



BOARD OF EDUCATION
KEENEYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #20
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 27, 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 Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 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

Also in attendance were: Dr. Carol 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; Ashley Kowalczyk, Deena McLoughlin, Assistant Principal, Waterbury; Tod Tecktiel, Principal, Greenbrook; John Gustafson, Assistant Principal, Greenbrook; Peggy Whitlow, Executive Director of Philip Rock Center and School; District #20 Staff Members: Penny Hanwell, Christina Smith, Kathy Leeseberg, Jane Steffler, Brian Hereford, Stephanie Padron, Jennifer Morrow, Dan Abel, Linda McGrath, Nancy Sporer, Amy Hubert, Dan Hubert, Jill Echternach, Nadine Tackitt, Joanne Champagne, Jan Scorza, Pat Fogarty, Faith Bass, Karen Sabados, Linda Stienstra, Alison Andrews, Jessica Finocchio, Jamie Jovanovic, Becky Jaroline, Vicki Saxton, Ron Loda, Mary Gomopoulos, Ines Garcia Lam, Kathy Stuckey, Linda Pfeffer, Valerie Zielinski, Phyllis Wempe, Christine Lyons, Gail Banek, Mandy Aubry, Terry Skroch, Erin Wollangk, Lyn Ellis, Jodie Kammes, Danielle Benefiel, Tina Swanson, Pam Falco, Dawn Stephens, Cathy Bolger, and Charlotte Rhodes; Community members: Maggie Havenga, Jim McGrath, Ralph Mizzi, Jenise Brennecke, Mary Morrison, Sandra Montes, Juan Carlos Perez, Abel Calderon, Yvette Barajas, Pat Bobek, Amy Bicbic, Christine Stawnczy, Jennifer Johnson, Janelle Novak, Sandy Hagland, Steve Tribbey; Educational Consultants Fern Tribbey and Kathy Bruni; Melanie Scott, Recording Secretary.

II. Approval of Agenda

Scott Williams moved that the Board of Education approve the Agenda; Barb Wisniewski seconded.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0

III. Art Presentation to Board of Education (6.10)

District 20 Art Teachers Kathy Leeseberg and Therese English presented to the Board the art work of two students who were chosen as “Artists of the Year,” Sammy Bobak, fifth grade student at Greenbrook and Lizette Zarotti, first grade student at Waterbury donated their pieces to the District 20 Board of Education. The art teachers thanked the Board for

supporting the arts at District 20. Dr. Auer and the Board thanked the students, their parents and the art teachers for their contributions.

The District 20 Administration recognized the contributions of the 2010 retiring teachers: Georgianne Detzner, Ines Garcia-Lam, Mary Gomopoulos, Linda McGrath, Mari An O'Brien, Jan Scorza, Kathy Stuckey, Greg Stout, and Sue Younker as follows:

IV. Recognition of Retirees

The District 20 Administration recognized the contributions of the 2010 retiring teachers: Georgianne Detzner, Ines Garcia-Lam, Mary Gomopoulos, Linda McGrath, Mari An O'Brien, Jan Scorza, Kathy Stuckey, Greg Stout, and Sue Younker as follows:

The Keeneyville Elementary School District #20 Board of Education and Administration express their gratitude and appreciation for the dedication and service you have provided to the children, staff and community of District #20.

You can reflect with pride upon the contributions you have made in providing exceptional educational opportunities to our students. Your commitment and effectiveness have led to a stronger school, a stronger community, a stronger nation. The future of our country depends on the strength of the education of its populace. You have made significant contributions to the enrichment of our great nation.

This commendation will be entered into the minutes of the May 27, 2010 meeting of the Keeneyville Elementary School District #20 Board of Education and made a part of the permanent record.

V. Public Hearing: Amended (Final) Budget 2009-2010

At 7:52 p.m., Carola Majewski moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting and open the Hearing to receive public comments on the Amended (Final) Budget for the 2009-2010 school year. Scott Williams seconded.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

Mr. Ofisher presented the amendments to the 09-10 Budget to include the additional ARRA grant monies received. Mr. Lair clarified that ARRA monies were from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Ms. Majewski asked if this money was a surprise, and Ms. Echternach requested verification that this money was not new money. Mr. Ofisher responded that Dr. Auer and Dr. Dirks had submitted these grants, they were rewarded to the District with very specific requirements and could not be used for current personnel or equipment. Therefore, supplemental educational coaches, and netbooks were procured. The amount of the combined grants totalled \$340,984.

