

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, August 27, 2009

Call to Order

President, L.A. Gregorash, called the regular session of the Board of Education of Woodland School District 50 to order at 7:37 PM.

Roll Call

Members Present: Bruce Bohren
 Catherine Campbell
 L.A. Gregorash
 Terry Hall
 Joan Morris
 Mark Vondracek
 Carla Little (arrived at 7:43 PM)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bob Leonard

Citizen Statements

Dr. Ken Hyllberg and David Brown, Principals of the Elementary Schools introduced Kristi Blasius as the Assistant Principal for the East and West Schools. Ms. Blasius told the Board she is thrilled to be a bigger part of the district and enjoys the family atmosphere at the school. In addition, she shared her feelings on what a great place Woodland is to work at.

Mark Vondracek stated the Sneak Preview was well attended and feels it is valuable for everyone but especially for those new to the district. Dr. Vondracek also expressed his thanks to all the administrators and teachers who organized and participated in the Gifted Curriculum Night. In addition, Dr. Vondracek thanked Don Selzer and his staff for a job well done on the summer work they accomplished.

Dr. Gregorash read and presented a resolution from Senator Michael Bond to Gurnee Days Honoree Penny Dagley in recognition of her years of service and contributions to the Gurnee community and the children she has served.

Citizen Statements

Sandi Beyrer- Mrs. Beyrer spoke about the bus stop changes. She indicated she felt blind-sided and is very concerned about the manner in which these changes took place. She asks that the new stops be looked at and hopes that her concerns will be addressed.

Ruby Naylor- Mrs. Naylor stated she has written letters for a couple of years regarding the bus stops in her neighborhood. She spoke of concerns with an ice cream man stalking children, sidewalks not being shoveled, kids waiting for the bus on the street and in the cold, and bus staging in the street at the end of her driveway. Mrs. Naylor stated she doesn't feel it is safe conditions for the children. Mrs. Naylor had pictures she wanted to share. The pictures remained in her possession.

Approval of Agenda

Terry Hall asked for the Approval of the Minutes to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Bruce Bohren asked that the Approval of FY10 School Improvement Team Leaders and Curriculum Coordinators be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

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

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Bruce Bohren and seconded by Joan Morris to approve the consent agenda as amended:

- A. Approval of Board of Education Minutes: Special Meeting 7/9/09, Closed Meeting 7/23/09, Regular Meeting 7/23/09 and Special Meeting 7/30/09
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Treasurer Reports
- D. Approval of Employment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>ESP</u>	
Veronica Carter	Bus Driver-Trans.
William Ersbo	Bus Driver-Trans.
Madhu Pamar	Playground Supv.-EE
Patricia Petitclair	Bus Driver-Trans.
Heather Werenski	ISEC Paraprofessional – EW

<u>CERTIFIED</u>	
Bruce Bennett	Speech & Lang. Path.-Int.
Kelli Blakeslee	2 nd Grade-EE
Daniel Frey	7 th Grade Math-MS
Mallory Jones	7 th Grade Math-MS
Genevieve Sanderman	8 th Grade LA –MS
Jennifer Wessel	Social Worker – MS
Cathleen Wieska	2 nd Grade-EW (for FY10 only)
Amy Wozniak	2 nd Grade-EW (for FY10 only)

- E. Acceptance of Resignations
- | <u>ESP</u> | |
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| Frankie Beno | Health Assist-MS |
| Deborah Schardt | TA-EW |

<u>CERTIFIED</u>	
Amy Lewis	7 th & 8 th Grade Gifted Math-MS

- F. Approval of Leaves of Absence
- G. Approval of Substitutes
- H. Approval of Disposition of District Property
- I. Approval of FY10 School Improvement Team Leaders and Curriculum Coordinators
- J. Approval of Renewal of Contract with Head Start
- K. Approval of Change Orders for Life Health Safety Projects

On Roll Call, the votes were

Ayes: L.A. Gregorash, Terry Hall, Carla Little, Joan Morris, Mark Vondracek, Bruce Bohren,
Catherine Campbell

Nays: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

Action Items

Approval of Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Member Hall requested the minutes be pulled from consent as she had questions regarding the Special Meeting Minutes of 7/30/09. Member Hall stated she made three points regarding changes to policies. The minutes will be amended and brought back at the next regular governing board meeting.

No action was taken.

Approval of FY10 School Improvement Team Leaders and Curriculum Coordinators

Member Bohren asked that Item I. be pulled from the consent agenda as he wondered if this item needed Board consent or as a contractual agreement was this superintendent business. Dr. Gregorash stated he felt this was an operational function that could be reported to the Board at a board meeting or in a weekly communication. Members Hall, Morris and Vondracek were in agreement. Members Campbell and Little felt they would like to give this some thought. Dr. Little stated the Board has an obligation to the taxpayers and this item should remain in consent until the district can check with legal council on whether this item needs to be voted on.

