



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
KEENEYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #20  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, January 28, 2010: 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 was called to order 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; Peggy Whitlow, Executive Director of Phil Rock Center and School; Craig Barringer, Principal, Spring Wood; Mark Bocian, Assistant Principal, Spring Wood; Tod Tecktiel, Principal, Greenbrook; John Gustafson, Assistant Principal, Greenbrook; Linda Pfeffer, District 20 Librarian; Judi Kaminski, District 20 Librarian; Nancy Stephens, Greenbrook Teacher; Ron Loda, Greenbrook Teacher; Cara Jacobs, Greenbrook Teacher; Nadine Tackitt, Greenbrook Teacher and KEA President; Jennifer Johnson, Community Member; Pam Falco, Greenbrook TA and Community Member; Colleen Koch, Community Member; The Anderson Family, Community Members; and Melanie Scott, Recording Secretary.

At this time, Mr. McHugh recognized Board Vice-President Carola Majewski for reaching a milestone in her years after birth.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

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

Ayes: 7  
Nays: 0  
Abstains: 0  
Motion carried.

**III. Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

**A. Meeting Minutes**

1. Regular Meeting – December 17, 2009
2. Special Meeting – November 14, 2009
3. Special Meeting – January 16, 2010

**B. Financial Reports (4.80 & 4.95))**

1. District 20 Financial Reports – December 2009
2. Philip Rock Center Financial Reports – December, 2009

**C. Personnel Reports (2.20 and 5.195)**

**D. Resolution to Designate Person to Prepare Tentative FY11 Budget (4.95)**

**E. Award of E-Rate Bids Pending Funding (4.60)**

**F. Quarterly Report – Students No Longer Enrolled**

Scott Williams moved to approve the Consent Agenda items; Carola Majewski seconded.  
Items pulled for individual discussion: None

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. Nadine Tackitt, Greenbrook Teacher and KEA President, informed the Board that ELL and special education after-school help will begin the second week of February. She further explained that the special education help can only be provided because students can piggy back on the ELL bus, supplied by the Title III LIPLP grant.

Ms. Jennifer Johnson, Waterbury and Spring Wood parent, asked the Board to provide information about how the change from grades to rubrics has affected students. She asked that the two years prior to the change be considered.

Mr. Scott Williams, Waterbury and Spring Wood parent, invited the community to a Waterbury PTO sponsored movie night on Friday, January 29 at 7:00 p.m..

Mr. Williams also informed the Board that the Village of Roselle reduced its police officers and could no longer provide the “DARE” program to Waterbury. The Waterbury PTO is gathering information about how to secure a “DARE” educator and what the associated costs would be.

**V. Presentations:**

**A. Progress on Librarians’ Goals (Mrs. Judi Kaminski & Mrs. Linda Pfeffer)**

Ms. Linda Pfeffer and Ms. Judi Kaminski, District 20 Librarians, presented to the Board an update on achievement toward the District library goals, as set forth by *Linking for Learning*, an Illinois school library media standard of excellence program.

Ms. Pfeffer and Ms. Kaminski updated the Board on the scheduling they have used to provide Greenbrook School with an equitable library media program by sharing their time between their home schools of Spring Wood and Waterbury, and Greenbrook. They described the Monarch and Caudill Award programs that have been incorporated into the library programs at all three schools, and talked about the Internet safety program they are developing to meet State mandates.

The librarians have applied for the Jesse White Library Grant, in the amount of \$1200, to be split among the 3 libraries to purchase Monarch and Caudill Award books for each library. The librarians shared the tool they use to analyze the District 20 library collection, and noted that they use this tool to track what they have and what they need. An updated chart of library media usage for the past four years was provided.

**B Lesson Study: Lessons from the Coaches (Mrs. Nancy Stephens) (6.30)**

Ms. Nancy Stephens, fourth grade teacher at Greenbrook School, presented a lesson study prepared by Ms. Stephens and Ms. Kristen Clegg, a math coach hired through the Greenbrook school improvement grant. Ms. Stephens explained that the lesson was developed, then presented to her fourth grade class while being viewed by Ms. Stephens' peers. The results from the lesson were then analyzed by the teaching group and coach. The fourth grade teachers will use this lesson in their class rooms.

This lesson study was built to successfully teach the same principle to children of different levels of accomplishment and background – differentiation. The lesson encouraged higher level thinking skills and promoted student engagement and self-motivation. Special education and ELL teachers participated in the lesson studies as well; RESPRO funds were used for substitute teachers in order that they could participate. In addition to lesson studies, the coaches have supplied teachers with other valuable resources – Web sites, materials, articles – and have been available to teachers within their classrooms, and for consultation outside the classroom. More lesson studies will take place in math and language arts this semester with the coaches. The Board, Dr. Auer and Dr. Dirks thanked Ms. Stephens for her excellent presentation.

**VI. School Board President's Report**

**A. Review NSBA Plans (2.10, #4)**

Mr. McHugh verified attendance at the NSBA Conference. Mr. McHugh, Ms. Wisniewski, Mr. Lair and Mr. Anderson will attend. No hotels have been requested at this time.

**B. Review December Board Meeting Self-Monitoring Input (2.10, #6)**

There were no comments regarding the December meeting. Mr. McHugh encouraged board members to continue the board's self-monitoring process by completing the forms after each meeting.

**C. Dashboard Review**

The Student/Teacher Attendance Dashboard, the Community Dashboard and the Finance Dashboard were reviewed by the Board.

Ms. Wisniewski thanked the principals for the noticeable decrease in suspensions again this month.

