

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
Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Call to Order

President, Bruce Bohren, called the regular session of the Board of Education of Woodland School District 50 to order at 7:43 PM.

Roll Call

Members Present: Gail Bennett
Bruce Bohren
Larry Gregorash
Terry Hall
Carla Little
Mark Vondracek

Members Absent: Michael Bond

Staff Present: Joy Swoboda Bob Leonard

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Larry Gregorash and seconded by Gail Bennett to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Citizen Statements

Thom Kapheim from Oak Knoll subdivision commented on the potential cell tower. He stated there is not enough information yet presented on the tower. He has a concern if the Board has a policy in place to allow private enterprise on public property.

Carol Kapheim from the Oak Knoll subdivision also expressed concerns regarding a tower. She stated a concern that the property is used all year and students are very active. She stated the potential tower would be located near the main ball field.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mark Vondracek and seconded by Larry Gregorash to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- A. Approval of Minutes
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Treasurer Reports
- D. Approval of Employment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
David Brown	Elementary West Principal
Kelly Richardson	Custodian

- E. Acceptance of Resignations/Retirement

Brooke Adams	2 nd Grade Elementary East
Carley Anderson (verbal)	5 th Grade Intermediate
John Fuhrer	Facility Manager
Louise Graff	6 th Grade Science Middle
Jamie Knuth	ISEC Elementary East
Noel Lake	1 st Grade Elementary East
Elizabeth Little	6 th Grade Social Studies Middle
Kelli McMahon	2 nd Grade Elementary West
Colleen Starr	8 th Grade Math Middle
Daniele Wean	3 rd Grade Elementary East

Retirement

Richard Dow Custodian-Prim.

- F. Approval of Leaves of Absence
- G. Approval of Substitutes
 - Amy Doyle
 - Mallory Jones
 - Jennifer Smetters
- H. Approval of “Destruction of Closed Session Meeting Audio Recordings” for July 2007
- I. Acceptance of Donations
- J. Selection of Preferred Vendor for School Office and Classroom Supplies
- K. Establishment of Eighth Grade Promotion Ceremony Dates – June 3rd and 4th
- L. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Policies
- M. Approval of Learning Resource Center Software
- N. Approval of Job Description for Summer Wonders Secretary

On Roll Call, the votes were

Ayes: Gail Bennett, Bruce Bohren, Larry Gregorash, Terry Hall, Carla Little, Mark Vondracek

Nays: None

Absent: Michael Bond

The motion carried.

Introduction

Dr. Swoboda introduced David Brown to the Board of Education as the new principal of Elementary West. He will begin July 1, 2009, as Ann Goldbach will be retiring.

Action Items

Approval of District Fees for FY10

A motion was made by Bruce Bohren and seconded by Carla Little to approve the tuition charge for Summer Wonder classes at \$75 per class.

On Roll Call, the votes were:

Ayes: Gail Bennett, Bruce Bohren, Larry Gregorash, Terry Hall, Carla Little, Mark Vondracek

Nays: None

Absent: Michael Bond

The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mark Vondracek and seconded by Bruce Bohren to direct the administration to use outside services to collect on non-sufficient funds (NSF) checks and to collect unpaid fees.

The Board members held a discussion on the use of a collection agency to assist the district with unpaid fees. Several members had strong concerns regarding an outside agency contacting parents. It was also stated that due to the current economic situation, now may not be a good time to be part of the financial struggle. The district makes multiple attempts to contact parents reminding them of options including payment plans or obtaining a fee waiver for unpaid fees.

The motion and second were rescinded.

The Board will discuss ways to reward or encourage parents to pay fees at a future meeting.

Reports

Presentation by a Representative from T-Mobile

Mark Layne, a contract site agent for T-Mobile, provided a brief presentation on a potential cell tower on the Middle School campus. He explained the need for a tower in the area and stated the Mayor of Gurnee asked T-Mobile to consider this site. He stated the proposed tower would be 165' and T-Mobile would lease space from the district for the tower, equipment cabinets and gravel parking for 1-2 vehicles. The district could also have other cell carriers rent space on the tower. He addressed health and safety concerns of radio waves, appearance of the tower and effect on property values. The FCC regulates the airwaves and cell signal including the level of radiation emitted.

Board member Mark Vondracek shared his concerns over the lack of studies completed on radio waves and children and lack of scientific data. He stated that children's bodies and brains are very different than adults (more absorbent) and we do not know how radio waves would affect them. The studies he read were completed on adults, not children. Other members commented on the potential financial gain for the district.

After discussion, the Woodland Board of Education reached consensus that a tower on the Middle School campus is not in the best interest of students. The studies conducted on the safety/danger of radiowaves are on adults, not children. The Board does not wish to risk the health and safety of the students.

Written Reports

District goals - The Board received a written update on the progress toward the district's goals for FY 09.

Elementary Roofs – Don Selzer, Director of Operations and Facilities, provided a written report on the status of the roofs at Elementary pertaining to heating and water runoff.

Energy Costs- Bob Leonard, Associate Superintendent, provided a written report on the district's current participation in a utility cooperative and a proposal to research different purchasing options that may save money in the future.

Food Service

The Board members discussed the food service program. Dr. Swoboda stated that a survey will be sent to staff and parents asking for their satisfaction about the food options and services. The district is also considering a breakfast program to help provide a nutritious breakfast for low income families. Once the results are received, the administration will make any recommendations for change, if needed.

Board Improvement and Operations

The Board received a request to discuss attending the national school board conference in San Francisco. After review of the costs, it was determined the money is not in the budget for this year but will be added for next year.

Status Requests

The Board reviewed the correspondence from community members. After edits, consensus was reached on the responses to the individuals.

The district is in receipt of one request from Service Employees International Union Local 1 requesting information pertaining to our school district's food service operations.

Committee Reports/Announcements

Dr. Swoboda stated that Barb Toney from the Illinois Association of School Boards would like to share the district's final shared decision-making policy (2:12 Shared Decision Making) at a national conference. The Board gave approval.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Carla Little and seconded by Larry Gregorash to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM.

On Roll Call, the votes were:

Ayes: Gail Bennett, Bruce Bohren, Larry Gregorash, Terry Hall, Carla Little, Mark Vondracek

Nays: None

Absent: Michael Bond

The motion carried.

Approved by the Board of Education on March 25, 2009.

President, Bruce G. Bohren

Secretary, Gail Bennett