



BOARD OF EDUCATION
KEENEYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #20
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, September 22, 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 Board of Education of Keeneyville Elementary School District #20 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Tim McHugh.

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| Roll Call: Tim McHugh | - present |
| Tom Lair | - present |
| Mike Fuechtmann | - present |
| Phil Anderson | - absent |
| Scott Williams | - present |
| Willie Rhodes | - present |
| Jennifer Johnson | - present |

A quorum was present.

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michael Connolly, Superintendent; Gary Ofisher, Director of Operations and Treasurer; Craig Barringer, Principal, Spring Wood; Dan Stockhausen, Principal, Waterbury; Deena McLoughlin, Asst. Principal, Waterbury; John Gustafson, Asst. Principal, Green brook; Brian Hereford, KEA Principal and Greenbrook Teacher; Terry Karner, KEA Vice-President and Spring Wood Teacher; Peggy Whitlow, Executive Director, Philip Rock Center and School; Michelle Clyne, Principal, Phil Rock Center and School; Staff Members Danielle Benefiel, Kathy Pouloupoulos, Linda Pfeffer, Mary Ann Cruz, Amber Waksmundzki, Valerie Zielinski, Elisa Singley, Jennifer Alderson, and Christine Lyons; Illinois Central Bus Company Representatives Chris Lanning and David Niedospial; Community Members Lorie Catrambone, Vicky Stewart, Jim Novak, Pam Falco, Sue Reidy, Ann Carreto, Lisa Dreyfuss, and Amy Bicbic; Recording Secretary Melanie Scott

II. Approval of Agenda

Mike Fuechtmann moved that the Board of Education approve the Agenda; Jennifer Johnson seconded.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0

III. Academic Spotlight- Greenbrook School

The second grade teaching team from Greenbrook Schools presented and demonstrated the Daily 5 Literacy Framework – Ms. Zielinski, Ms. Seifrid, Ms. Pouloupoulos and Ms. Waksmundzki participated, along with their students Erica Schlegel, Elizabeth Schlegel and Haley Johnson.

The second grade teachers extolled the virtues of the program, citing the positive response from their students and the increase in independent learning opportunities. Dr. Connolly noted that this program is a pilot. The District will be reviewing all literacy structures in the District, find out what is working, and further unify the direction of the District.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

A. Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting – August 25, 2011

B. Financial Reports

1. District 20 Financial Reports – August 2011

2. Philip Rock Center Financial Reports – August 2011

C. Personnel Reports (2.20, #3)

D. Application for Recognition of Schools

Mike Fuechtmann moved that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda; Jennifer Johnson seconded.

No items were pulled for individual discussion.

Roll Call: Tom Lair - aye
Mike Fuechtmann - aye
Scott Williams - aye
Willie Rhodes - aye
Jennifer Johnson - aye
Tim McHugh - aye

Motion carried.

At this time, a new teacher, Mr. Jack Hanlon, music teacher at Waterbury School, was introduced to the Board.

V. Public Hearing

A. Presentation of FY12 Budget (Gary Ofisher) (4.95)

At 7:34 p.m., Mr. McHugh asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting and open the Public Hearing to obtain public testimony regarding the FY12 Budget for all funds. Scott Williams moved; Tom Lair seconded. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstains: 0
Motion carried.

Mr. Ofisher explained the FY12 Budget for all funds following the Power Point presentation attached.

Mr. Fuechtmann asked about the possible deficit in the Transportation Fund. Mr. Ofisher explained that one still unknown was how much the

State of Illinois was going to cut our transportation revenue. If our expenses exceeded our revenue, it would be necessary to borrow money from the Working Cash Fund to pay for transportation, then pay it back. Ms. Johnson asked if the District has enough money in the Working Cash Fund if this were necessary. Mr. Ofisher replied that the District had \$2.2M in the Working Cash Fund. There was a discussion regarding the State increasing income taxes, but Bloomingdale Township decreasing property assessments.

The District may not know how much the fund has been cut until June, 2012. Mr. Fuechtmann asked if there was anything we could do now to avoid not balancing the budget in the transportation fund. Mr. Ofisher explained that the District has already cut field trips, and only supplies the buses to and from school.

Mr. Fuechtmann reminded the administration that the District was going to prepare a 10 year study of health benefit costs. Mr. Ofisher explained that right now it would be difficult to do because of the costs associated with the federal health care program. There have been discussions in Congress to decrease some of the benefits. As it is now, the trend is seen to be an increase in excess of 10% per year for the next four years.

Ms. Catrambone asked what the acronym “ARRA” stood for. Mr. Ofisher responded that it was the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Mr. Hereford asked if the Power Point presentation could be posted on the District Web site. Mr. Ofisher responded that it could.

At 7:55 p.m., after asking for additional testimony related to the FY12 Budget, Mr. McHugh asked for a motion to end the Public Hearing and return to the Regular Meeting. Tom Lair moved and Jennifer Johnson seconded. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstains: 0
Motion carried.