Dr. Auer advised the Board that she, as an officer of IASA, will be organizing a forum for congressmen, mayors, and other legislators to educate them on the issues confronting schools today. Dr. Ruscitti, Regional Superintendent for DuPage County, asked Dr. Auer to spearhead this effort. This educational forum will take place in the spring.

Ms. Wisniewski suggested that we resume meetings with Lake Park and the feeder schools on an annual basis.

## VII. **Superintendent's Report**

### A. **Update on Grants** (6.30)

Dr. Auer updated the Board on the grants District 20 has applied for:

- School Improvement Grant – was supposed to provide \$108,000 each year for three years for learning coaches and materials at Greenbrook. Although the grant was approved for three years, the State notified the District that the grant will end this year, and we will have to apply again IF we qualify for the grant now.
- E2T2 – targeted for Spring Wood technology. We will know by the end of February. The grant is for over \$600,000.
- E-rate Grant – (the grant targeting upgrades to our phone system and servers.) We still don't know about this one.
- RTTT – Race to the Top – federal grant. Tim McHugh, Board President, and Nadine Tackitt, signed a Memo of Understanding expressing interest in applying for this grant. However, if the terms of the grant are not agreeable, the District can back out within 90 days of submitting the actual application.

### B. **FOIA from Oce'** (2.250)

Dr. Auer informed the Board of the FOIA request we received from Tom Jansen, Senior Account Manager, Oce North America, requesting copies of current copier leases/sales/existing maintenance agreements. The request was granted.

### C. **Race to the Top Participation** (6.30)

See A. above.

### D. **Noteworthy Items**

Dr. Auer invited the Board to attend the African-American Celebration on February 24, 7:00 p.m., at Greenbrook School.

Ms. Peggy Whitlow updated the Board on the Phil Rock Center and School economic situation. Ms. Whitlow also updated the Board on the new literacy curriculum at Phil Rock. Previously, the curriculum focused mostly on

functional skills, but in a move toward meeting State standards, PRC is implementing the MEville to WEville program using Braille and pictures to teach their children who have both hearing and vision disabilities.

Dr. Auer advised the Board that we could see National Standards that will be adopted by Illinois by August for Language Arts and Mathematics. A consortium has also been formed to develop national common assessments.

Dr. Auer reported that at the February meeting, Mr. Jake Thomas, aspiring Eagle Scout, will speak to the Board about his upcoming Eagle Scout project.

## **VIII. Information Items and/or Reports**

### **A. Wind Farm Alliance and a Turbine for Greenbrook (Gary Ofisher)**

Mr. Ofisher updated the Board on the wind turbine initiatives:

Stark County – met with the Board of Supervisors in Stark County. Several farmers are interested in leasing their land to us for the 10 turbine wind farm. A meteorological tower has been erected in Stark County. If HB4664 (a bill that considers an intergovernmental cooperative to not be considered a profit making entity) is passed, we would be able to sell the electricity produced on the farm to pay our electrical expenses.

Hanover Park – Made a presentation to the Village of Hanover Park asking for special use permit to erect a 150’ turbine near Greenbrook. An ordinance must be approved – it will be presented at the March, 2010 Village meeting. If/when the ordinance is approved, the District can apply for federal funds promoting wind turbines for educational use. Paperwork has to be resubmitted: the application to Hanover Park, the application to FAA for the smaller turbine; a study must be completed on icing, birds, and flicker. If approved, the U.S. made wind turbine would be installed in August, 2010. It would provide approximately \$42K of the \$65 K bill for our electricity at Greenbrook School. An estimated \$2M would be saved over the life of the turbine.

If we do not receive between 50% and 100% funding from federal funds, the small turbine would not be feasible. The purpose of this wind turbine is to be a good steward of tax-payer funds, reduce our energy costs, create a smaller carbon footprint and educate our students on renewable energy.

### **B. Review of Capital Projects Expenditures (Gary Ofisher) (4.181)**

Mr. Ofisher added a column to the Capital Projects Expenditures report to include the amounts of actual replacement costs.. Mr. Lair thanked Mr. Ofisher for the additional information. Mr. Ofisher updated the Board on the amount of money the District has received from the State this year. The District is short \$774,000. The District will not receive almost \$500,000 in special education and transportation reimbursement, as the State is out of money until June.

Mr. Ofisher happily advised the Board that due to being a fiscally responsible school district, Standard and Poors upgraded our bond rating from AA- to AA.

This will allow us to obtain a better bond interest rate in the future.

- IX. Closed Session** (Information related to the employment, appointment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee, and collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees)

At 8:28 p.m., Barb Wisniewski moved that the Board of Education enter Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057; and 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). Carola Majewski 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 10:15 p.m.

**X. Items for Board Action**

**A. Approve Wind Turbine Phase 1 Funding**

Barb Wisniewski moved that the Board of Education approve Wind Turbine Phase 1 funding as presented. Mike Fuechtmann seconded.

Discussion: The amount of Phase I would be approximately \$5,000.

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

Motion carried.

**B. Approve Resolution to Dissolve the DuPage Career Education Center**

Scott Williams moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution to dissolve the DuPage Career Education Center as presented. Phil Anderson seconded.

Discussion: No further discussion.

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.

**XI. Miscellaneous**

- A. February Board of Education Meeting, Thursday, February 25, 2010, Spring Wood Library
- B. Waterbury PTO, Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
- C. Greenbrook PTO, Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 5:00 p.m.
- D. Spring Wood PTO, Wednesday, February 10, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

**XII. Adjournment**

At 10:19 p.m., Phil Anderson moved that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting; Barb Wisniewski seconded.

Ayes: 7  
Nays: 0  
Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tim McHugh, Board President

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Barb Wisniewski, Board Secretary