A motion was made by Bruce Bohren and seconded by Mark Vondracek to accept the individuals named to serve as school improvement leaders, team leaders or curriculum coordinators for the FY10 school year.

On Roll Call, the votes were:

Ayes: Terry Hall, Carla Little, Joan Morris, Mark Vondracek, Bruce Bohren, L.A. Gregorash

Nays: None

Abstain: Catherine Campbell

Absent: None

The motion carried.

Reports

Strategic Planning Goal 1A Student Learning – Achievement

Dr. Anne Swanson and Steve Thomas presented to the Board the results of the FY09 Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) results.

It was reported that the results show the district's Tier 1 program is meeting the needs of 80% or more of the student population. There were district wide gains in reading in nearly all sub-groups. Sub groups not making AYP (adequate yearly progress) included LEP (limited english proficient) students, students with IEP's (Individualized Education Plans) Black non-Hispanic and low socio-economic (SES). Member Bohren asked if the state is looking for a replacement for the IMAGE test? Dr. Swanson indicated that it doesn't appear so at this time.

Elementary and Intermediate schools, have entered the second year of not making adequate yearly progress. This places these schools in Academic Early Warning 1 which requires each school to develop a School Improvement Plan (SIP) which must then be approved by the Board of Education. Both schools have begun the development of their School Improvement Plan.

Board members had concerns about how the test results are shared with parents. They felt we need to be sure information is presented to parents in a manner in which it can be understood. Member Hall felt

that the statistical information sent home might be information that parents cannot digest. Member Little shared her observation that the concern seems centered at the Intermediate School and as such we need to focus our attention on 4th and 5th grade where we still have the student's attention before they enter the Middle School.

Member Bohren reminded the District to maintain focus on the individual needs of students while the AYP bar continues to rise.

Computer Purchase – Elementary School

Dann Giesey provided the Board the status of the computer lease strategy. He reported the surveys were positive. He pointed out the positives to the program such as; majority of computers having the same images, less help desk calls, savings in repair costs and having a loaner pool to use. He stated the FRC (Financial Review Committee) in 2006 postponed the procurement of new computers and as a result 80% of the schools computers are 6 to 10 years old.

Mr. Giesey reported the projects completed over the last year included a new phone system district-wide, library circulation software upgrades and computer installations at the Intermediate and Primary Schools. In addition he reported the cost falls below what the technology plan called for with the addition of ARRA funds.

Dr. Vondracek asked about the district servers, how old they were, how many we had and their condition. Mr. Giesey and his team removed 15 servers this summer. Mr. Giesey will report on server strategy at the October board meeting.

IUPC Gas Cooperative and Purchases

Mr. Leonard reported on the status of gas and electric purchases for 2010. He reported the district will end its relationship with IUPC (Intergovernmental Utility Purchasing Cooperative) in January 2010 for gas and December 2010 for electric. He stated that Woodland has a large enough utility consumption to qualify for the same discount in purchasing as a cooperative. Mr. Leonard recommends the district use a consultant to advise the district on purchases. He recommends Apex Energy Services L.L.C. who has the experience and expertise to guide Woodland in purchasing decisions. The fees for placing the energy purchases will be paid by the supplier, not by Woodland. Woodland will chart purchasing decisions by comparing North Shore Gas and the IUPC gas bills to calculate cost savings.

Board Individual e-mail Accounts

The option of posting individual e-mail accounts on the district web was opened for discussion. After much discussion on the current steps of emails being sent to the board account, looked at by the superintendent, forwarded to the board president and embedded in the weekly communication for all board members to read, questions came up regarding policy, transparency, better communication with the community and fair access to everybody. This item will be brought back for further discussion.

Board Improvement and Operations

The Board discussed the following items related to Board Improvement and Operations:

- Catherine Campbell provided a written report on the New Board Member training she and Joan Morris attended August 6 – 8, 2009. The report included items Catherine walked away with from each of the 3 sessions; governance, law and finance.
- Terry Hall attended a workshop on finance. Ms. Hall commented on how valuable this session was after 2 or more years on the board as she has a better understanding of the Board members role.

Status Requests

The Board members reviewed feedback on responses to individuals who sent correspondence to the Board. It was agreed that the response to transportation concerns should include the meeting scheduled for September 2, 2009. In addition, Member Hall felt the public statement should be shorter and more

direct. Ms. Campbell would like to discuss this further at a future meeting. Dr. Gregorash noted the importance of realizing that not all decisions will be good decisions and that this is a lesson to be learned. The letter from administration should go out by Friday, August 28, 2009.

Catherine Campbell asked that item #65 (Public Access) be tabled after speaking with Dann Giese, Director of technology.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Carla Little and seconded by Catherine Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 PM.

On Voice Vote, there were Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Absent - 0
The motion carried.

Approved by the Board of Education on September 24, 2009.

President, L.A. Gregorash

Secretary, Bruce G. Bohren