



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
KEENEYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #20
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 27, 2011, 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 Meeting 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	- absent
	Scott Williams	- present

Also in attendance were: Dr. Carol Auer, Superintendent; Gary Ofisher, Director of Operations and Treasurer; Mary Iwema, Director of Special Education; Joseph Neilon, Director of Technology; Peggy Whitlow, Exec. Director of PRCS; Craig Barringer, Principal, Spring Wood; Mark Bocian, Asst. Principal, Spring Wood; Tod Tecktiel, Principal, Greenbrook; John Gustafson, Asst. Principal, Greenbrook; Beth Carow, Principal, Waterbury; Deena McLoughlin, Asst. Principal, Waterbury; KEA Officers Nadine Tackitt, JoAnne Champagne; Jill Echternach, Samantha Seifrid and Gail Banek; Spring Wood Staff Members Danielle Benefiel, Phyllis Wempe, Jennifer Engstrom, Katie Josefik, Jodie Kammes, Dan Hubert; Greenbrook Staff Members Brian Hereford, Valerie Zielinski; Charlotte Rhodes, Pam Falco; Waterbury Staff Members Karen Sabados, Mandy Aubry, Lyn Ellis; District Office Staff Member Nancy Sporer; Community Members Lisa Dreyfuss, Lorie Catrambone, Willie Rhodes and Jennifer Johnson; and Recording Secretary Melanie Scott.

II. Approval of Agenda

Barb Wisniewski moved that the Board of Education approve the Amended Agenda; Carola Majewski seconded:

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0
Motion carried.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Regular Meeting – December 16, 2010
2. Special Meeting – November 29, January, 4, 5, 6, and 10, 2011

B. Financial Reports (4.80 & 4.95)

1. District 20 Financial Reports – December 2010
2. Philip Rock Center Financial Reports – December, 2010

C. Personnel Report (2.20, #2, 2.240 and 5.195)

D. Resolution to Designate Person to Prepare Tentative FY12 Budget (4.95)

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

No items were pulled for individual discussion.

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

Motion carried.

IV. Approval of Employment Contract for Superintendent Successor (2.20 #2)

Carola Majewski moved that the Board of Education approve the employment contract for Dr. Michael Connolly as presented; Barb Wisniewski seconded.

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

Motion carried.

~ At this time, a welcoming reception was held for Dr. Michael Connolly, newly selected superintendent designate effective July 1, 2011. ~

V. Public Participation

Craig Barringer, Principal of Spring Wood Middle School, on the behalf of the Administrative Team welcomed Dr. Michael Connolly and offered the support of the team.

Nadine Tackitt, President of the KEA and Greenbrook Teacher, welcomed Dr. Connolly on behalf of the teachers of the district.

Pam Falco, Support Staff Member of Greenbrook and mother of four District #20 students welcomed Dr. Connolly on behalf of the District #20 community.

Peggy Whitlow, Executive Director of the Philip J. Rock Center and School welcomed Dr. Connolly on behalf of the Phil Rock Center and School staff and students.

VI. School Board President's Report

A. Review December Board Meeting Self-Monitoring Input (2.10 #6)

Mr. McHugh reported that no self-monitoring forms were received for the December meeting. He stated that the past year was a lot of work, but was done collaboratively and resulted in continuing to move the district in the right direction.

Mr. McHugh also updated the community on the Spring Wood Educational Foundation activities. The first official fundraiser for the Foundation will be a Trivia Night on March 5, 2011, 6:30 p.m. at the Roselle American Legion Hall, 344 East Maple Avenue in Roselle. Tables are still available. To sign up, please click on the Spring Wood Educational Foundation link found on the District 20 Web site. The Foundation provided the financial support for the basketball teams this year. The eighth grade basketball team was undefeated this year; the seventh grade won some games and lost some but played very well. The leadership and sportsmanship of both teams was outstanding, as well as the team spirit shown by the entire Spring Wood community.

VII. Superintendent's Report

A. First Reading of Policy Section 7, Students (2.20, #1 and 2.240)

Dr. Auer presented Section 7 of the Policy Manual for review. She asked that board members contact her with any questions.

Jennifer Engstrom, Spring Wood Teacher, and Joseph Neilon, Director of Technology presented an example of a lesson using the newly acquired Promethean Interactive White Boards. Teachers who have used the new boards have noted an increase in student participation. They also noted the advantage of immediate feedback, which allows them to differentiate their lessons on the spot. The pilot program includes two Promethean boards located at each of the District 20 schools, with the intention that more be added as money becomes available. The Promethean boards will replace existing television monitors in the classrooms.

Dr. Auer reported that John Gustafson is working on summer school for this year. The program will most likely be three days each week and be paid for through Title I funds.

Dr. Auer also reported that newly elected Representative Mussman visited Spring Wood and Greenbrook Schools. Ms. Mussman wrote a note to Mr. Tecktiel telling him how proud he should be of the environment at Greenbrook, and how much she enjoyed the visit. Greenbrook is also being honored on February 14 at the Equity and Excellence Conference for making AYP and improving ISAT scores. Greenbrook is one of 6 schools being honored from DuPage County.

B. FOIA from Jason Goorman, Education Action Group, re: KEA Negotiated Agreement (2.250)

Dr. Auer informed the Board of the FOIA request above. The FOIA request was completed.

C. Noteworthy Items

Dr. Auer reminded board members to complete the survey from IASB by February 8 in order to prepare for the February 22 self-evaluation meeting with Barb Toney.

Dr. Auer also reminded board members that, in April, they will have to select a new SASSED board member. Dr. Auer has been the SASSED representative for several years with Tim McHugh as the back-up.