VI. Public Participation

Ms. Elisa Singley, teacher, Waterbury School, read a statement to the Board related to student and teacher bullying issues.

Ms. Lorie Catrambone, Spring Wood and Waterbury parent, asked if year-round schooling is a subject the District is going to research due to the loss of time while refreshing” in the first quarter of school each year, and the higher standards. Mr. McHugh replied that it was not currently on the Board’s agenda; Mr. Fuechtmann asked that it be added to a future meeting. Lake Park’s practice of assigning summer homework was discussed. Dr. Connolly stated that year-round schooling would have to be looked at overall – economic impact,

educational benefit, drawbacks, and then fully vet models in the area. If, through the planning process that the Board is going to engage in, it decides this is a subject that the Board would like to study, the District can do that.

VII. School Board President's Report

A. Board Self-Monitoring Report from August

Mr. McHugh received one rating that was very positive – the August meeting was an excellent meeting. This is a testament to Dr. Connolly and the fine job that he is doing.

B. Board Agreements

The Board discussed the Revised Board Agreements as presented and decided to revise the first paragraph by eliminating the word “consent” in reference to the agenda. The revised Agreements will be provided to the Board for signature at the next board meeting.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

A. Residency and Registration Report- National Investigations

Dr. Connolly talked about the results of the change in District policy regarding proof of residency, and the use of National Investigations to investigate any residency issues. 20 students were found to be residents of the District; 8 qualified as homeless; 8 were not residents and were not admitted. The amount of tuition saved was \$93,000. The investigations cost \$3,900. The benefit to the District was \$89,000. Although the enforcement of the policy was very emotional, it benefited the residents and taxpayers of the District.

B. Student Assessment- ISATs/NWEA MAP

Dr. Connolly presented ISAT data for reading and math for cohort groups of students graduating in 2011 and 2012. The data showed substantial growth between grades 3 through 8 overall, as well as for individual subgroups. Dr. Connolly will present data for matched cohort groups (only students who were with Keeneyville District 20 for their entire student career) in the future.

One of Dr. Connolly's concerns is that we do not have enough data. The ISAT test is a snapshot of a kid on a day. The staff has expressed concerns with the common assessments. By 2014-2015, the PARC exam will be aligned to the Common Core standards and will examine grades K-12. The District needs an assessment to tell us where students are. Therefore, District 20 will implement NWEA MAP testing this year with two testing cycles. Next year, there will be three cycles. The testing is computer based for reading, language usage and math. The level of scoring is extremely consistent. The program

has been heavily researched, and every three years the tests are renormed. They are aligned to the State Standards and the Common Core. There is a parent component as well, so parent outreach will be a necessity.

- C. Greenbrook and Spring Wood School Choice and SES Status Letters
NCLB required us to send letters regarding AYP status to parents of students at Greenbrook and Spring Wood offering choice and SES. The letters had to contain certain wording or the letters would not have been approved by the State. The letters caused concern with our parent groups. Both the principals and Dr. Connolly fielded questions from parents. The Department of Education will be offering waivers from some NCLB requirements if the state applying for the waiver meets certain criteria. Illinois may apply for these waivers.
- D. Quarterly Report of Students No Longer Enrolled
Dr. Connolly advised the Board that the District filed its Quarterly Report of Students No Longer Enrolled with the Regional Office of Education.
- E. Noteworthy Items
Grants – Last year District 20 applied for a grant with the Hanover Park Park District, which would have resulted in an addition to Spring Wood. The grant wasn't approved – the project was too large. We may apply again with a pared-down version. The District is also pursuing a grant with the Roselle Park District, which may result in a multi-purpose room at Waterbury. Meetings with the architects are being conducted. In addition, we are pursuing a free-standing early childhood center grant which would be constructed on Greenbrook property. In addition to access to early childhood programs, there is a thought that some type of library access could be provided. Gary will be bringing back information to the Board in October regarding the Roselle Park District grant.

The Town Hall Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 28 from 7-9 p.m. in the Spring Wood carpeted gym. The information is on the Web site, and a reminder all-call will be generated on Monday. Child care will be provided for the Town Hall Meeting, and for the October board meeting on a pilot basis.

The October 15 Strategic Planning Meeting preparations are being made. Barb Toney met with Dr. Connolly to discuss the agenda.

Dr. Connolly explained the new Board Salute Program to acknowledge outstanding individuals in the community who go above and beyond for District 20. Dr. Connolly requested 2 board members to be on the committee with him. Jennifer Johnson and Scott Williams volunteered.

A nomination can be filed by anyone. The form will be on the Web site. The recipient, chosen on a quarterly basis, will receive a certificate at a board meeting, a small token of appreciation, a name plate hung on a plaque.

6 students, 3 Waterbury and 3 Spring Wood, were selected as winners of a poster contest held to promote the Hanover Park Annual Recycling Event held on September 17, 2011. One of the student's posters was selected to be used in promotion of next year's 2012 Hanover Park event.

