



**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**KEENEYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #20**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, April 22, 2010, 7:00P.M.**  
**Spring Wood Middle 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 at 7:08 p.m.

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; Craig Barringer, Principal, Spring Wood; Mark Bocian, Assistant Principal, Spring Wood; Deena McLoughlin, Assistant Principal, Waterbury; Tod Tecktiel, Principal, Greenbrook; District 20 Staff Members: Dawn Stephan, Tina Swanson, Deena McLoughlin, Jill Echternach, Pat Buesing, Amber Zelman, Mandy Aubry, Donna Hausfeld, Jennifer Engstrom, Joline Tewksbury, Sarah Guidizi, Marisa Struyk, Tiffani Haught, Becky Jarolin, Debbie Miller, Jessica Finocchio, Brian Hereford, Charlotte Rhodes, Danielle Benefiel, Phyllis Wempe, Amy Hubert, Nadine Tackitt, Cecilia Bourezg, Joanne Champagne, Jane Steffler, Karla O'Malley, Lyn Ellis, Nancy Sporer, Pat Fogarty, Jamie Jovanovic, Samantha Seifrid, Lori Flasz, Eileen Elia, Jan Scorza, Nanette DiCianni, Alison Andrews, Jodie Kammes, Katie Josifik, Pam Falco, Karisa Scheifele, Christine Lyons, Karen Sabados, Jenny Morrow, Dan Abel, Faith Bass, Christina Smith, Ellen Minkoff, Gail Banek, Mike Glosson, Valerie Zielinski, Stephanie Padron, Jennifer Karrow, Kristy Herbert, Jennifer Alderson, Lynda Sabani, Terry Skroch, Vicki Saxton, Katharine Paplinski, and Terry Karner. Community members: Bob Buesing, Sandy Hagland, Maggie Havenga, Jay Robinson, Ralph Mizzi, Jennifer Johnson. Melanie Scott, Recording Secretary.

II. Approval of Agenda

Phil Anderson moved to approve the Agenda; Barb Wisniewski seconded.

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

III. Public Hearing: Proposed Use of Legal School Holidays for Student Attendance, Teacher Institutes, Parent/Teacher Conferences, and Staff Development Activities such as School Improvement and In-service Training as Permitted due to the Amendment of Section 24-2 of the Illinois School Code.

At 7:15 p.m., President Tim McHugh asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting and open a Public Hearing to hear testimony regarding the proposed use of legal school holidays for student attendance, teacher institutes, parent/teacher conferences, or staff development activities such as school improvement and in-service training, due to the amendment of Section 24-2 of the Illinois School Code.

Scott Williams moved; Carola Majewski seconded.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

At this time, President McHugh asked Dr. Carol Auer, Superintendent, to share the history of holiday waivers in District 20. Dr. Auer explained that the District currently has a waiver for Columbus Day, Veterans of Foreign Wars Day, Casimir Pulaski Day, and Abraham Lincoln's Day through 2012-2013, which allows the District to provide instructional activities in lieu of a day off for any of the above holidays. By approving this waiver, the District would automatically extend the current waivers indefinitely, and add Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to the list of waived holidays as well. Each year the calendar committee would decide how to use each holiday.

President McHugh then asked for any testimony regarding the legal school holiday waivers.

Ms. Barb Wisniewski asked if the District had to use all the days or any of the days. Dr. Auer replied that she was correct, or none of the days could be waived.

After again asking for testimony and there being none, at 7:25 p.m. Mr. McHugh asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing and return to the Regular Meeting.

Tom Lair moved. Barb Wisniewski seconded.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- A. Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting – March 25, 2010
- B. District 20 Financial Reports – March, 2010
- C. Philip Rock Center Financial Reports – March, 2010
- D. Quarterly Report of Students No Longer Enrolled

Carola Majewski moved that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda Items; Barb Wisniewski seconded.

There were no items 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.

V. Public Participation

Ms. Jill Echernach, Physical Education Teacher at Spring Wood Middle School, presented information on three studies linking physical activity to increased cognitive function, and asked that this evidence be considered when determining staffing in the physical education department now and in the future.

VI. School Board President's Report

A. March Self-Evaluation (2.10, #2 and #6)

Mr. McHugh reported that no self-monitoring forms were returned to him from the March 25 meeting.

