

MEETING OF THE REGULAR BOARD SESSION OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 50
Board of Education Office
1105 N. Hunt Club Road
Gurnee, IL 60031
Thursday, March 25, 2010

Call to Order

President, L.A. Gregorash, called the regular session of the Board of Education of Woodland School District 50 to order at 7:45 PM.

Roll Call

Members Present: Bruce Bohren
Catherine Campbell
L.A. Gregorash
Terry Hall
Carla Little (via telephone)
Joan Morris
Mark Vondracek

Members Absent: None

Superintendent Present: Joy Swoboda
Associate Superintendent: Bob Leonard

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Bruce Bohren and seconded by Mark Vondracek to approve the agenda as presented.

On Roll Call, the votes were:

Ayes: Catherine Campbell, L.A. Gregorash, Terry Hall, Carla Little, Joan Morris, Mark Vondracek, Bruce Bohren

Nays: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

Citizen Statements

There were none.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Bruce Bohren and seconded by Mark Vondracek to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Member Campbell asked that items A and H be pulled from consent. These items will be reflected as follows:

Consent A – becomes Action D

Consent H – becomes Action E

A motion was made by Bruce Bohren and seconded by Catherine Campbell to approve the consent agenda as amended.

On Roll Call, the votes were:

Ayes: L.A. Gregorash, Terry Hall, Carla Little, Joan Morris, Mark Vondracek, Bruce Bohren, Catherine Campbell

Nays: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

B. Budget Transfers

C. Approval of Employment

<u>Certified</u>	<u>Position</u>
Mary O'Grady	.6 FTE Speech/Language Pathologist
Jenna Passolt	1.0 FTE Speech/Language Pathologist

D. Acceptance of Resignations

<u>CERTIFIED</u>	<u>Position</u>
Magan Bearman	Family & Consumer Science
Bryan Becker	8 th Grade Math
Timmie Block	Teacher - ISEC
Sylvia Hurtado	Bilingual – 3 rd Grade
Katie Norwell	Teacher – ISEC
Joy Unger	Teacher - ISEC

E. Approval of Leaves of Absence

F. Approval of Substitutes

G. Acceptance of Donations

I. Granting of Tenure

J. Resolution of Honorable Non-Reemployment of First, Second, and Third Year Probationary Teachers

K. Resolution of Honorable Dismissal of Educational Support Personnel Employees

L. Resolution of Reduction in Hours or Days of Full Time Educational Support Personnel Employees

M. Resolution of Honorable Non-Reemployment of Part-Time Educational Support Personnel Employees

N. Resolution of Honorable Non-Reemployment of Part Time Teacher

Action Items

A. Monthly Financial Reports, Treasurer Reports and Board Payable Lists

A request was made by Catherine Campbell to provide a chart that reflects current revenues and balance totals. This information will be provided in the future.

Terry Hall inquired about the breakdown for local revenues. Bob Leonard explained local revenues are property taxes, interest earnings and fees. Ms. Hall asked if a breakdown by category could be provided to help show the variances.

Ms. Hall indicated she would like to see the full State Aid Report for Prairie Crossing Charter School for a detailed report on annual budget numbers.

A motion was made by Terry Hall and seconded by Bruce Bohren to accept the financial reports, treasurer reports, and board payables as presented.

On Roll Call, the votes were:

Ayes: Terry Hall, Carla Little, Joan Morris, Mark Vondracek, Bruce Bohren, Catherine Campbell, L.A. Gregorash

Nays: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

B. Resolution for Inter-Fund Loan

A motion was made by Bruce Bohren and seconded by Mark Vondracek to approve the resolution for transferring monies from the Working Cash Fund to the Municipal Retirement and Social Security Fund and to the Tort Immunity and Judgment Fund as presented.

On Roll Call, the votes were:

Ayes: Carla Little, Joan Morris, Mark Vondracek, Bruce Bohren, Catherine Campbell,
L.A. Gregorash, Terry Hall,

Nays: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

C. Wireless Connectivity

A motion was made by Bruce Bohren and seconded by Joan Morris to approve the district-wide area network using wireless network technologies at a cost of \$104,000.

On Roll Call, the votes were:

Ayes: Joan Morris, Mark Vondracek, Bruce Bohren, Catherine Campbell, L.A. Gregorash, Terry
Hall, Carla Little (arrived at 8:00 PM)

Nays: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

D. Approval of Minutes

Catherine Campbell explained she pulled this item from consent to ask if there was any legal reason she could not record the open session portion of the meeting. She explained she was using a "Smart Pen" to record open session to check for accuracy of the minutes.

A motion was made by Terry Hall and seconded by Bruce Bohren to approve the minutes as presented.

On Roll Call, the votes were:

Ayes: Mark Vondracek, Bruce Bohren, L.A. Gregorash, Terry Hall, Carla Little, Joan Morris,

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Catherine Campbell

The motion carried.

