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Barrington Community Unit School District 220

Minutes of an Open Session Regular Board of Education Meeting

DATE: February 17, 2009

TIME: 6:01 p.m.

PLACE: Barrington High School, 616 West Main Street, Barrington, Illinois

Board Members Present

Brian Battle, *President*
Penny Kazmier, *Vice President*
Sam Oliver, *Secretary*
Jeff Church
Tim Hull
Jeff Nordquist
Cara Richardson

Administrators Present

Tom Leonard
Gary Frisch
Michael Gilmore
Mike Johann
Alena Laube

Other Administrators

Jeff Arnett
Tom Beerheide
Todd Bowen
Art Fessler
Becky Gill
Steve McWilliams
Connie Simon
Debbie Villers

CALL TO ORDER

President Battle called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Penny Kazmier moved and Sam Oliver seconded a motion that the Board move into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing employment matters, performance of a specific employee, collective negotiating matters, litigation matters, security procedures, student disciplinary matters, and the purchase, lease, or sale price of real property.

President Battle submitted the motion to a vote, and the roll call was as follows:

AYES: Church, Kazmier, Oliver, and Battle.

NAYS: None.

President Battle declared the motion carried. The Board moved into Closed Session at 6:02 p.m.

Jeff Nordquist entered Closed Session at 6:03 p.m.

Tim Hull entered Closed Session at 6:06 p.m.

Cara Richardson entered Closed Session via phone at 6:07 p.m. and physically entered Closed Session at 6:25 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Cara Richardson moved and Jeff Nordquist seconded a motion that the Board suspend Closed Session and move into Open Session.

President Battle submitted the motion to a vote, and the roll call was as follows:

AYES: Church, Hull, Kazmier, Oliver, Nordquist, Richardson, and Battle.

NAYS: None.

President Battle declared the motion carried. The Board moved into Open Session at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Nordquist, Church, Hull, Kazmier, Richardson, Oliver, and Battle.

ABSENT

None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION – WORLD LANGUAGE LAB TOUR

The Board, members of the administration, and members of the community took a tour of the World Language Lab with Todd Bowen, the District's World Language Department Head.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Battle stated that citizen comments are allowed at this time to address the Board. Public comment will be limited to 15 minutes with each person being limited to three minutes. He further explained that if additional time were needed to allow everyone an opportunity to speak, they would be allowed to do so at the end of the meeting.

No one requested to speak at this time. President Battle declared public comment closed.

BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

D.J. DeWitt, Barrington High School's representative to the Board of Education, updated the Board regarding current events at the high school.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Leonard reported on the following:

- The Chess Team successfully finished their season undefeated, earning their 6th consecutive MSL Championship.
- "Nuance" received the rank of superior in the 2008 NCTE Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines.
- BHS cheerleaders took 3rd in the co-ed division at the IHSA State Tournament.

- Six BHS boys signed letters of intent to play football at the February 4 National Signing Day.
- Candidates for the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Staff Development position participated in formal interviews last Wednesday; applicants for the position of Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs and Assessment were interviewed last Friday; and the first round of interviews for the principal position at North Barrington School was held on February 12.
- The District received no Freedom of Information Act requests since the last Board meeting.

**PRESIDENT'S
REPORT**

President Battle restated the following priorities for the Board of Education:

1. ELC/Station Construction
2. Middle School Referenda Timeline/Decision
3. Curriculum Support
4. Teachers' Contract/Negotiations
5. Strategic Plan/Engagement
6. Communications Plan

President Battle reported that the bids will be open for the Station renovation tomorrow, February 18, 2009. The bids of the Early Learning Center will go out in March or April. President Battle then reminded the audience that there was a Strategic Planning Summit scheduled for February 20, 21, and 23, 2009. All are welcome to participate.

**ENROLLMENT MONITORING
COMMITTEE (EMC)
REPORT**

Jeff Nordquist stated that he is working on revisions to the EMC's guiding principles. A final version will be presented to the Board for approval at an upcoming meeting.

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Penny Kazmier stated that the Facilities Committee meeting has a meeting scheduled for Friday, February 20, at 8:00 a.m. and another meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, at 6:00 p.m. One of the major topics discussed will be the Station campus renovation.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Jeff Church stated that the Finance Committee met on February 12, 2009, to discuss the financial parameters of the teacher contract, and how to approach the upcoming negotiations.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING
COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Sam Oliver stated that there are over 150 people who have registered to attend the Strategic Planning Summit scheduled for this coming weekend. She encouraged the community to participate.

**APPROVAL OF AMENDED
CONSENT AGENDA**

Cara Richardson moved and Jeff Nordquist seconded a motion that the Board approve the Amended Consent Agenda, including the Amended Personnel Report.

