

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, October 22, 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 7:43 PM.

Roll Call

Members Present: Bruce Bohren
Catherine Campbell
L.A. Gregorash
Terry Hall
Carla Little (via telephone)
Joan Morris
Mark Vondracek

Members Absent: None

Superintendent: Dr. Joy Swoboda
Associate Superintendent: Bob Leonard

Reading of Communications

There were none.

Citizen Statements

There were none.

Approval of Agenda

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

On Roll Call, the votes were

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Approval of Minutes – *removal of Closed Meeting 8/27/09, Closed Meeting 9/3/09, Special Meeting 9/3/09, Closed Meeting 9/24/09, Regular Meeting 9/24/09, Closed Meeting 10/1/09, Special Meeting 10/1/09 from consent*
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Treasurer Reports

D. Approval of Budget Transfers

E. Approval of Employment

Name

Position

Eileen Kaster

Elem. Playground Sup.

Kathryn Kolos

1:1 Paraprofessional – Elem. West

Eileen Roehrich

Occupational Therapist-Prim.

Steven Rose

Bus Driver-Trans.

F. Acceptance of Resignations/Retirements

Name

Position

Retirement Date

Michael Ford

Custodian –Int.

June 30, 2010

G. Approval of Leaves of Absence

Darcy Abrams

Lorna Bolton

Brandy Cucci

David Fujiu

Blanca Gonzales

Kristina Rudolph

Judy Ryan

H. Approval of Substitutes

Substitute Playground Supervisor

Lynn Board

South Campus

Donna Brown

South Campus

I. Approval of “Destruction of Closed Session Meeting Audio Recordings” *removal of the November 2007, December 2007, January 2008 and February 2008 from consent*

J. Acceptance of Donations

K. Approval of Tax Levy Certification for Truth in Taxation Notice

L. Approval of 2009 School Report Cards

M. Approval of American Education Week Resolution

N. Approval of 1:1 Paraprofessional Position at the Intermediate School

O. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Policies

2:100 Board Member Conflict of Interest

2:220 School Board Meeting Procedures

2:240 Board Policy Development

5:220 Substitute Teachers

6:15 School Accountability

7:70 Attendance and Truancy

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 Minutes

Catherine Campbell asked that all minutes presented be removed from the consent agenda. Ms. Campbell presented the idea that under the roll call section where it lists "staff present" the minutes should clarify all staff present or change the category to administration present. After discussion it was agreed that from this day forward the recommendation is to change the roll call category to reflect those present at the table by title and name.

A motion was made by Bruce Bohren and seconded by Mark Vondracek to approve the minutes as follows: Special Meeting 9/3/09, Closed Meeting 9/24/09, Regular Meeting 9/24/09 as amended, and Regular Meeting 10/1/09.

On Roll Call, the votes were

Ayes: Terry Hall, Carla Little, Joan Morris, Mark Vondracek,
Bruce Bohren, Catherine Campbell

Nays: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

Approval of "Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recordings"

Catherine Campbell asked that this item be removed from the consent agenda. Ms. Campbell has asked for access to the audio recordings. She stated her position remained the same as previously stated that listening to the audio recordings before destruction, is a part of her learning curve as a new member of the Board of Education. Dr. Swoboda explained the Board of Education Meeting Procedures in regards to records of closed audio recordings pursuant to Board Policy 2:220.

Bruce Bohren reminded the Board members that this item was not on the agenda so it could not be voted on at this meeting. Terry Hall suggested this item be tabled.

Dr. Swoboda made the request to Catherine Campbell to put in writing her specific request and motions for 2 action items and to forward them to the Board president by November 10, 2009 to be added to the November Governing Board Meeting agenda.

A motion was made by Bruce Bohren and seconded by Terry Hall to table the discussion of "Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recordings" for November 2007, December 2007, January 2008 and February 2008.

On Roll Call, the votes were

Ayes: Carla Little, Joan Morris, Mark Vondracek,
Bruce Bohren, Catherine Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: L.A. Gregorash

Absent: None

The motion carried.

Reports/Discussion Items

Agreement between Woodland District #50 and the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services for Medicaid reimbursement.