The Illinois State Board of Education requires that, if a district has at least 200 bilingual students, the program director must have an administrative certificate plus a bilingual certificate. Dr. Auer and a group of superintendents are challenging this requirement as there is no research to show that a change in the program director's certification is educationally beneficial to bilingual children. The number of bilingual students which precipitates the change in certification also appears arbitrary and without the support of research.

Dr. Auer informed the Board that the IASB has asked for proposals to present at the III Conference next year. The deadline for proposals is February 18. Mr. McHugh complimented the Keeneyville Board of Education for having represented the District so well in Illinois Association of School Boards leadership roles (Carola Majewski and Barb Wisniewski) as well as in presentations at the III Conference. Keeneyville also initiated an IASB endorsed stance on modifications to the current FOIA regulations. The IASB Spring Dinner Meeting will be held on March 10, 2011. New Board candidates have been invited to attend as well as current board members. The Board needs to decide whether to renew its membership in NSBA by the March, 2011 meeting.

VIII. Information Items and/or Reports

A. Report on Library Goals (Mrs. Linda Pfeffer)

The report on library goals was rescheduled for the February meeting.

B. Update on Finance and Operations (Gary Ofisher)

Mr. Ofisher updated the Board on the latest cooperative grant application with Roselle Park District, which could provide an enhanced gym facility at Waterbury School, if approved for 2012. The current cooperative grant application with Hanover Park District has been processed and is awaiting approval in February, 2011. This grant could provide an enhanced gym facility at Spring Wood Middle School.

Mr. Ofisher also summarized revenues and expenditures year-to date. Mr. Ofisher stated he expects the fiscal year to end in a balanced position.

Mr. Ofisher talked about the progress made by the School Wind Consortium Joint Action Renewable Energy Agency in securing a wind farm in Stark County, Illinois. The agency is currently involved in securing an entity to purchase the power produced by the wind farm, and is meeting with Gold Wind regarding the purchase of the wind turbines. The wind turbine project will include an educational component for local schools, and an Internet site which

will display the speed of the wind and energy produced. Mr. Ofisher also summarized some of the income projections, and some of the challenges that lie ahead.

- IX. Closed Session (Information related to the employment, appointment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee, litigation affecting the school board that has been filed and is pending, and, discussion of minutes closed under the Open Meetings Act for the review of the minutes as required by the Act)

At 8:16 p.m., Carola Majewski 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; litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes; and the 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: None

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

Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:20 p.m.

- X. Items for Board Action
A. Approve Bid for Truck Purchase (4.60)

Scott Williams moved that the Board of Education approve the bid for truck purchase to Friendly Ford of Roselle, Illinois as presented. Carola Majewski seconded.

Discussion: None

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

Motion carried.

B. Second Reading and Approval of Policy Changes to Section 5: Personnel and Section 6: Instruction

Barb Wisniewski moved that the Board of Education approve the Second Reading and Approval of Policy Changes to Section 5: Personnel, and Section 6: Instruction as presented. Scott Williams seconded.

Discussion: None

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

Motion carried.

C. Approve Retention/Release of Closed Session Minutes 7/22/10 through 1/10/11; and Destruction of Closed Session Tapes to June 2009 (2.220, p. 3)

Mike Fuechtmann moved that the Board of Education approve the destruction of Closed Session tapes up to June, 2009; the release of the following Closed Session minutes: 11/29/10, 1/4/11, 1/5/11, 1/6/11, 1/10/11. retention of Closed Session minutes as follows: : 7/22/10, 8/26/10, 9/23/10, 10/7/10, 11/17/10, 12/16/10; and the retention of previously retained minutes as follows: 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, 10/22/09.12/17/09, 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.
Scott Williams seconded.

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

Motion carried.

D. Approve the 2011-2012 School Year Calendar (2.20, #14)

Carola Majewski moved that the Board of Education approve the 2011-2012 School Year Calendar with the winter break beginning on December 19, 2011 and ending on December 30, 2011 with the school year ending on May 25, 2012. Barb Wisniewski seconded.

Discussion: Dr. Auer explained that the tentative calendar was approved early last year prior to other districts approving their calendars. Therefore, it was necessary to adjust the calendar to coincide with Lake Park's winter and spring vacation

schedules for the benefit of our families. Lake Park and the other feeder districts will return on Tuesday, January 3, 2012; Keeneyville will return on January 2, 2012 to provide a full week of school for students and follow the recommendation of the Regional Office of Education.

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

Motion carried.

E. Approve the Spring Wood Middle School Rising Star School Improvement Plan

Barb Wisniewski moved that the Board of Education approve the Spring Wood Middle School Rising Star School Improvement Plan as presented. Carola Majewski seconded.

Discussion: The Board had previously approved the Spring Wood Middle School School Improvement Plan required by the State. The Board was asked to approve the new Illinois program's (Rising Star) School Improvement Plan. The Spring Wood School Improvement Team and Craig Barringer were complimented on the great work they have accomplished.

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

Motion carried.

XI. Miscellaneous

- A. Introduction of FY12 Budget, Saturday, February 12, 2011, at 10:15 AM in the District 20 Board Room
- B. Board Self Governance Retreat, Tuesday, February 22, 2011, 7:00 PM
- C. February Board of Education Meeting, Thursday, February 24, 2011, Spring Wood Library
- D. Waterbury PTO, Tuesday, February 1, 2011
- E. Greenbrook PTO, Wednesday, February 2, 2011
- F. Spring Wood PTO, Wednesday, February 9, 2011
- G. IASB Spring Meeting - Thursday, March 10, 2011

XII. Adjournment

At 9:30 p.m., Mike Fuechtmann moved that the meeting adjourn; Barb Wisniewski seconded.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim McHugh, President

Barb Wisniewski, Secretary