

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, November 19, 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 7:35 PM.

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Terry Hall

Superintendent: Joy Swoboda
Associate Superintendent: Bob Leonard

Approval of Agenda

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

On Roll Call, the votes were

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

Nays: None

Absent: Terry Hall

The motion carried.

Tax Levy Hearing

Bob Leonard, Associate Superintendent, gave a presentation on the tax levy for 2009. He explained the tax levy request funds almost 75% of the district's annual revenue requirements. The 2009 tax levy is \$53,718,870. This levy is based on the assumption that the district has a tax cap in place of .10% (CPI) and that we may receive in excess of \$32,000,000 in new growth or construction in the district. Bob Leonard stated he expects the final levy results to increase revenue by \$350,000. However, if all of the new estimated construction occurs, the district could receive an additional \$950,000. Under action items the Board will approve resolutions pertaining to the levy. There were no questions from the public.

Reading of Communications

There were none.

Citizen Statements

Ken Hyllberg, Principal of Elementary East presented a poster made by the students in Mrs. LeFevre's class thanking the Board of Education for the new playground equipment in honor of School Board Members Week.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Bruce Bohren and seconded by Catherine Campbell to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- A. Approval of Minutes
Closed Meeting 8/27/09, Closed Meeting 9/3/09, Closed Meeting 10/1/09, Closed Meeting 10/22/09, Regular Meeting 10/22/09, Closed Meeting 11/3/09, Special Board Meeting/Community Forum 11/3/09.
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Treasurer Reports
- D. Approval of Budget Transfers
- E. Approval of Employment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Susan Dietrich	Sub Bus Driver – Trans.
- F. Acceptance of Retirement

Joe Vaal	June 2010
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- G. Approval of Leaves of Absence
- H. Approval of Substitutes

<u>Substitute Teachers</u>	
Kaytlyn Robbins	Unrestricted
Stephanie Wilson	Unrestricted
- I. Acceptance of Donations
- J. Approval of Revised Job Descriptions
- K. Approval of FY 10 Superintendent/District Goals
- L. Approval of Change Orders for Life Health Safety Projects
- M. Approval of School Based Health Services Program

On Roll Call, the votes were

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

Nays: None

Absent: Terry Hall

The motion carried.

Action Items

Approval of the 2009 District Tax Levy

Bob Leonard, Associate Superintendent, read the 2009 Tax Levy that requires approval annually by law. After the approval by the Board, the Associate Superintendent will file the district tax levy with the County Clerk's office no later than the last Tuesday in December.

A motion was made by L.A. Gregorash and seconded by Bruce Bohren to approve Resolution #1 Authorizing Final Aggregate Tax Levy for the year 2009.

On Roll Call, the votes were

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

Nays: None

Absent: Terry Hall

The motion carried.

A motion was made by Bruce Bohren and seconded by Mark Vondracek to approve the Certificate of Tax Levy.

On Roll Call, the votes were

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

Nays: None

Absent: Terry Hall

A motion was made by L.A. Gregorash and seconded by Bruce Bohren to approve the Resolution #2 to levy Certain Special Taxes for the Special Education District IMRF purposes for the year 2009.

On Roll Call, the votes were

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

Nays: None

Absent: Terry Hall

The motion carried.

A motion was made by Bruce Bohren and seconded by Joan Morris to approve Resolution #3 to levy a Special Education Tax for the year 2009.

On Roll Call, the votes were

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

Nays: None

Absent: Terry Hall

The motion carried.

Approval of FY09 Audit

Mr. Jeff Rollefson from the accounting firm of Evans, Marshall and Pease was present to discuss the written audit provided to the Board. Mr. Rollefson gave an overview of the table of contents. Mr. Rollefson commented that the Independent Auditor's Report gave a "clean opinion".

A motion was made by Bruce Bohren and seconded by Mark Vondracek to approve the FY09 audit as presented.

On Roll Call, the votes were

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

Nays:

Abstain: Catherine Campbell

Absent: Terry Hall

The motion carried

Access to Closed Session Meeting Audio Recordings for November 2007, December 2007, January 2008 and February 2008 by an individual Board member

A discussion was held regarding Board member Campbell's request for access to closed session audio recordings. The general opinion is that audiotapes from any closed session meeting should remain private and secure.

A motion was made by Catherine Campbell for Woodland School District 50 School Board Member, Catherine Campbell (Catherine), having been elected to a term from April 2009-April 2013 and having taken her oath on April 30, 2009 in accordance with the law of this state commonly known as Illinois Statute 105 ILCS 5/10-16.5 (Illinois statute citation referenced below) be allowed access to the executive session tape(s) of the closed meeting on Thursday, May 28, 2009. Catherine believes that information on

this tape supports her request for access to other executive session tapes (pending “destruction of tapes” include but are not limited to, November 2007, December 2007, January 2008, February 2008).”

The motion was not seconded.

A motion was made by Catherine Campbell for Woodland District 50 School Board Member, Catherine Campbell, having been elected to a term from April 2009-April 2013 and having taken her oath (commonly known as Illinois Statute 105 ILCS 5/10-16.5- Illinois statute citation referenced below) on April 30, 2009, be allowed access to executive session tapes of closed meetings that occurred prior to her being sworn in to this elected position. Board actions surrounding the “destruction of closed meeting tapes” including but not limited to, November 2007, December 2007, January 2008, February 2008 are pending based upon new board member request(s) for access by Catherine Campbell.” This motion was seconded by L.A. Gregorash as presented.

On Roll Call, the votes were

Ayes: Catherine Campbell

Nays: Carla Little, Joan Morris, Mark Vondracek, Bruce Bohren, L.A. Gregorash

Absent: Terry Hall

The motion failed.

Reports/Discussion Items

Bus Rental Agreement FY11

Bob Leonard provided the Board with a written report on the Bus Rental Agreement. Mr. Leonard explained the district’s partnership regarding leasing agreements with Midwest Transit. Leasing the buses allows flexibility in determining the district’s requirements from year to year.

This year as part of a FACT recommendation the decision was made to bid the transportation needs in an effort to help reach the goal of reducing revenues of the district. Bid packages will be made available in December.

Correspondence to the Board

The Board received correspondence from State Superintendent, Christopher A. Koch and United States Senator, Roland W. Burris in response to the letter the Board sent regarding ARRA funding. The Board felt the responses received did not address the concerns expressed in the district’s letter. The consensus by the Board members was to respond to their responses indicating the Board’s displeasure with the answers and the continued lack of progress in releasing the funds.

In addition to the letters, the Board noted the importance of a representative from Woodland attending the State Budget Hearing on December 9, 2009 to express their willingness to help in getting the funding distributed to Illinois school districts from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

District Librarians and the Illinois School Library Grant

As a condition of receiving state grant funds, librarians must present to the Board an annual review of the variety of district activities taking place in Woodland libraries. Middle School Librarian, Andrea Perrin gave a report on a new computer program used in all district libraries called Destiny. This program replaces the card catalogs formerly used to locate books available in the library. All librarians have instructed the students and staff on how to operate the program and its many different uses.

Board Improvement and Operations

The annual school board conference will be held November 20-22 in Chicago. Board members received registration materials and workshop information. Written feedback on sessions attended by Board members should be returned by Wednesday, December 9, 2009.

Status Requests

No additional requests have been added.

Committee Reports/Announcements

No reports at this time.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Bruce Bohren and seconded by Mark Vondracek to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM.

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

Approved by the Board of Education on December 17, 2009.

President, L.A. Gregorash

Secretary, Bruce Bohren