



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
KEENEYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #20
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 22, 2010: 7:00P.M.
Spring Wood Middle School – Carpeted Gym
5540 Arlington Drive East, Hanover Park, IL**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 7:00 p.m., President Tim McHugh called to order the Regular Meeting of the Keeneville Elementary School District #20.

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| 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; Tod Tecktiel, Principal, Greenbrook; Nadine Tackitt, Greenbrook Teacher and KEA President; Karen Sabados, Waterbury Teacher; Mandy Aubry, Waterbury Teacher; Valerie Zielinski, Greenbrook Teacher; Danielle Benefiel, Spring Wood Teacher; Community Members Sherie Hornstein, Amy Bicbic, and Jennifer Johnson; Melanie Scott, Recording Secretary.

II. Approval of Agenda

Mike Fuechtmann moved that the Board of Education approve the Agenda; Barb Wisniewski seconded.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0

III. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

A. Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting – June 17, 2010
Special Meeting – June 23, 2010
Special Meeting – July 12, 2010

B. Financial Reports

1. District 20 Financial Report – June 2010
2. Philip Rock Center Financial Report – June 2010

C. Personnel Report

Mike Fuechtmann moved that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda; Carola Majewski seconded.

Discussion: 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.

IV. Public Participation

Nadine Tackitt, Greenbrook Teacher and KEA President offered congratulations to Gary Ofisher on the passage of the Wind Turbine bill. Dr. Auer and the Board also offered congratulations and thanks to Mr. Ofisher for his momentous accomplishment.

V. Introduction of Dr. William Schewe, Superintendent Search Facilitator

Dr. Auer introduced Dr. William Schewe to the Board as the selected Superintendent Search Facilitator to assist in finding her replacement upon her retirement at the end of June, 2011.

Dr. Schewe explained that the process to find a replacement for Dr. Auer would first include surveys, focus groups for the administrators, staff and community, and a planning meeting for the Board. Focus groups are planned for September 13 for staff members; September 13 and 14 for community members (and any other staff members who couldn't attend the staff session); and September 14 for the administrative group. The Board will hold a superintendent search planning session on September 23 at 6:00 p.m. Surveys will be collected by September 30, and analyzed by the October 7 meeting (6:00 p.m.) with the Board. The Announcement of Vacancy will be completed on October 7, as well. Applicants will be solicited via professional educational organizations' list serves and publications, the District 20 Web site, U.S. mail, the IASA vacancy site beginning October 15. A committee will screen candidates between October 16 and December 10. The application will be closed on December 10.

The Board expressed a desire to reach out across the State, rather than only the surrounding counties. Dr. Auer and Dr. Schewe assured the Board that coverage would be ample using all the resources listed above.

Mr. Fuechtmann and Mr. McHugh expressed interest in reviewing all applications.

Dr. Auer will obtain legal advice on this. Dr. Auer and Dr. Schewe will narrow the number of semi-finalists to between 4 and 6. Dr. Schewe will educate the Committee on the legalities of interviewing on Tuesday, January 4. The Committee will conduct interviews on January 5 and 6 and select 2 or 3 finalists. The entire Board will interview the finalists.

Dr. Auer and Dr. Schewe will conduct background checks, in addition to the regular criminal background checks, fingerprinting, etc.

The Board requested an estimate of the costs of this process. Dr. Schewe agreed to provide an estimate. The Board also expressed concerns about the new superintendent salary. Dr. Schewe informed the Board that the amount they were considering may not attract DuPage County superintendents; rather the pool may attract suburban assistant superintendents and/or principals and downstate superintendents.

Dr. Schewe did not recommend a 1 year contract. The Board will have to discuss the length of contract desired.

The discussion concluded with consensus from the Board that Dr. Auer and Dr. Schewe conduct the superintendent search.

VI. School Board President's Report

A. Review of Results from June Board Monitoring

There were no results to discuss from June.

B. Foundation Update

Mr. McHugh updated the Board on the newly resurrected Foundation activities. The Foundation continues to move forward. Canna & Canna, Ltd. are pursuing a 501C3 federal exemption status for the Foundation. The Foundation is planning a circus fundraiser. Insurance options are being investigated. The Foundation is continuing to seek additional directors, in particular, business community members. The officers of the Foundation are: Carrie Williams, President; Vicki Stewart, Vice-President; Elisa Singley, Secretary; and Joline Tewksbury, Treasurer.

C. IASB Resolution Update

Carola Majewski will provide support for the District 20 resolution regarding FOIA rules at the IASB Resolution Committee Meeting on August 6th. She will advise the Board of the outcome.