President McHugh then asked for additional comments. There were none. At 8:00 p.m., Carola Majewski moved to closed the Hearing and return to the Regular Meeting. Barb Wisniewski seconded.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Mike Fuechtmann moved that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda; Scott Williams seconded.

Discussion: 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.

VII. Public Participation

Mr. Tecktiel reported that Mr. Gustafson and the PBIS team held a very successful event to support PBIS at Greenbrook School. Students used their Gator Gotchas, which they earned through positive behaviors, to purchase food and fun items. The principals will report further in August.

Ms. Tackitt reported on the positive outcomes of the after-school special education program at Greenbrook.

Ms. Johnson complimented the wonderful "Explore More Days" at Waterbury. She thanked the teachers and parents for all their hard work to bring together a great program for the children. She added that the children love it.

Ms. Brennecke expressed concerns about cutting after-school programs and computer classes at Spring Wood next year. She expressed that cutting these programs could put Spring Wood students at a disadvantage when they enter Lake Park High School. Mr. McHugh explained that the District foundation was being revived to hopefully bring in additional funding to support after-school and educational programs. He asked parents to become involved in the foundation.

Ms. Havenga asked that parents support the teachers who have been notified of dismissal. She asked that parents stand behind the teachers, write letters of recommendation for them, empower them. The administration agreed that letters could be dropped off at the schools during the summer and would be forwarded to the teachers' home.

Ms. Bicbic asked about the status of the multi-age classrooms. Dr. Auer replied that the final proposal was not to split the classes. Anticipated class sizes would be between 27-29. Mr. McHugh added that gym, art and music classes are being worked on. Dr. Auer further explained that some items could not be discussed, as they were personnel items. She added that if the State would pay its bills, the District could recall teachers at any time.

Kathy Bruni, Educational Consultant, suggested a grass roots movement to contact State legislators, asking for payments from the State. Currently, the State is anxious to obtain Race to the Top monies, and they may be responsive to calls and letters from their constituency. Ms. Steffler reported, as an example, that she called the Governor's office to comment against pending legislation which would require teachers to administer insulin to students.

VIII. School Board President's Report

A. April Board Self-Monitoring Process (2.10, #2 and #6)

President McHugh reported that he received positive comments on how the board meetings have been handled. Mr. McHugh expressed that he hopes the Board has created a respectful atmosphere in which the educational community feels comfortable to speak.

B. IASB Resolutions

Ms. Majewski, Chair of the Resolutions Committee at IASB, asked the board members to consider resolutions to forward to the IASB in order to give the IASB direction to support important educational matters. The deadline for submittals is June 24, 2010. The IASB is also discussing subjects which will be presented at the Fall and Spring Division Meetings, and is looking for input.

C. Review Foundation "Resurrection"

Mr. McHugh reported on the Spring Wood Educational Foundation meeting. Committee members Terry Karner, Carrie Williams, Vicki Stewart, Tim McHugh and Carol Auer met to discuss how to raise funds to support the education and development of District 20. More members are needed. The group is looking for business partners and donors. A facebook account was established by a retired staff member, Mr. Jacquat, and currently has over 1200 student and teaching alumnae as members. The foundation will use this account to communicate its goals and activities to the alumnae.

IX. Superintendent's Report

A. Community Involvement

Mr. Lair commented on the increase in suspensions on the Suspension Report. The principals shared that at the end of every year more infractions occur.

Dr. Auer shared that 41% of our graduating students attended District 20 schools from K-8.

Mr. Ofisher asked for two board members to attend the School Wind Consortium board meeting on June 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Carola Majewski and Barb Wisniewski offered to attend.

B. Noteworthy Items

Dr. Auer reported that a meeting occurred to discuss the superintendent search. Ms. Wisniewski, Mr. McHugh, Matt Kerr and Dr. Auer discussed the process and costs associated with the search. It was recommended that Dr. Auer contact Dr. Bill Schewe to work with her to form focus groups for this process.