E. Approval of "Destruction of Closed Session Meeting Audio Recordings" for August 2008.

Member Campbell expressed her continued opinion that listening to the audio recordings of closed session minutes is germane to her position on the Board to be given the opportunity to possibly learn from listening to the recording.

A motion was made by Bruce Bohren and seconded by Mark Vondracek to approve the destruction of the closed session meeting audio recordings for August 2008.

On Roll Call, the votes were:

Ayes: Bruce Bohren, L.A. Gregorash, Terry Hall, Carla Little, Joan Morris, Mark Vondracek,

Nays: Catherine Campbell

Absent: None

The motion carried.

Reports

Written Reports

- Safety Report

Dr. Swoboda wished to thank the local law enforcement agencies and the administrative staff for their commitment to the schools safety requirements. She expressed her gratitude for the new emergency preparedness kits made available to each school as well as the new school maps provided by the Operations and Facilities Department. In addition, Dr. Swoboda wished to highlight the “table top” drills that provided opportunities for the administrative teams to role-play possible crisis situations.

Dr. Gregorash stated the new maps were a vast improvement from the previous maps and also thanked the Operations and Facilities staff. In addition, he invited all board members to walk through the schools, especially during school hours in order to get a different perspective.

Dr. Vondracek inquired as to how many areas of the schools are not able to hear the code calls. It was reported that the gymnasiums as well as the multi-purpose rooms were currently unable to hear the calls. The situation is being taken under consideration with life safety funds. In addition, it was shared with the Board that the process used for drills was reviewed with substitute teachers regularly.

- Cell Phone Usage

The Board members were provided a written report outlining the district’s cell phone distribution to 4 major groups. The report included 2 options for change. 1. Reduction of 32 phones for 2011 at a savings of \$4,377.00 and 2. Reduce all cell phones in the district at a savings of \$39,289.00.

Members of the Board inquired as to when the cell phones were upgraded to iPhones. They also discussed the different groups and their needs for cell phones. In addition, it was stated that only the Superintendent should have a cell phone paid for by the district. The idea of the employees paying for the balance after e-rate is provided was discussed.

Additionally, members of the Board voiced their opinions that cell phones fell under the purview of the Superintendent and as such, if this is how the administration feels they should use their budget then they should be able to do so. Other Board members feel that administrators should be provided cell phones as Woodland is a large district and emergency situations do happen and accessibility is key. The district should use technology to its best advantage within a price the district can afford.

It was asked for all Board members to look at the big picture. The budget needs to be reduced. Where do we cut? It was recommended to bring the cell phone issue back to the April Board meeting for consideration. All were in agreement.

- Life Health and Safety Amendments

A written report was provided to the Board. There were no questions.

- District Website

A written report was provided to the Board regarding the redesign of the district website. Ms. Campbell inquired about the option of posting committee meetings on the web. This can be done. Dr. Gregorash suggested the members of the Board read the articles in the February 2010 American School Board Journal on communication. Members of the Board feel the website is a good tool for the district to communicate with the public but caution creating internal use avenues as they can become public information.

- Discussion on Out of District Transportation

A written report was provided to the Board regarding the request from a non-resident parent to transport her child to a parochial school. Since the initial request was submitted the district has received recommended revisions to the Transportation Policy #4:110 from PRESS (Policy Reference Education Subscription Service). After reviewing the proposed revisions to the policy, it

was suggested the district request a formal response from the State School Board as well as update the policy. Members of the Board felt if a formal request were made, the decision would set precedent that would apply to all school districts in Illinois. It was suggested we make inquiries to surrounding school districts to see how they would accommodate this type of request. The Board agreed to move the Transportation Policy #4:110 to the top half of the agenda on April 8, 2010 to discuss the proposed changes.

- Stipend Position
Member Hall feels the current Collective Bargaining Agreement lacks clarity in regards to stipend positions. She asked that next time this item be looked into further. Member Vondracek asked the question of approximately how many clubs there were currently. Principal Snyder stated there were approximately 25 to 40 depending on the year.

Board Improvement and Operations

The Board discussed the following items related to Board Improvement and Operations:

- NSBA Conference – April 10 – 12
Information regarding conference schedules and invitations from vendors was provided for those registered to attend the conference.

Status Requests

The Board reviewed the correspondence received and gave direction on proposed responses. Several corrections were made. Board President Gregorash requested all corrections be sent through him before being sent.

The District was in receipt of one FOIA (Freedom of Information Request) request. FOIA Officer, Robert Leonard responded to the request within the 5-day timeline.

Announcements and Board Committee Reports

SEDOL – Bruce Bohren shared he toured the new school being built on Gages Lake Road. He stated it was impressive and would provide great opportunities for the students.

The Board Forum is scheduled for May 11, 2010. The Board was given a proposed outline, duties were assigned and further discussion will be held on May 4th during the special meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Bruce Bohren and seconded by Terry Hall to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 PM.

On voice vote, there were:

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Absent – 0

The motion carried.

Approved by the Board of Education on May 27, 2010.

President, L.A. Gregorash

Secretary, Bruce G. Bohren