VII. Superintendent's Report

A. 2010 ISAT Results

Dr. Auer reported that both elementary buildings made AYP, and Spring Wood made AYP in all subjects except special education reading. She also reported that District scores in both reading and math have continued to increase. Dr. Auer thanked the staff for all their hard work and congratulated them on their achievements..

B. FOIAs

Dr. Auer informed the Board that two FOIA requests were received. The first was from Illinois Central School Bus Company asking for information regarding our bus contracts. The second was from Mr. Scott O'Connell requesting invoices for all legal services for the period of August through December, 2009. Both FOIA requests were fulfilled.

C. Noteworthy

Dr. Auer informed the Board that the staff "Welcome Back" would be held on Monday, August 16 and invited the board members to attend.

Dr. Auer also informed the Board that school schedules were reexamined upon the reaction of staff and board members to the previously presented schedules. The schedules will remain as they were except at Spring Wood, where two supervised study halls were added to the schedule to allow the 10 periods per day that had been compromised by the cancellation of some Explore classes.

VIII. Reports

A. Budget Reports for FY10 and FY11 (Gary Ofisher)

Mr. Ofisher presented information to the Board on the 2009-2010 and 2010-11 budgets. The 2009-2010 fiscal year was closed on June 30, 2010. Our budgeted revenue was \$18,776,365. We actually received \$17,673,259. Our expenditures, after large reductions, were \$17,743,861 for a deficit of \$76,602. The State of Illinois has until the end of August to pay bills. The State has not paid Phil Rock since January, and PRC had to take loans to meet its payroll in August. PRC is, however, still in the ISBE budget for 10-11.

District 20 will not receive the previously promised \$108,000 in School Improvement grant money. There will be no ARRA federal funds as well. A 2010-2011 budget will be presented to the Board in September for adoption.

Mr. Ofisher talked to the Board about the Sensory Centric Universal Design (SCUD) building, now that the wind turbine legislation passed. The plan was to use the wind turbine to sustain the SCUD. The facility would be used to provide a teaching environment to enhance the learning opportunities for deaf/blind and autistic children, and serve as a research center for teaching children with these disabilities. Funds to build would be secured by a grant from the Capital Development Board. Researchers interested in this project are the University of Illinois at Chicago Medical School with direct interest from Dr. Bennett Leventhal, New York University Medical School and National Louis University.

The Board concluded this discussion on the SCUD project with consensus that Mr. Ofisher should go forward.

B. Grants (Gary)

Mr. Ofisher reported that \$40,497 in Title I monies would be carried over from the 2010 fiscal year. 2009-2010 carryover funds will be used for the 2 study hall supervisor positions at the approximate cost of \$20,000 times 2. The study halls will be available for 6 periods each day. This schedule will provide time for regular ed and special ed teachers to spend time with students who need additional help. Dr. Auer and Mr. Ofisher thanked Ms. Tackitt and Mr. Barringer for their cooperation and creative thinking in finding a solution to the scheduling problem.

IX. Closed Session (Information related to the employment, appointment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee; discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act whether for School Board approval or for review of the minutes.)

At 9:00 p.m., Scott Williams 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 discussion of lawfully closed meeting minutes, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21). Barb Wisniewski seconded.

Discussion: No discussion

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 adjourned Closed Session and returned to Open Session at 9:21 p.m.

X. Items for Board Action

A. Approve Resolution to Execute the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Establishing the School Wind Consortium Joint Action Renewable Energy Agency

Scott Williams moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution to Execute the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Establishing the School Wind Consortium Joint Action Renewable Energy Agency as presented; Mike Fuechtmann seconded.

Discussion: No further discussion. Information was presented in detail at the Special Board Meeting on July 12, 2010.

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 Retention of Closed Session Minutes as Confidential

Scott Williams moved that the Board of Education:

- retain the following Closed Session Minutes as confidential:
12/17/09, 1/16/10, 1/28/10, 2/20/10, 2/25/10, 3/25/10,
4/22/10, 5/10/10, 5/13/10, 5/27/10, 6/17/10.

- continue to retain previously retained Closed Session Minutes as confidential:
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, 4/3/08, 5/28/09, 8/13/09, 9/24/09, 10/22/09.

- and release the following Closed Session Minutes:

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.

C. Approve Resolution for SASSED's 10 Year Life Safety Survey

Barb Wisniewski moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution for SASSED's 10 Year Life Safety Survey as presented; Tom Lair seconded.

Discussion: None

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.

XI. Miscellaneous

- A. Opening Institute, August 16, 8:00 A.M. Spring Wood Gym
- B. August Board Meeting, August 26, 2010, 7:00, Spring Wood Middle School Library

XII. Adjournment

At 9:35 p.m., Tom Lair moved that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting; Carola Majewski seconded.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Tim McHugh, President

Barb Wisniewski