

NOVEMBER COMMUNITY PACKET  
WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 50  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
November 19, 2008  
6:30 P.M. – 10:00 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
- Student disciplinary cases.

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. 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.

XI. Consent Agenda According to the guide from the Illinois Association of School Boards, "Coming to Order," "a portion of the agenda may be designated for a consent agenda.

The consent grouping on the agenda will be used for items that do not require Board discussion. It may also include items for which the law required Board action but which the Board rightfully delegates to staff."

- A. Approval of Minutes
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Treasurer Reports
- D. Approval of Budget Transfer
- E. Approval of Employment
- F. Acceptance of Resignations
- G. Approval of Leaves of Absence
- H. Approval of Substitutes
- I. Approval of Dismissal

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- J. Approval of “Destruction of Closed Session Meeting Audio Recordings” for April 2007
- K. Acceptance of Donations
- L. Approval of FY 09 Superintendent/District Goals
- M. Approval of Bus Rental Agreement for FY 10
- N. Approval of Change Orders for Life Health Safety Projects

XII. Action Items

- A. Approval of 2008 District Tax Levy  
The Board will review and approve resolutions relating to the 2008 tax levy and the Certificate of Tax Levy.
- B. Board Correspondence  
The Board will discuss the procedure of responding to correspondence to the Board.

XIII. Reports/Discussion Items

- A. District Librarians and the Illinois School Library Grant  
As a condition of receiving state grant funds, librarians must present to the Board an annual review of the variety of district activities taking place in Woodland libraries.
- B. District Demographic Study  
The Board will receive a written and verbal demographic report conducted for the district by Dr. Jerry McKibben of McKibben Demographic Research. **THIS REPORT HAS BEEN TABLED UNTIL JANUARY 28, 2009.**
- C. Climate Survey  
Steve Thomas, Director of Continuous Improvement and Accountability, will share highlights from the FY 08 staff climate survey in alignment with strategic plan goal #3.
- D. Detachment Petition – Lancaster Subdivision  
Dr. Joy Swoboda and Bob Leonard, Associate Superintendent, will inform the Board of a detachment petition from the Lancaster Subdivision.
- E. Written Reports to the Board
  - a. Response to Intervention (RtI) Report  
The District RtI committee will submit a written report about this new initiative for supporting student learning.
  - b. 403b Gatekeeper  
Robert Leonard, Associate Superintendent, has submitted a written report on the plan document for services with Gatekeeper.

XIV. Board Improvement and Operations

The Board will discuss various ways to improve the efficiency of meetings and the receipt of information via monthly packets.

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XV. 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

XVI. Announcements and Board Committee Reports

XVII. Return to Closed Session, If Necessary

XVIII. Adjournment

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COMMUNITY/PRESS PACKET FOR  
NOVEMBER 2008 BOARD MEETING

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Acceptance of Donations – The Elementary School is in receipt of a donation of \$21 from three students (Rebecca Meyer, Britta Johnson, Kara Cacioppo) for the Elementary Playground Fund. They put together a lemonade stand and wanted to donate their profits to the playground fund. The Primary School is in receipt of a donation from Learning Resources Inc. of \$18,457 worth of educational materials. They have been in a business partnership with Learning Resources since 2005. The items were being discontinued by Learning Resources and donated to the Primary School.
- Approval of FY 09 Superintendent/District Goals – The Board will approve the goals for the superintendent and district for the FY 09 school year. The goals are in alignment with the strategic plan.
- Approval of Bus Rental Agreement for FY 10 – Annually the district approves a bus rental agreement for the following year's transportation needs. By renting buses, the district is able to adjust the quantity, size and type of bus needed from year to year to address the needs of students. This also allows the district the ability to transport students with buses that are less than two (2) model years old meeting the most current safety and emissions standards. The Board will approve a one-year agreement with Midwest Transit for 89 buses for the FY 10 school year at a cost of \$937,385. This is a cost savings of \$33,835 over FY 09 costs.
- Approval of Construction Change Orders for Life Health Safety Projects – The Board has received one change order from the life health safety projects. The total change is \$1,778 and is within budget parameters.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Approval of FY 08 Audit – The district annually approves a tax levy as required by law. The levy request funds almost 75% of the district's annual revenue requirements. The School board must certify a levy. The Board approved resolutions authorizing the final aggregate tax levy for the year 2008, to levy certain special taxes for special education district IMRF purposes for 2008 and to levy a special education tax for 2008.
- Board Correspondence – The Board will discuss and review the types of Board correspondence, the procedure for responding to and the placement of Board correspondence on the agenda.

**REPORTS:**

- District Librarians and the Illinois School Library Grant - As a condition of receiving state grant funds, librarians must present to the Board an annual review of the variety of district activities taking place in Woodland libraries. All five district librarians (Dave Fujiu, Ann Aldrich, Terry Derdiger, Kerry Neahous and Christine Bowden) will give the presentation.
- District Demographic Study - This presentation has been tabled until the January 28, 2009 Board meeting.

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- Climate Survey - Steve Thomas, Director of Continuous Improvement and Accountability, will share highlights from the FY 08 staff climate survey in alignment with strategic plan goal #3. The categories in the survey include: Colleague Support Responses, Communication Responses, District Administration Responses, Goal Responses, Professional Development Responses, School Administration Responses, Shared Decision-Making Responses and Working Conditions Responses. Each school or location utilizes the survey information to develop site-based goals.
- Detachment Petition – Lancaster Subdivision - Dr. Joy Swoboda and Bob Leonard, Associate Superintendent, will inform the Board of a detachment petition from the Lancaster Subdivision. Members of the subdivision wish to detach from Woodland and Warren and annex into the Oak Grove and Libertyville High School districts.
- Written Reports to the Board – The following reports were submitted to the Board in writing:
  - Response to Intervention (RtI) Report - The district RtI committee submitted a report on progress to date regarding this new initiative for supporting student learning.
  - 403b Gatekeeper - Robert Leonard, Associate Superintendent, has submitted a written report on the plan document for services with Gatekeeper.

### **BOARD OPERATIONS**

- IASA/IASB/IASBO Conference – Each November, the Board and members of the administration attend the annual school board conference in Chicago. Board members will review the schedule of workshops and seminars.