

MEETING OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 50  
Board of Education Office  
1105 N. Hunt Club Road  
Gurnee, IL 60031  
Thursday, July 30, 2009

**Call to Order**

President, L.A. Gregorash, called the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Woodland School District 50 to order at 7:23 P.M.

**Roll Call**

Members Present: Bruce Bohren  
Catherine Campbell  
L.A. Gregorash  
Terry Hall  
Joan Morris  
Mark Vondracek

Members Absent: Carla Little

Staff Present: Joy Swoboda 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, Terry Hall, Joan Morris, Mark Vondracek,  
Bruce Bohren

Nays: None

Absent: Carla Little

The motion carried.

**Citizen Statements**

There were none.

**Review of Board Policies**

- 2:220 E1 – Board Treatment of Closed Meeting Verbatim Records and Minutes

During the Board meeting on July 23, the Board deferred the discussion of Board policy 2:220 E1 – Board Treatment of Closed Meeting Verbatim Records and Minutes until the meeting held on July 30. After review of this policy and the exhibit it was agreed to further review, discuss, and seek our attorney's advice on this policy at the COW meeting scheduled for September 3, 2009.

- 7:50 – School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools

After review of the draft minutes from the May 19 Board meeting, draft Board Policy 7:50 and an email from Nancy Krent, School Attorney, the Board members wish clarification on whether or not the proposed policy is sufficient with changes discussed.

Member Campbell wanted to know where we get proposed policy language. It was explained to the members we have a subscription to the Illinois Association of School Boards Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS). This is a tool that helps with updating existing policy or initiating new Board Policies.

Member Hall stated she objected to the time spent changing policies only for the purpose of making semantic adjustments, policy 7:50 and others are internally inconsistent, and that for each policy change proposed, she would like the specific source of the proposed change to be disclosed.

President Gregorash brought up the suggestion the PRESS document will be included in the next weekly communication. The new board members can review the document. The policies will be moved to the COW agenda in September to allow all Board members time to review the basic documents to guide them through the process of revising board policies.

After a few more questions and suggestions regarding changes to policy 7:50, it was agreed to continue the discussion at the September COW meeting.

Review Letter to Legislators on School Funding

Penny Dagley reported we have received notification that we must follow the following procedures to receive the ARRA stimulus funds: 1. Expend the money, 2. Pay the bill, and 3. Apply for reimbursement.

SEDOL is proposing a target date of August 11, 2009 to complete all paperwork that is submitted to them by surrounding districts.

The letter with changes was reviewed and will be sent with final revisions in the weekly communication for final approval.

Discussion of Board Monitoring System

The Board met with Barb Toney on July 9. Barb Toney suggested the Board implement a format to monitor board meetings. The Board has tried several forms on previous occasions and is currently looking for an alternative. The use of Post It notes was suggested. Bruce Bohren is willing to try the post -its system but suggests reviewing the notes every 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The final consensus was to try the post it notes using the following : Pink = positive, Yellow= clarify, and Blue = constructive criticism.

Discussion on the District's Involvement with the Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS) Program

Bruce Bohren asked that this item be placed on the agenda for the Board to discuss their thoughts on further investigation into Woodland's involvement with the PADS Program. It was suggested we invite a PADS representative to give a presentation to the Board.

A motion was made by Bruce Bohren and seconded by Catherine Campbell to adjourn at 8:40 PM.

On Voice Vote, there were:                      Ayes - 6                      Nays - 0                      Absent - 1  
The motion carried.

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

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President, L.A. Gregorash

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Secretary, Bruce G. Bohren