

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, October 22, 2008

Call to Order

President, Bruce Bohren, called the regular session of the Board of Education of Woodland School District 50 to order at 7:39 PM.

Roll Call

Members Present: Gail Bennett
Bruce Bohren
Michael Bond (left at 7:55 PM)
Larry Gregorash
Terry Hall
Mark Vondracek

Members Absent: Carla Little

Staff Present: Dr. Joy Swoboda Bob Leonard

Approval of Agenda

Larry Gregorash asked for the minutes of the September 24th meeting be pulled for correction. They will be placed on the November 19, 2008 agenda for approval.

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

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

Reading of Communications

There were none.

Citizen Statements

There were none.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - B. Financial Reports
 - C. Treasurer Reports
 - D. Approval of Revision to Job Description
 - E. Approval of Employment
- | <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> |
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| Claudia Arroyo | Bilingual TA-EW |
| Ryan Aylward | Groundskeeper-District-wide |
| Christine Lindsay | Accounts Payable |
| Joseph Mabus | Library Clerk-MS |

Middle School Assessment

Dr. Michael Howell presented his assessment of the Middle School concept. He spent three weeks interviewing staff and analyzing the Middle School to the middle school concept. He stated the Middle School has very high morale between staff and administration, has made adequate yearly progress in academic achievement, a low staff turnover rate (6%), and has many components of the concept including block scheduling, advisory, "house" and "team" makeup, exploratories, team offices with adjacent classrooms, flexible classrooms, fully equipped science rooms and computer carts and computer classrooms accessible. Dr. Howell stated that a key component of teaming is missing. He said the Middle School is functioning well but should work on moving from good to great. He recommends that a Middle School strategic plan and vision of implementation of the middle school concept be developed in concert with staff and community. The plan should include professional development for teaming and should include the feedback of parents, students and external community members. Dr. Swoboda stated that one of the goals of the Middle School this year is to analyze Dr. Howell's report, compare the current practices to the middle school concept and analyze changes for implementation in the FY 10 school year.

Superintendent/District Goals for FY 09

Dr. Swoboda has submitted a written report on the FY 09 goals. The goals will be on the November 19, 2008 agenda for approval.

Board Correspondence

This item was placed on the agenda at the request of Board Member, Terry Hall. The Board discussed and reviewed the forms of Board correspondence, reviewed the procedure on responding and placement of correspondence on the agenda. The members will be seeking input from the Illinois Association of School Boards regarding how and when to respond to items of correspondence. The Board will place this item as discussion and possible action on the November 19, 2008 Board agenda.

IASA/IASB/IASBO Conference

Board members annually attend a Joint Conference in Chicago in November. Members reviewed scheduled workshops and sessions they wish to attend. Members discussed the proposed resolutions from the Illinois Association of School Boards, reached consensus on how to vote as a district including one vote in opposition of the state's recommendation.

Board Improvement and Operations

The Board reviewed the agenda for the forum on October 23rd. The topics are as follows: presentation on Board recruitment, a presentation by Bob Grum of the Lake County Public Health Department and community input on a long range facility plan.

Congratulations to Terry Hall on receiving a Level 1 Award from IASB in their Master Board Member Program. The award will be presented at the Lake County Division meeting on October 29th at Wauconda High School.

Status Requests

No new items were added. The responses to items of correspondence were reviewed.

Committee Reports/Announcements

Dr. Swoboda, a governing Board member of Ed-Red, stated that Ed-Red is working on a new strategic plan for the organization and will forward copies upon completion.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Larry Gregorash and seconded by Gail Bennett to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 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 November 19, 2008.

President, Bruce G. Bohren

Secretary, Gail Bennett