Mr. McHugh felt the March meeting went well and, again, thanked the community and staff who spoke at the meeting. Mr. McHugh welcomed the insights and comments.

B. IASB Resolutions

Ms. Carola Majewski, who is the Director of the Resolutions/Legislative Committee for the DuPage Division of IASB, asked that board members consider resolutions to be brought forward to the IASB for a vote for support in November.

Ms. Majewski stressed that this is a way to make the board's voice heard by Illinois legislators on issues that impact education.

C. Spring Wood Foundation

Mr. McHugh talked about the history and organization of the Spring Wood Foundation. The foundation has been dormant since 1995. It can have up to 15 trustees, in an uneven number. As of right now, 7 people have expressed interest in this position. A meeting will be scheduled, possibly in May. The foundation will be used to find ways to support educational, after-school and extracurricular activities. The by-laws will be researched to see exactly what can be funded through the foundation. Dr. Auer and Mr. McHugh are automatically trustees, as superintendent and board president of District 20, however they cannot hold office on the foundation. Mr. Karner expressed interest in the foundation.

Mr. McHugh then thanked the community for all their comments and input over the last two months. However, he stressed that anonymous communications would not be taken under consideration. He invited e-mails, phone calls and mail, however, only if the author is identified.

## VII. Superintendent's Report

### A. Update: Philip Rock, ARRA, SIP Purchases and the Wind Turbine Project

Dr. Auer reported on the use of monies received from grants:

ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) funds paid for net books being used by special education students. Ms. Lyons reported that she and her students appreciate them – they allow all students to have access to technology at the same time, rather than taking turns or borrowing equipment from another class. ARRA funds limit the use of funds to specific purchases. They cannot be used to sustain current staff or equipment.

RtI (Response to Intervention) is also being supported by ARRA funds to supply coaches to train teachers and administrators in new intervention methods. (CMB) Curriculum Based Measurement is used to monitor progress using standardized methods.

The School Improvement Grant will allow the district to purchase “Data Director,” which will be used to report our progress in meeting State standards.

The Title I Grant will pay for summer school and the associated field trips.

HB6419 – granting permission to build a wind farm through an intergovernmental agreement between Districts 20, 300 and 23 has passed both the House and the Senate, thanks to Gary Ofisher who stuck with many wind turbine scenarios and secured the legislation for the 10-turbine wind farm. Dr. Auer, the Board and the community applauded his efforts. Groundbreaking should occur next summer.

### B. Noteworthy Items

Dr. Auer congratulated the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball teams for a fantastic season, and the students' competitive, but respectful spirit.

Dr. Auer congratulated Donna Caputo, reading teacher at Greenbrook, for receiving the Reading is Fundamental Volunteer of the Year.

Dr. Auer also thanked Linda Pfeffer, Spring Wood and Greenbrook Librarian, for leading the Rebecca Caudill reading effort. This year, 15 Spring Wood students read all 20 books on the master list, and were rewarded with a breakfast.

For the fifth year in a row, Keeneyville District 20 received the GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report prepared by Mr. Gary Ofisher. The District also received a Certificate of Financial Recognition from the Illinois State Board of Education.

The Hanover Park Community Resource Center is sponsoring a 3 on 3 basketball tournament on July 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Heritage Park in Hanover Park. A car show will be held at the Metra Center on August 22.

The results of the parent/staff survey for “bring-backs” is on the District 20 main Web page.

Mr. McHugh commended Mr. Dan Hubert and the Spring Wood and Lake Park jazz bands for their fantastic performance at the Just Jazz Concert. Dr. Auer stated the Spring Wood Jazz Band was dynamic and it was great to see the Spring Wood alumna in the Lake Park Jazz Band.

Dr. Auer reported that the Phil Rock Center and School received \$1,000,050 of their previously budgeted, ISBE-approved revenue. This money was provided only after the potential closing of PRCS due to lack of receipt of funding was made public. The State originally stated they would receive \$1,300,000.

Dr. Auer also reported that teachers had a huge showing in Springfield on Lobby Day. Meanwhile, in Washington, Arne Duncan proposed \$23B for education.

