

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, September 24, 2008

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Members Present: Michael Bond
Larry Gregorash
Terry Hall
Mark Vondracek

Members Absent: Gail Bennett
Bruce Bohren
Carla Little

Staff Present: Dr. Joy Swoboda Bob Leonard

Approval of Agenda

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

On Voice Vote, the votes were Ayes – 4 Nays - 0 Absent - 3
The motion carried.

Budget Hearing

Associate Superintendent, Bob Leonard, provided the Board with an update on the budget. The Board approved a tentative budget in July and it has been on public display for over the required 30 days. The estimated revenues for the FY 09 school year are \$78,372,270 and expenditures are \$81,786,125. Of the \$3.4 million difference, \$2.7 million are construction dollars. A new Tort fund had to be created this year. There were no public comments or questions.

Reading of Communications

There were none.

Citizen Statements

There were none.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Terry Hall and seconded by Mark Vondracek to approve the consent agenda as revised:

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

D. Approval of Employment

Name

Position

Anthony Belline

Hall Monitor-MS

Mary Kramer

Lunch/Recess/Playground Sup.

Geri Morse

Technology Clerk

Kelly Peters

At Risk TA-Prim.

Debbie Schardt

1:1 TA-EW

Residency Officers

Officers Bill Stashkiw

Residency Officer

Officer Chad Tompoles

Residency Officer

Administrative Contract

Approved as presented.

E. Acceptance of Resignations

Ann Ellingson

TA-Primary

Gretchen Kati

MS Library Clerk

Erica Milewski

Playground Supv.-Int.

Jason Smith

TA-MS

F. Approval of Leaves of Absence

Paul Fegley

Diane Surufka

Tobie Dyson

Margaret Frederick

Brian Huinker

Andrea Little

Alivia Schackmann

G. Approval of Substitutes

Chandra Detina

Intermediate

Stacey Troy

Intermediate

Substitute Teachers

Sandra Ellingsen

Jessica Hassemer

James Owen

Michael Parker

Brian Schultz

James Wheary

H. Acceptance of Donations

I. Approval of "Destruction of Closed Session Meeting Audio Recordings" for February 2007

J. Approval of Resolution Directing a Medical Evaluation

K. Approval of Application for Recognition of Schools

L. Approval of Revised Job Descriptions

M. Approval of Change Orders for Life Health Safety Projects

N. Approval of Election Representatives for the April 2009 Board Member Election

On Roll Call, the votes were

Ayes: Michael Bond, Larry Gregorash, Terry Hall, Mark Vondracek

Nays: None

Absent: Gail Bennett, Bruce Bohren, Carla Little

The motion carried.

Action Items

Approval of FY 09 Budget

A motion was made by Larry Gregorash and seconded by Mark Vondracek to approve Resolution #1; approving the budget for the Fiscal Period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

On Roll Call, the votes were

Ayes: Michael Bond, Larry Gregorash, Terry Hall, Mark Vondracek

Nays: None

Absent: Gail Bennett, Bruce Bohren, Carla Little

The motion carried.

A motion was made by Larry Gregorash and seconded by Terry Hall to approve Resolution #2; the transfer of \$487,550 in interest from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund.

On Roll Call, the votes were

Ayes: Michael Bond, Larry Gregorash, Terry Hall, Mark Vondracek

Nays: None

Absent: Gail Bennett, Bruce Bohren, Carla Little

The motion carried.

A motion was made by Larry Gregorash and seconded by Terry Hall to approve Resolution #3; the transfer of \$156,458 in interest from the Bond & Interest Fund to the Education Fund.

On Roll Call, the votes were

Ayes: Michael Bond, Larry Gregorash, Terry Hall, Mark Vondracek

Nays: None

Absent: Gail Bennett, Bruce Bohren, Carla Little

The motion carried.

A motion was made by Larry Gregorash and seconded by Mark Vondracek to approve the transfer of \$150,000 of fund balance from the Education Fund to the Bond and Interest Fund to support a capital lease to purchase computers.

On Roll Call, the votes were

Ayes: Michael Bond, Larry Gregorash, Terry Hall, Mark Vondracek

Nays: None

Absent: Gail Bennett, Bruce Bohren, Carla Little

The motion carried.