A written report was provided by Penny Dagley regarding the participation in a revenue-generating program through the Illinois Department of Health Care and Family Services (HFS) referred to as the School Based Health Services Program (SBHS) for allowable Medicaid services which is part of the Medical Assistance Program authorized under Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This program

reimburses the district for specific services rendered to students in special education. To participate in the program the district must enter into a written agreement with approval by the Board of Education. There were no questions. This item will be brought to the November Governing Board Meeting for approval in the consent agenda.

District FY09 Climate Survey Report

The Board was provided a written report on the annual staff climate survey. Lori Casey spoke to the Board regarding the progress of the Internal Community, on redesigning the survey based on staff feedback. Several suggestions from staff included; more time allotted to complete the survey, allow individual comments and change statements to reflect administrative team rather than “my principal, my assistant principal”.

Steve Thomas reviewed the climate survey by section. He pointed out that the response rate had increased by 10% over the previous year. A question was asked why the transportation responses were so low, and how the survey was distributed to them. It was suggested that the next time the transportation department should receive paper copies of the survey since their access to computers at work is limited.

After review of the charts and the feedback presented, the overall responses indicate the climate has improved since the previous survey.

Terry Hall commented the district is consistently working on and talking about the climate and that this is hard because of the district make-up. She also indicated Woodland has happy workers and that this is uncommon in other work places.

FY09 Human Resource End of Year Report

A written report was provided by Kim Burke, Director of Human Resources regarding retention and minority staff statistics. There were no questions.

FY09 Discipline Report

Penny Dagley gave a brief overview of the FY09 Discipline Report. Mrs. Dagley explained the change in format of the report reflects the implementation of Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS). The charting and tracking of the data that allows self-reflection on items that may need to be addressed in subsequent years. The Middle School is in its second year of implementation, the Intermediate School is currently in its first year and the Elementary and Primary Schools will begin training in December for implementation next Fall 2009. Referrals were reviewed by frequency, ethnicity and behavior. The number of students referred 3 or less times is higher than in past years.

Pandemic Preparedness Plan

Penny Dagley provided a draft plan to the members of the Board. She stated that the preparedness plan would be incorporated into the district crisis plan. The outline of the pandemic preparedness plan is intended to be general with specific actions determined dependent upon the individual pandemic. Bruce Bohren asked a question about the current absenteeism rate in the district. Mrs. Dagley stated we are tracking this data and the Middle School showed a slight increase this week. She also informed the Board of the information being taken when a student is called in sick. The district website will be updated as needed with information regarding the H1N1 flu.

Board Improvement and Operations

The Board discussed the IASA/IASB/IASBO Joint Annual Conference being held November 20 – 22, 2009. The members of the Board discussed each resolution presented in the Report to the Membership. These discussions were done in an effort to provide the Districts’ delegate recommendations for actions to be taken. In addition, the Board members discussed the conference and which sessions they would like to attend in order to cover the full conference schedule.

Status Requests

The following Board requests were brought back to the October Board Meeting as requested.

#59 – Dual Language – A written report provided by Dr. Anne Swanson was presented. Terry Hall indicated this item appears to be on track. There is no further action on this request at this time.

#63 – Windmills – A written report provided by Bob Leonard was presented. Bob Leonard told the board members a representative could come and speak to the Board at a future COW meeting. It was agreed to invite a representative after FACT is complete.

#65 – Video Taping Governing Board Meetings – A written report by Dann Giesey was presented. Terry Hall suggested that videotaping and transferring to a DVD should only cost approximately \$100. It was pointed out that the original request was made for webcasting or podcasting of meetings. Dann Giesey reported he spoke with other districts that have investigated or are currently taping meetings and it was suggested by these districts that we contact our legal council before a decision is made on this subject. This item will be tabled until the Spring of 2010.

The Board members reviewed feedback on responses to individuals who sent correspondence to the Board. Dr. Little inquired about the email from Ruby Naylor who stated her request has not been answered. Dr. Little asked why her stop was not changed. Dr. Swoboda reported she would get the full timeline of events and answers and report back in a weekly communication.

Committee Reports/Announcements

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Bruce Bohren and seconded by Mark Vondracek to adjourn at 10:59 PM.

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

Approved by the Board of Education on November 19, 2009.

President, L.A. Gregorash

Secretary, Bruce Bohren