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

##### A. View 3 Quarters Report Card Data (Dr. Dirks)

Dr. Dirks provided the Board with 3 quarters of report card data showing percentages of students meeting or exceeding standards. Dr. Dirks used the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade chart to explain the reports to the Board. Dr. Dirks and the staff are working on entering the assessment information consistently, which, in turn, will increase the accuracy of the reports.

##### B. Education Fund FY11 Budget Draft (Mr. Ofisher) (2.20 #4, 2.130, 4.95)

Mr. Ofisher presented the April draft of the Operations & Maintenance and Transportation Funds.

Mr. Ofisher also talked to the Board about the SCUD (Sensory-Centric Universal Design) project. He reminded the Board that the purpose of the wind turbine project was to support a self-sustaining facility that would allow a better learning environment for children who were blind and deaf, and autistic. When the wind turbine is erected and bonds are issued, the SCUD project will continue.

#### IX. Closed Session (Information related to the employment, appointment, compensation, performance, discipline or dismissal of an employee and information related to collective negotiating matters between the school board and its employees or their representatives)

At 8:30 p.m., Mike Fuechtmann moved that the Board of Education enter Closed Session to discuss information related to the employment, appointment, compensation, performance, discipline or dismissal of an employee; and information related to collective negotiating matters between the school board and its employees or their representatives; Phil Anderson seconded.

Discussion: None

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 10:20 p.m.

The Board asked Mr. Ofisher about the status of the Greenbrook School wind turbine project. Mr. Ofisher explained that an ordinance to erect a 155' turbine was approved by the Village of Hanover Park. However, several additional studies would have to be conducted to meet the requirements of the ordinance including a noise study, an insect study, a bat study, a microwave study and an ice study. After the studies are completed, the results would have to be given to the Village. A certified letter would have to be sent to about 250 households in the immediate area. If an ARRA grant is received to cover the studies, we will continue to pursue the turbine because no financial loss would be incurred by the District.

Dr. Auer, again, thanked Gary for his passion in the pursuit of the wind turbine projects..

Dr. Auer reminded the Board of the Lake Park/feeder school gathering on Tuesday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Spring Wood Library.

Mr. McHugh thanked all the administrators in the District for what they do. He stated that each of them gives back to the District tenfold what is expected of them. Mr. McHugh also stated that he can easily defend each of their positions.

X. Items for Board Action

A. Approval of the Dental Contract for 2010-2011 with Delta Dental

Tom Lair moved that the Board of Education approve the Dental Contract for 2010-2011 with Delta Dental as presented; Mike Fuechtmann seconded.

Discussion: No discussion.

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. Approval of Food Service Management Contract for 2010-2011 with Arbor

Mike Fuechtmann moved that the Board of Education approve the Food Service Management Contract [Renewal] for 2010-2011 with Arbor Management as presented. Tom Lair seconded.

Discussion: No 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.

C. Approval of the Option to Waive Legal School Holidays and Allow Flexible Scheduling for Parent/Teacher Conferences

Carola Majewski moved that the Board of Education approve the option to waive legal school holidays and allow flexible scheduling for parent/teacher conferences; Barb Wisniewski seconded.

Discussion: No further discussion.

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

D. Approval of the Personnel Reports (2.20 #3)

Tom Lair moved that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Reports as presented. Barb Wisniewski 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.

XI. Miscellaneous

- A. Lake Park Feeder Schools and Lake Park H. S. Boards and Administrators Meeting, May 4, 2010, 7:00-8:30 in the Spring Wood Library
- B. Greenbrook P.T.O. Meeting, Wednesday, May 5, 2010
- C. Waterbury P.T.O. Meeting, Tuesday, May 25, 2010
- D. Spring Wood P.T.O. Meeting, Wednesday, May 12, 2010
- E. Band Concert, Tuesday, May 11, 7:00 PM Spring Wood Gym  
Jazz & Percussion Coffee House, Tuesday, May 18, 7:00 PM
- F. Board of Education Meeting, Thursday, May 27, 2010, 7:00 PM, Spring Wood Middle School Library

XII. Adjournment

At 10:50 p.m., Tom Lair moved that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned;  
Phil Anderson seconded.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tim McHugh, President

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Barb Wisniewski, Secretary