A motion was made by Larry Gregorash and seconded by Terry Hall to transfer Tort Fund balances previously held in the Education Fund in the amount of \$1,405,463 to the newly established Tort Fund as required by law.

On Roll Call, the votes were

Ayes: Michael Bond, Larry Gregorash, Terry Hall, Mark Vondracek

Nays: None

Absent: Gail Bennett, Bruce Bohren, Carla Little

The motion carried.

Approval of a Four-Year Computer Replacement Lease Strategy and Approval of Computer Purchase for Primary and Intermediate Schools

Directory of Technology, Dann Giese, provided an overview of the proposed lease strategy. The lease has two components: replace all computers at Primary and Intermediate on a four year cycle and receive a discount from Apple of 12% with a lease rate of 2% above purchase. The replacement schedule for computers will be Intermediate and Primary in 2009, Elementary East and Elementary West in 2010, Middle School in 2011 and Administration and Transportation in 2012. The approval of this four year lease will not hold future Boards to future leases. The proposal will come to the Board each fall. The lease rate of 2% will be made up by a savings of almost \$80,000 from maintenance costs. The staff will also be afforded the opportunity to purchase a computer at these reduced costs.

A motion was made by Larry Gregorash and seconded by Mark Vondracek to approve a four-year leasing strategy for computer replacement in the district.

On Roll Call, the votes were

Ayes: Michael Bond, Larry Gregorash, Terry Hall, Mark Vondracek

Nays: None

Absent: Gail Bennett, Bruce Bohren, Carla Little

The motion carried.

A motion was made by Larry Gregorash and seconded by Mark Vondracek to approve the replacement of the computers for Primary and Intermediate Schools for an annual lease cost of \$149,191.55 pending final attorney review.”

On Roll Call, the votes were

Ayes: Michael Bond, Larry Gregorash, Terry Hall, Mark Vondracek

Nays: None

Absent: Gail Bennett, Bruce Bohren, Carla Little

The motion carried.

Reports/Discussion Items

Annual Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) Report

Dr. Anne Swanson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Accountability and Steve Thomas, Director of Continuous Improvement and Accountability presented the results from the 2008 ISAT test. The district made adequate yearly progress (AYP) in the Middle School but not at the elementary or intermediate schools. The AYP target is 62.5% and it will be 70% next year. The inclusion of LEP students did have an effect on the district’s scores. It was a credit to our staff and students in the district that 100% of our students took the test. The math scores were very strong. The students also took a writing component and the scores are only for information. The curriculum and Instruction department have outlined some initiatives this year: the new LA adoption, action plans, and increasing the amount of English our bilingual students hear on a daily basis.

Elementary West Principalship

Dr. Swoboda presented a plan for the Elementary West School in regards to the pending retirement of Principal, Ann Goldbach. She stated it is essential to replace a principal with a principal due to the size of the school, the structural challenges and needs of parents and staff. Principals must spend a majority of their time on curriculum, staff development and establish a nurturing relationship with students, parents and staff. Dr. Swoboda outlined a recruitment schedule including posting and interviewing for the position. The Board member who requested this information was unable to attend the meeting. Dr. Swoboda will highlight this recruitment plan again at the October 2nd Committee of the Whole meeting.

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 Grumm of the Lake County Public Health Department and community input on a long range facility plan.

The Board received new email accounts. The new accounts will begin shortly once all members have setup their individual accounts.

The PTA will hold its General Meeting of October 15th on internet safety at 7:00 PM in the Intermediate School. Officer Jim McDermott will be the presenter.

A new feedback form will be used by the Board members to evaluate each meeting. The forms are to be submitted to Kerry Pollard who will tabulate and return to the Board President at the next meeting.

Terry Hall has asked for discussion and a review of the procedure on responding and placement of correspondence on the Board agenda. It will be placed on the October 22nd Board agenda.

Status Requests

No new items were added. Item 55 on language arts assessment has been removed.

Committee Reports/Announcements

There were none.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Terry Hall and seconded by Larry Gregorash to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM.

On Roll Call, the votes were

Ayes: Michael Bond, Larry Gregorash, Terry Hall, Mark Vondracek

Nays: None

Absent: Gail Bennett, Bruce Bohren, Carla Little

The motion carried.

Approved by the Board of Education on November 19, 2008.

President, Bruce G. Bohren

Secretary, Gail Bennett