There will be a joint meeting of District 300, District 23 and District 20 on Monday, October 10, 2011 to present information to the board members regarding the final agreement for the wind turbine project. The report will be made by Baker Tilly.

IX. Information Items and/or Reports

A. Title I Summer School 2011 Report

Mr. Gustafson, Assistant Principal of Greenbrook School and Summer School Principal, provided a presentation on the Title I Summer School.

100 students participated. There was a staff of 8 teachers, one clerical assistant/librarian and a principal.

The vision for Summer School was to engage all students in an educational experience focused on natural intelligence using "hands-on", self-directed learning. The students were given pre and post tests. The results indicated progress in many areas. Students were enthusiastic about attending summer school and parent surveys were positive.

Mr. Gustafson reported that attendance was great, and there were no drop-outs.

The District will be doing a comprehensive review of summer school for next year. Access to field trips, if there are any, will be equitable among the schools.

X. 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 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. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

At 9:15 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; and 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. Jennifer Johnson seconded.

Roll Call: Mike Fuechtmann - aye
 Scott Williams - aye
 Willie Rhodes - aye
 Jennifer Johnson - aye
 Tim McHugh - aye
 Tom Lair - aye

Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:55 p.m.

XI. Items for Board Action

A. Approval of the 2011-2012 Budget for All Funds (4.95)

Mike Fuechtmann moved that the Board of Education approved the adoption of the Keeneyville Elementary School District #20 Operating Budget for the school year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012 for the funds and in the amounts inclusive of receipts and other financing sources as depicted on ISBE Form 50-36 as presented on September 22, 2011. The FY12 Budget for all funds is as follows:

| | <u>REVENUE</u> | <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | <u>SURPLUS/DEFICIENCY</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Education | \$ 15,657,042 | \$ 15,657,042 | 0 |
| Operations & Maintenance | 1,598,922 | 1,598,922 | 0 |
| Bond/Interest | 858,274 | 850,870 | 7,404 |
| Transportation | 953,480 | 953,480 | 0 |
| IMRF/Social Security | 427,441 | 427,441 | 0 |
| Site & Construction | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Working Cash | 20,000 | 0 | 20,000 |
| Life Safety | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tort | <u>51,126</u> | <u>51,126</u> | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL | \$ 19,566,285 | \$ 19,538,881 | \$ 27,404 |

Scott Williams seconded.

Discussion: No further discussion.

Roll call: Scott Williams - aye
 Willie Rhodes - aye
 Jennifer Johnson - aye
 Tim McHugh - aye
 Tom Lair - aye
 Mike Fuechtmann - aye

Motion carried.

B. Approval of Contract for Executive Director of Philip Rock Center and School

Mike Fuechtmann moved that the Board of Education table the approval of contract for Executive Director of Philip Rock Center and School; Scott Williams seconded.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Willie Rhodes - aye
 Jennifer Johnson - aye
 Tim McHugh - aye
 Tom Lair - aye
 Mike Fuechtmann - aye
 Scott Williams - aye

Motion carried.

C. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Tressler LLC to Intervene in Tax Appeal Cases.

Jennifer Johnson moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution authorizing Tressler LLC to intervene in tax appeal cases; Scott Williams seconded.

Discussion: Mr. Ofisher explained that District 20 is part of the Lake Park Consortium and the consortium employs Tressler LLC as their tax objection attorney firm.

Roll Call: Jennifer Johnson - aye
 Tim McHugh - aye
 Tom Lair - aye
 Mike Fuechtmann - aye
 Scott Williams - aye
 Willie Rhodes - aye

Motion carried.

D. Approval of Board Agreements

Mike Fuechtmann moved to table the approval of the Board Agreements, pending revision. Jennifer Johnson seconded.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: Tim McHugh
Tom Lair
Mike Fuechtmann
Scott Williams
Willie Rhodes
Jennifer Johnson

Motion carried.

XII. Miscellaneous

- A. Keeneyville District 20 Town Hall Meeting, Wednesday, September 28, 2011, Spring Wood Carpeted Gym, 7-9 P.M.
- B. IASB Fall Dinner Meeting, Tuesday, October 4, 6:00 PM
- C. Waterbury PTO Meeting, Tuesday, October 4, 7:00 PM
- D. Greenbrook PTO Meeting, Wednesday, October 5, 5:00 PM
- E. SWAC (Wind Turbine) Board Meeting, Monday, October 10, 2011, Community Unit School District #300 Administrative Building, 300 Cleveland Ave., Carpentersville, IL.
- F. Spring Wood PTO Meeting, October 12, 7:00 PM
- G. Keeneyville Community Planning Session, Saturday, October 15, 2011, Greenbrook Library, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
- H. October Board of Education Meeting, Thursday, October 27, 2010
Spring Wood Middle School Library

XIII. Adjournment

At 11:15 p.m., Jennifer Johnson moved that the Board of Education Meeting adjourn. Scott Williams seconded.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim McHugh, President

Mike Fuechtmann, Secretary