

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, December 17, 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 7:47 PM.

**Roll Call**

Members Present: Bruce Bohren  
L.A. Gregorash  
Terry Hall  
Carla Little (via telephone @ 8:10)  
Joan Morris  
Mark Vondracek

Members Absent: Catherine Campbell

Superintendent: Joy Swoboda  
Associate Superintendent: Bob Leonard

**Approval of Agenda**

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

On Roll Call, the votes were

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

Nays: None

Absent: Catherine Campbell, Carla Little

The motion carried.

**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 presented:

- A. Approval of Minutes  
Closed Minutes 11/19/09, Regular Meeting 11/19/09, Special Meeting 12/3/09
  - B. Financial Reports
  - C. Treasurer Reports
  - D. Approval of Employment
- | <u>Name</u>      | <u>Position</u>               |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Milka Kyle       | Part Time-Playground Supv.-EE |
| Daniel Mortensen | 1:1 Paraprofessional-Int.     |
| JoAnn Heerdegen  | Substitute Playground – Int.  |

- E. Acceptance of Resignations/Retirements
 

<u>Resignation</u>	
<u>CERTIFIED</u>	<u>Position</u>
Kelly Easley	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math – MS
Diane Mason	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math – MS
<u>Retirement</u>	
Linda Hoeth	<u>Date</u>
	July 1, 2010
  
- F. Approval of Leaves of Absence
  - Jason Ahonen
  - Manuel Casillas
  - Jennifer Kerley
  - Claudia Michaels
  - Peggy Raube
  - Joe Wenner
  - Tracy Wenner
  - Catharine White
  
- G. Approval of Substitutes
  - Substitute Teachers
  - Jonathon Untch
  
- H. Approval of “Destruction of Closed Session Meeting Audio Recordings” for November 2007, December 2007, January 2008, February 2008, March 2008, April 2008, and May 2008.
- I. Acceptance of Donations
- J. Approval of Non-Resident Annual Tuition Charge

On Roll Call, the votes were

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

Nays: None

Absent: Catherine Campbell, Carla Little

The motion carried.

Action Items

Approval of purchase of SMART Boards for implementation at Primary School utilizing Title I funds.

The district received a one-time reallocation of \$412,000 in Title I funds. The district dedicates all of its Title I funds to the Primary School as part of District 50’s early intervention philosophy. In June 2009, the administration shared with the Board a proposed list of Title I expenses based upon this one-time allocation. Approximately \$160,000 of remaining unused funds will be used toward the purchase of 35 interactive white boards and six document cameras. The interactive white boards will provide teachers tools to instruct students in a variety of ways. They support engaging whole class, small group and individual learning. Woodland staff members have attended presentations by Promethian and SMART Board to determine which interactive white board is a better fit for Woodland. As a result of that process, it was determined that SMART was the better choice. In all 35 classrooms will receive a SMART Board. This covers all classrooms. The library and a lab will not receive SMART Boards. The district has purchased a mobile setup with board and stand for use throughout the school.

Board members wished to be clear that Title I funds are designated to the Primary School as well as how those funds are used by Board direction. In addition, the Board of Education members requested a demonstration of the SMART Board in the near future.

A motion was made by Bruce Bohren and seconded by Terry Hall to approve the purchase of SMART Boards for implementation at the Primary School utilizing Title I funds.

On Roll Call, the votes were

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

Nays: None

Absent: Catherine Campbell, Carla Little (lost phone connection)

The motion carried.

### Reports/Discussion Items

#### **Financial Advisory Community Taskforce (FACT) Report**

Bob Leonard and Joy Swoboda presented to the Board a PowerPoint presentation on FACT. Joy began with an over view of the committee's work beginning with identifying the goal. The next step was to seek input from stakeholders by inviting community members both internal and external to participate. After a committee was established an initial meeting was held to explain the process and goal. A total of 7 meetings were held for approximately 2.5 to 3 hours each. A great deal of thoughtful time and attention was spent at each meeting on ways to reduce the budget. Joy Swoboda wished to acknowledge how grateful she is to those who participated as committee members as well as those who provided written communication with their thoughts.

Joy Swoboda felt it was important to note a great deal of added value was brought to the committee. An additional \$900,000 above the initial 3.5 million in cost savings was brought to the Board to consider. In total, of the 24 items brought forward, 12 have been amended.

The Board discussed the next steps in the process. Dr. Gregorash would like to encourage everyone to remember each person has their own perspective, the need to encourage free flow conversations and the purpose is not to look for individual assessment of impact caused by decisions made. The Board also discussed the possibility of needing more information to help make an informed decision as well as making sure to look at the effect of their decisions on teachers, administrators and staff who may have added responsibilities as a result. The Board of Education is charged with making the final decision and is not limited to the recommendations given.

#### **January Board Forum**

The Board discussed the format for the January 19, 2010 forum. The overall consensus was to begin with an overview of the committee's purpose, discuss the districts financial picture and explain the process taken to this point. The members of the Board would like to encourage attendees to preview the FACT web page before attending the Forum as a way of expanding suggestions and ideas during the comment, question and answer portion.

#### **AIMSweb**

A written report was provided to the Board. No questions were asked.

#### **Board Financial Reports**

Bob Leonard provided the Board with two versions of the monthly financial summary that is included with the Board financials each month. Mr. Leonard feels the public more easily understands the updated version that includes a bar graph. Terry Hall feels the flow through can be eliminated from the summary. The financial summary with the bar graph will be made part of the financial packet from this day forth.

**Board Improvement and Operations**

Review of Draft Letters

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft letters to our legislators regarding their response to our ARRA funding letters. Minor changes to all three letters were agreed upon. The letters will be sent as soon as the changes have been made.

IASA/IASB/IASBO Conference

Summaries on sessions attended from the Board members were provided. Brief discussions on a few valid points made at the conference were discussed. All members feel this conference is a valuable tool for board members.

**Status Requests**

No additional requests have been added.

A discussion was held on the Board response to internal and external communications regarding FACT. The consensus of the board is to reply consistently with the information that their correspondence would be forwarded to the board on (insert (specify) date), advise them of future meeting dates, let them know their attendance is encouraged and welcomed, and thank them for their comments.

**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 9:53 PM.

On Voice Vote, the votes were                      Ayes – 5                      Nays - 0                      Absent - 2  
The motion carried.

Approved by the Board of Education on January 28, 2010.

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President, L.A. Gregorash

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Secretary, Bruce Bohren