

AUGUST COMMUNITY PACKET
WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 50
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
August 27, 2009
6:30 P.M. – 9:30 P.M.

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ILLINOIS COMPILED STATUTES, 5 ILCS 120/2.02 (OPEN MEETINGS ACT) NOTICES OF THIS MEETING HAVE BEEN POSTED. LOCATION OF THE MEETING IS IN THE WOODLAND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT CENTER, 1105 N. HUNT CLUB ROAD, GURNEE, ILLINOIS, 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Move to enter Closed Session

The Board will enter into closed session to discuss:

- Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.
- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the Board of Education, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity;
- Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

IV. Return to Open Session at 7:30 P.M.

V. Call to Order

VI. Roll Call

VII. Pledge of Allegiance

VIII. Approval of Agenda

IX. Reading of Communications

X. Citizen Statements

Citizens are provided time to address the Board. The Board of Education respectfully requests that individuals limit comments or questions to two minutes and if requested, the Board will respond in writing.

X. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Board of Education Meeting Minutes: Special Meeting 7/9/09, Closed Meeting 7/23/09, Regular Meeting 7/23/09, and Special Meeting 7/30/09
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Treasurer Reports
- D. Approval of Employment
- E. Acceptance of Resignations
- F. Approval of Leaves of Absence
- G. Approval of Substitutes
- H. Approval of Disposition of District Property

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- I. Approval of FY 10 School Improvement Team Leaders and Curriculum Coordinators
 - J. Approval of Renewal of Contract with Head Start
 - K. Approval of Change Orders for Life Health Safety Projects
- XI. Action Items
None
- XII. Reports/Discussion Items
A. Written Reports
- Strategic Planning Goal 1A Student Learning - Dr. Anne Swanson and Steve Thomas will provide the Board with a report on the FY09 Illinois Standards Achievement Test.
 - Computer Purchase - The Board will receive a written report on the purchase of computers for the Elementary schools.
 - IUPC Gas Cooperative and Purchases – Bob Leonard will present a written report on the status of gas and electric purchases for 2010
 - Board Individual e-mail Accounts -
- XIII. Board Improvement and Operations
The Board will discuss various ways to improve the efficiency of meetings and the receipt of information via monthly packets.
- XIV. Status of Requests from Board Members/Recap/Future Board Items/Correspondence
Board members will discuss:
1. Status of requests from Board meetings
 2. A recap of the meeting and future Board items
 3. Correspondence to the Board and direction on responses
 4. Receipt of any Freedom of Information Act Requests- None at this time.
- XV. Announcements and Board Committee Reports
- XVI. Return to Closed Session, If Necessary
- XVII. Adjournment

WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #50
COMMUNITY/PRESS PACKET FOR
August 2009 BOARD MEETING

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of Disposition of District Property (Policy 4:80) – At the Board meeting on July 23, the Board asked the administration to see if any of our local charitable agencies would be interested in the items they listed before they were donated to United Cerebral Palsy. Dann Giese, Director of Technology, informed us that after checking with several local agencies, none were interested in the equipment we offered. Thus, the district is requesting to donate the remaining equipment to United Cerebral Palsy.
- Approval of FY10 School Improvement Team Leaders and Curriculum Coordinators – The Board of Education annually approves the school improvement leaders, team leaders and curriculum coordinators for extra duty stipends. The individuals to serve in these positions are recommended by the principals.
- Approval of Renewal of Contract with Head Start – Head Start is requesting for the fifth year approval of a contract to rent 3 classrooms to run their program. This program provides early childhood and enrichment services for eligible students from the surrounding area. Over 50% of the students who received services this past year were residents of Woodland.
- Approval of Change Orders for Life Health Safety Projects –The Board will approve the payment of change orders in the amounts of 1) \$2,325.02 for reimbursement for Lake County Permit and Lake County Sewer/Water Permit and man hours to obtain permit. 2) in the amount of \$2,528.99 to install approximately 36 square feet of owner supplied maple flooring where a gym partition door used to be located, and 3) in the amount of \$8,778.53 to open cut a trench under Primary School hallway to run new sewer line in lieu of auguring due to conflicts in elevations.

ACTION ITEMS:

- None at this time.

REPORTS:

- Strategic Planning Goal 1A Student Learning – Achievement - The administration is pleased to report that our students continue to improve in the key accountability areas of NCLB: reading and mathematics. While the AYP targets continue to climb, our staff remains vigilant toward improving student learning. Attached is the FY09 student achievement presentation as well as the 2009 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) data for the district, the Elementary, Intermediate and Middle Schools. Overall, we continue to make progress toward strategic planning goal 1B of proficiency for all students even in the wake of disproportionately escalating AYP targets.

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- Computer Purchase – Elementary School - Dann Giesey will provide the Board with information regarding the status of the Apple Computer lease strategy, results from FY09 computer installation at the Intermediate and Primary Schools, and provide information regarding the purchase of the computers for the Elementary Schools.
- IUPC Gas Cooperative and Purchases - The district will end its relationship with IUPC (Intergovernmental Utility Purchasing Cooperative) as of 1/31/10 for gas, and 12/31/10 for electric.

Woodland District #50 has a large enough utility consumption to receive the same amount of discount in purchasing as a large cooperative. Due to this fact, we believe the cost savings in buying gas and electric will come by timely and informal purchases vs. belonging to a large pool.

For future energy purchases, we recommend using a direct consultant to advise the district on purchases. Mr. John Geier of Apex Energy Services L.L.C. has the experience and expertise necessary to guide us in making these purchasing decisions. Mr. Geier works directly with private and public accounts to secure energy procedures and has high recommendations from those references.

Just like the Broker who worked with the IUPC Cooperative, the fees for placing the energy purchases are paid by the supplier, not by Woodland.

To determine if our recommendation for direct purchasing was advantageous to the district; we will use both the North Shore gas bill and the previous IUPC Gas Cooperative as a benchmark. We will chart our purchasing decision on a comparison to calculate cost savings. We currently average \$1.6 million per year on gas and electric costs.

We expect to have the transaction completed by February 1, 2020.

BOARD OPERATIONS:

- Board Attendance at Workshops –Joan Morris and Catherine Campbell will share feedback from the New Board Member Workshop they attended August 6 – 8, 2009.