

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 31, 2008

Call to Order

President, Bruce Bohren, called the regular session of the Board of Education of Woodland School District 50 to order at 7:47PM.

Roll Call

Members Present: Gail Bennett
Bruce Bohren
Larry Gregorash
Terry Hall
Carla Little (left at 8:37 PM)
Mark Vondracek

Members Absent: Michael Bond

Staff Present: Dr. Joy Swoboda Bob Leonard

Approval of Agenda

The approval of closed session minutes was pulled from the agenda.
The approval of employment was amended.

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

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

Reading of Communications

A thank you note from Larry Gregorash was received.

Citizen Statements

There were none.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Gail Bennett and seconded by Bruce Bohren to approve the consent agenda as revised:

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

Name

Position

ESP

Patricia Elson

Playground Sup.-EW

Luz Ferrara

Bilingual TA-EW

Melanie Foreman

TA-EE

Kelli Furr

Transportation Dispatcher Clerk

Anne Hildestad	Media Center Clerk-MS
Saema Naveed	Bus Driver-Trans.
Juan Padilla	Bus Driver-Trans.

CERTIFIED

Margaret Attiyeh	Speech & Lang.Path.(6FTE)
Janine Cednick	Resource Teacher-MS
Robyn Klipp	ISEC Teacher – EE
Amanda Metcalf	ISEC Teacher-Prim.
Michelle Newman	5 th Grade Teacher-Int.
Joanna Reilly	ASP Math Teacher-MS
Colleen Rogers	EC Teacher-Prim.
Carrye Schmidt	4 th Grade Teacher-Int.
Cameron Smith	ISEC Teacher-MS

Administrative

Jennifer Beecher	Asst. Dir. Of Transportation
Bill Schufreider	Asst. Principal MS

Administration and Non-Union Support Staff Compensation

Approval as presented

- E. Acceptance of Resignations

Alyse Cerone	Resource –EW
Carrie Curtis	2 nd Grade-EW
Sarah Davidson	Spanish-MS
Sharon Goheen	Technology Clerk – ESC
Kendra Hutchinson	6 th Grade Math-MS
Gina Jacobs	Trans. Dispatcher
María Rodriguez	WELE Teacher Asst.
Ela Sullivan	Bus Driver

- F. Approval of Leaves of Absence

Jennifer Bova	Ava Chovanec
David May	María Depa-Smith
Alexis Thomas	

- G. Approval of Substitues

<u>Sub. Playground Supervisor</u>	<u>Location</u>
Laura Oberg	Elem.
Dawn Olive	Elem.
Judith Tamez	Elem.

- H. Approval of “Destruction of Closed Session Meeting Audio Recordings” for December 2006
- I. Acceptance of Donations
- J. Approval of FY 09 School Improvement Team Leaders and Curriculum Coordinators
- L. Approval of Renewal of Contract with Head Start
- M. Approval of Board Membership in Organizations
- N. Second Reading and Approval of Revised Board Policies
- O. Approval of an Additional Teacher and Teacher Assistant for an Intermediate Special Education Classroom
- P. Amendment to Payment for Middle School Assessment Consultant Due to Fuel Costs

On Roll Call, the votes were

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

Nays: None

Absent: Michael Bond

Abstain: Larry Gregorash

The motion carried.

Action Items

Approval of FY 09 Tentative Budget

Bob Leonard presented the Board the FY 09 tentative budget which was previewed at the June Board meeting. IMRF funding will need to be increased by FY 10 in order to avoid deficit spending. The budget will be placed on the September agenda for final approval.

A motion was made by Carla Little and seconded by Mark Vondracek to approve the FY 09 tentative budget.

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.

SEDOL Bond Payment

SEDOL (Special Education District of Lake County) has voted to move forward on a construction project for remodeling current facilities and to build additional classroom space. The cost for this project is allocated to its member districts. The member districts have been afforded different payment options from which to choose. The payment decision is due to SEDOL on August 1, 2008, but the payment is due August 1, 2009. The administration is recommending a one-time (lump sum) payment of approximately \$1,191,892 instead of a 20 year payment schedule, in order to avoid over \$1 million in interest costs.

A motion was made by Bruce Bohren and seconded by Larry Gregorash to recommend that the administration notify SEDOL that Woodland School District intends to pay its share of the sale of construction bonds in one up front payment that is due in August 2009.

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.

Reports/Discussion Items

Knowledge Learning Corporation (KLC)

The Board received the annual report from KLC on the services they provide to the district (Champions and the Enrichment Center). Valerie Weng, Senior Area Manager for the Enrichment Center, and Lori Calta, Senior Area Manager for the Elementary and Intermediate School Champions program, provided highlights of the programs. Both programs are in the process of receiving accreditation. If approved, the enrichment center will be the first in Illinois in a public school and Champions will be the second in Illinois.

District Computer Purchase

Dann Giesey, Director of Technology, reviewed the purchase of approximately 300 additional computers for student and staff use as part of the district replacement cycle. There are approximately 1700 computers in the district with 956 over 4 years old. The administration is recommending placing all

computers on a four-year replacement cycle (2009 – Intermediate and Primary, 2010-Elementary and mobile carts at Middle, 2011-ESC and Transportation, and 2012- Middle. A purchase decision by the Board is anticipated to be brought forward at the September meeting.

Transportation Fuel Bid

Bob Leonard reported on a joint venture with Warren High School to save fuel costs. Woodland and Warren Transportation departments have met to review areas where we might share services or combine efforts to reduce costs. One of the areas where we can look to join efforts is with a combined fuel bid. Both Warren and Woodland have in-ground storage tanks and purchase the same type of fuel (ultra low sulphur diesel). Combined, Woodland and Warren purchase over 210,000 gallons annually for their transportation programs. The fuel bids are due August 12th and awarding of the bid will be on the August 27th Board meeting.

403b TSA Requirements

Bob Leonard provided a presentation on the requirements for the district regarding tax-sheltered annuities. The insurance committee reviewed a number of options regarding a firm to assist the district with the requirements. The committee is recommending Gatekeeper to perform the administrative responsibility to comply with IRS reporting regulations.

Board Improvement and Operations

The Board reached consensus to cancel the scheduled Committee of the Whole/Special Board meeting scheduled on October 30th due to another scheduled meeting and the large number of other commitments in the month of October.

The Board was provided with a website in which to complete a Board governance review survey. The survey results will assist them in their annual Board self evaluation.

The Board also discussed various possible items for the August 7th Committee of the Whole/Special Board meeting. It was determined to take action on the 403b vendor, possible change orders for technology and a report on the tax levy.

Status Requests

The Board has received a revision to the gifted and challenge report. No new items were added.

Committee Reports/Announcements

Dr. Swoboda reminded the Board of the Gurnee Days events and parade the weekend of August 8th.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Bruce Bohren and seconded by Larry Gregorash to return to closed session at 10:05 PM 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.

On Roll Call, the votes were

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

Nays: None

Absent: Michael Bond, Carla Little

The motion carried.

A motion was made by Gail Bennett and seconded by Mark Vondracek to return to open session at 10:35 PM.

On Roll Call, the votes were

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

Nays: None

Absent: Michael Bond, Carla Little

The motion carried.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Larry Gregorash and seconded by Mark Vondracek to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 PM.

On Roll Call, the votes were

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

Nays: None

Absent: Michael Bond, Carla Little

The motion carried.

Approved by the Board of Education on August 27, 2008.

President, Bruce G. Bohren

Secretary, Gail Bennett