Peggy Whitlow, Executive Director of Philip Rock Center and School discussed the predicament of the Center. PRC will run out of money at the end of June. The State is 7.5 months behind in payments. Ms. Majewski commended Ms. Whitlow for being a great advocate for the PRC children, mentioning the effective interview broadcast on FOX TV.

C. FOIA Request

Dr. Auer reported that a FOIA request from Sheet Metal Worker Local 265 regarding summer HVAC and metal work was received and fulfilled.

X. Information Items and/or Reports

A. Curriculum Update (Dr. Dirks, Mr. Tecktiel and Mr. Gustafson)

1. Summer School

Mr. Gustafson and Dr. Dirks updated the Board on the 2010 Summer School plans.

2. School Improvement Grant

Mr. Tecktiel reported to the Board on the successes incurred through the use of instructional coaches at Greenbrook School paid for by a competitive grant that Dr. Dirks and Dr. Auer pursued. Both the Greenbrook administration and the instructional coaches referred to the results of the teamwork and camaraderie, good listening, respect, data crunching and hard work as spectacular. Mr. Tecktiel also expressed the staff's frustration with missing AYP by sometimes only 1, 2 or 5 children. Mr. Tecktiel also expressed his disappointment that the grant, which was supposed to last 3 years was discontinued half-way through the grant.

Mr. Barringer shared very positive teacher comments about the instructional coaching program at Spring Wood. Ms. Tribbey complimented the Spring Wood staff who utilized her skills as an instructional coach in math for regular and special education students. Ms. Tribbey spoke about the staff's can-do-attitude and willingness to learn more about co-teaching math.

Dr. Dirks stressed the importance of professional development being imbedded in the work day, and how the use of instructional coaches in the classroom provided that opportunity.

Ms. Steffler, kindergarten teacher, also provided an uplifting presentation on a kindergarten activity designed to bring moms into the school – a spa day, which the kindergarten children provided.

3. Summer R and D

Dr. Dirks provided a summary of summer research and development projects, including a review of common assessments in grades 1,2,3,4 and 7, Internet safety curriculum, and Data Director training.

B. Update School Wind Consortium (3.10) (Mr. Ofisher)

Mr. Ofisher updated the Board on the progress of the School Wind Consortium. The next step, legislatively, will be the signing of the bill by the Governor. Mr. Ofisher explained the board organization of the School Wind Consortium and provided a schedule of activities leading to the purchase of the wind turbines.

- XI. Closed Session (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. 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).

At 9:30 p.m., Mike Fuechtmann 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. Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. Barb Wisniewski 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 11:28 p.m.

XII. Items for Board Action

A. Approval of the Amended (Final) Budget 2009-2010

Barb Wisniewski moved that the Board of Education approve the adoption of the Amended Keeneyville Elementary School District #20 Operating Budget for the school year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010 for the funds and in the amounts inclusive of receipts and other financing sources as depicted on ISBE Form 50-36 as presented on May 27, 2010 as follows:

	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</u>
Education	15,892,468	15,892,468	0
Operations & Maintenance	1,890,562	1,890,562	0
Bond/Interest	863,274	857,140	6,134
Transportation	1,119,685	1,109,561	10,124
IMRF/Social Security	429,250	429,250	0
Site & Construction	0	0	0
Working Cash	40,000	0	40,000
Life Safety	0	0	0
Tort	<u>51,126</u>	<u>51,126</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	20,286,365	20,230,107	56,258

Carola Majewski seconded.

Discussion: No further 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 the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Keeneyville Education Association (KEA) and the Keeneyville School District #20 Board of Education.

Scott Williams moved that the Board of Education approve the tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Keeneyville Education Association (KEA) and the Keeneyville District #20 Board of Education subject to finalizing language by the parties and their legal counsel.

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

Motion carried.

XIII. Miscellaneous

A. June Board of Education Meeting, Thursday, June 17, 2010, 7:00 p.m.,
Spring Wood Middle School Library

XIV. Adjournment

At 11:32 p.m., Mike Fuechtmann moved that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting; Barb Wisniewski seconded.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0

Respectively submitted,

Tim McHugh, President

Barb Wisniewski, Secretary