wisniewski, Secretary