

MEETING OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF  
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 50  
Board of Education Office  
1105 N. Hunt Club Road  
Gurnee, IL 60031  
Thursday, April 9, 2009

**Call to Order**

President, Bruce Bohren, called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**Roll Call**

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

Members Absent: Michael Bond  
Carla Little

Administrators Present: Dr. Joy Swoboda Bob Leonard

**Citizen Statements**

There were none.

**First Reading of Revised School Board Policies**

The Board reviewed eleven revised policies. Member Terry Hall asked if there was information from the Illinois School Board Association explaining the proposed changes. There is and it will be included with the next group of revised policies. One policy discussed was 7:60 on residence. Dr. Swoboda asked the Board how it wishes to handle student residency appeals. The appeals would be those individuals the district determines are not residents. The Board reached consensus that appeals would be handled through a hearing officer, similar to student disciplinary cases, before being brought before the Board.

The Board had questions on policy 7:60 regarding the section entitled "Admission of Non-Resident Students Pursuant to an Agreement or Order." The Board asked for further clarification from the district's attorney prior to having a second reading and adoption of this policy. It will be placed on a future Board agenda for review and approval.

The remaining ten policies will be given a second reading and approval at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting.

- 2:220 E1 – Board Treatment of Closed Meeting Verbatim Records and Minutes
- 4:55 – Use of Credit Cards
- 4:130 – Free and Reduced Price Food Services
- 4:170 – Safety Program
- 5:35 – Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act
- 5:120 – Ethics
- 5:185 – Family and Medical Leave
- 7:170 – Vandalism
- 7:190 – Student Discipline

Minor corrections were made to the policies.

Financial Update

Bob Leonard provided an update on financial information:

- The budget calendar was distributed and the administration provided an update on progress to date.
- The tax levy is approved in November but the actual numbers are finalized in April. Due to the reduction in growth, the district's tax rate has gone up due to a less assessed value.
- The district will be fighting the assessment appeal from Key Lime Cove.
- The procedure to calculate the tax levy from the Lake County extension office has been changed; it will negatively impact the district by over \$130,000 a year.
- Staffing for the FY 10 school year was reviewed. The majority of the positions being recommended are due to a change in the special education law and the class size limit. The new class size limit will be 13 with a teacher and an aide. The current limit is 15. Other positions being recommended include an English as a Second Language teacher for Kindergarten (replacing a Kindergarten teacher) and two physical education teachers at the Elementary School. The district will be implementing daily physical education at the Elementary Schools as required under Illinois School Code and additional staff is required. The district's waiver for daily physical education expires in FY11. Approval on the positions will be on the April 22<sup>nd</sup> agenda.
- Federal stimulus money – The district's IDEIA money will be sent to the Special Education District of Lake County (\$1.7 million for Woodland) and then distributed to the districts. More information will be forthcoming regarding how the money can be spent and on what.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Larry Gregorash and seconded by Mark Vondracek to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 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 April 22, 2009.

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President, Bruce G. Bohren

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Secretary, Gail Bennett