

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, July 23, 2009

Call to Order

President, L.A. Gregorash, called the regular session of the Board of Education of Woodland School District 50 to order at 7:41 PM.

Roll Call

Members Present: Bruce Bohren
Catherine Campbell
L.A. Gregorash
Joan Morris
Mark Vondracek
Carla Little (by phone)

Members Absent: Terry Hall

Staff Present: Joy Swoboda Bob Leonard Penny Dagley

Citizen Statements

There were none.

Approval of Agenda

Bruce Bohren asked that Action Item XI.C. be removed from the agenda and be placed on the July 30, 2009 Special Meeting agenda.

Catherine Campbell asked that items H. and I. be removed from the Consent Agenda and be placed on the agenda under Action Items.

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

On Roll Call, the votes were:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Terry Hall

The motion carried.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Approval of Board of Education Minutes: Special Event 5/8/09, Special Event 5/15/09, Regular Meeting 5/28/09, Promotion 6/3/09 & 6/4/09, Closed Meeting 6/25/09, and Regular Meeting 6/25/09
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Treasurer Reports

D. Approval of Employment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>ESP</u>	
Holli Berliant	ISEC 1:1 TA – Intermediate
Lori Haevers	ISEC TA – M.S.
Terri Harris	ISEC 1:1 TA – Intermediate
Jason McGahan	ISEC 1:1 TA – M.S.

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Kristi Blasius	AP-Elementary East & West
Heather Filipowicz	Resource Teacher-Elem.
Andrew Judson	Sp. Ed. Self-Contained – M.S.
Katie Norwell	ISEC Teacher-Int.
William Sims	AP- Intermediate School

E. Acceptance of Resignations

Deena Barden	Bus Driver-Trans.
Dina Green	7 th Grade Math-MS
Staci Grogan	Middle School Secretary
Sheila Lorence	Bus Driver – Trans.
Kevin Simmons	AP-Int.
Rebecca Walls	Copy Clerk-MS

F. Approval of Leaves of Absence

G. Approval of Board Membership in Organizations

J. Approval of FY10 Parent/Student Handbook

K. Approval of District Copier Lease Agreement

On Roll Call, the votes were

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

Nays: None

Absent: Terry Hall

The motion carried.

At this time Dr. Swoboda introduced to the Board of Education and the members of the audience Mr. Bill Sims, Assistant Principal for the Intermediate School. Mr. Sims thanked the board and stated he looked forward to the upcoming year and the new opportunities he will encounter. Dr. Ashton welcomed Mr. Sims and expressed his feelings that Mr. Sims will be a valued asset to the Intermediate team.

Action Items

Approval of the FY10 Tentative Budget

Bob Leonard, Associate Superintendent, informed the board members that the tentative budget would be displayed in the district office, posted on the district web page and a notice would be published in the newspaper stating the tentative budget is available for viewing. In addition, Mr. Leonard stated the budget hearing and the adoption hearing would take place at the September 24, 2009 board meeting.

Mr. Leonard began with an overview of the FY09 school year. The district's revenues were within 3.6% of the budget. He explained the district lost 2.5 million in the education fund due to low growth in taxes from a tax cap of 1/10th of 1 percent and a reduction in expected fees and interest earnings.. The district was helped with 1. Stimulus funds that helped offset the state aid reduction and 2. assets the district received from the decision to discontinue membership with the co-op. This amounted to 1.5 million which the district used to pay the premium for health and dental insurance.

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

On Roll Call, the votes were:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Terry Hall

The motion carried.

Approval of Special Education District Workload Plan

It was also expressed by the administration the appreciation of time spent on the study and the cooperation working with the union. It was also voiced by the Board that the project was a job well done.

A motion was made by Mark Vondracek and seconded by Bruce Bohren to approve the Special Education District Workload Study as presented.

On Roll Call, the votes were:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Terry Hall

The motion carried.

Approval of "Destruction of Closed Session Meeting Audio Recordings: for November and December 2007"

Bruce Bohren asked that this item be removed from the agenda and be brought back at the July 30, 2009 Special Meeting.

Approval of Disposition of District Property

Catherine Campbell asked that Item H. be pulled from the Consent Agenda. Ms. Campbell asked if the district had considered inquiring with charitable organizations to see if they might be interested in acquiring the districts old computer equipment and video equipment. Ms. Campbell made the suggestion the district might use the web to ask for suggestions from the community on how to discard district property. It was agreed this item would be held in abeyance until inquiries with local charitable organizations can be contacted.

Approval of District Police Liaison Officer for FY10

Catherine Campbell asked that Item I. be pulled from the Consent Agenda. Ms. Campbell wanted to know how long we had contracted for a Liaison Officer. In addition she asked what was the agreement with the police department in which he is paid. It was explained that both Woodland District 50 and Gurnee District 56 contract for a liaison officer and Officer McDermott divides his time between the schools. Both District 50 and District 56 pay the Gurnee Police Department and the Village of Gurnee pays Officer McDermott.

A motion was made by Bruce Bohren and seconded by Carla Little to approve the one-year contract with the Village of Gurnee for the services of a Police Liaison Officer.

On Roll Call, the votes were:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Terry Hall

The motion carried.

Reports

Written Reports

- Board of Education Annual Agenda – Dr. Swoboda presented the annual agenda to the board and asked the members if they had any items they would like to change. After discussion the board agreed to move End of Year-Curriculum Reports and End of Year-Gifted Reports to reports, move Summer Programs Reports: Summer Wonders, Camp Invention to weekly communication and leave all other items as currently listed.
- Financial Advisory Community Taskforce – The Board reviewed the draft invitation letter. After many constructive recommendations the board members agreed to the proposed revisions. The revised letter will be brought back to the board at the July 30th special meeting.

Board Improvement and Operations

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

- Board Attendance at Conferences- The board discussed the financial aspects of attendance and housing costs for conferences. Some thoughts were to limit attendees at conferences as well as if possible to travel each day to avoid housing expenses. The consensus of the Board is each conference should be considered individually, to do what is best for the students and the district.
- Board Individual e-mail Accounts – The board discussed the option of posting individual e-mail accounts on the district web. After board members expressed their thoughts it was agreed this item will be revisited at a future board meeting on August 27, 2009.
- Letter to the Legislators – A draft letter was shared with the members of the board. It was agreed that there was a need to “shuffle” a few paragraphs to hold readers attention. After discussion the changes discussed will be made and brought back to the board for final approval on July 30th at the COW meeting.

Status Requests

The Board members reviewed feedback on responses to individuals who sent correspondence to the Board.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Bruce Bohren and seconded by Joan Morris to adjourn the meeting at 10:11PM.

On Voice Vote, there were Ayes – 6 Nays - 0 Absent - 1
The motion carried.

Approved by the Board of Education on September 24, 2009.

President, L.A. Gregorash

Secretary, Bruce G. Bohren