The Amended Consent Agenda included the following:

1. Minutes

a. Open Session Minutes

The Board approved the following Open Session minutes:
August 19, 2008.

b. Closed Session Minutes

The Board approved the following Closed Session minutes:
August 19, 2008 and August 23, 2008.

2. Finance

a. Exception Bills

The Board approved the exception bills in the amount of
\$3,386,442.45.

b. February 2009 Bill List

The Board approved the February 2009 bill list in the amount
of \$2,686,279.77. (See Exhibit A)

c. Activity Accounts

The Board approved the activity accounts as of January 31,
2009.

d. January 2009 Payroll

The Board approved the January 2009 payroll in the amount
of \$6,080,298.53.

e. January 2009 Treasurer's Report/Investment Report

The Board approved the January 31, 2009 Treasurer's
Report/Investment Report.

f. Revenues and Expenditures Report

The Board approved the Report of Revenues and
Expenditures dated January 31, 2009.

3. Personnel

Approval of the following personnel matters:

a. Separation of Certified Employee

The Board approved the separation of the following certified
employee: Marisa Berreles.

b. Retirement of Certified Employee

The Board approved the retirement of the following certified
employee: Susan Loesch.

c. Employment of Classified Employees

The Board approved the employment of the following
classified employee: Sharon Anderson.

d. Retirement of Classified Employee

The Board approved the retirement of the following classified employee: Alice Haebich.

4. Student Suspensions

The Board approved ratifying the following student suspensions: #1 at Barbara B. Rose School, #7 through #20 at Barrington Middle School – Prairie Campus; and #57 through #62 at Barrington High School.

President Battle submitted the motion to a vote, and the roll call was as follows:

AYES: Nordquist, Church, Hull, Kazmier, Richardson, Oliver, and Battle.

NAYS: None.

President Battle declared the motion carried.

DISCUSSION – CHINESE
LANGUAGE PROPOSAL

Alena Laube, Assistant Superintendent for Research and Development, and Todd Bowen, World Language Department Head, made a presentation to the Board entitled “Chinese Instruction in Barrington 220”. The presentation included a rationale for adding Chinese to the District’s curriculum, a list of school districts that offer Chinese, how the program would be funded, the impact on existing programs, and adjunct benefits to the Chinese Implementation Grant. After further discussion, the Board came to a consensus that they were all in favor of the Chinese Language Proposal. A formal vote will be taken at the March 17, 2009 Board of Education meeting.

DISCUSSION - SPECIAL
EDUCATION WORKLOAD/
MANDATES PROPOSAL

Connie Simon, Director of Special Education, Mike Johann, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, and Marni Johnson, Special Education Department Head, made a presentation to the Board entitled “Special Education Workload Plan”. The presentation included the following:

- 23 Ill. Admin. Code 226:735 requires school boards to adopt a Special Education Workload Plan effective with the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.
- Plan developed in cooperation with the entity’s affected employees and requirements of IELRA.
- Based on analysis of the activities for which the District’s special educators are responsible – cover what Special Education staff do in their daily duties in the following four areas:
 1. Individualized Instruction.
 2. Consultation/Collaboration with Staff.
 3. Attendance at IEP Meetings and other Conferences.
 4. Paperwork and Reporting.

The presentation then discussed how to analyze the workload, key considerations, and workload problem-solving. After some discussion, the Board asked for further information at an upcoming Board meeting.

DISCUSSION –
IMPACT FEES

The Board and the administration discussed a draft of an impact fee document prepared by Tom Beerheide, Director of Fiscal Services. The document included the following:

- Overview of Impact Fees.
- Updated list of indemnification agreements and ordinances on file with the District.
- 5-year History of Impact Fee Collection per Village and 4-year History of the District's Operating Expense Per Pupil.
- Current Subdivision Impact Fees.
- Facility Capacity Summary.

After some discussion, the Board made some minor changes to the document and asked that it be updated and brought back for final approval at the March 3, 2009 Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF
EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES

Jeff Nordquist moved and Sam Oliver seconded a motion to approve the Board of Education's Legislative Priorities in the following order:

1. Oppose state legislation that would modify school funding from property taxes to sales and/or income taxes.
2. Oppose the Canadian National Railway's purchase of the EJ&E Railway.
3. Support modification of existing Tax Cap legislation.
4. Support modifications to Disconnection legislation.
5. Support changes to federal No Child Left Behind testing requirements.
6. Support legislation promoting consolidation of school districts.

CLOSED SESSION

Cara Richardson moved and Jeff Nordquist seconded a motion that the Board move back into Closed Session for the purposes of discussing employment matters, performance of a specific employee, collective negotiating matters, litigation matters, security procedures, student disciplinary matters, and the purchase, lease, or sale price of real property.

President Battle submitted the motion to a vote, and the roll call was as follows:

AYES: Hull, Kazmier, Richardson, Oliver, Church, Nordquist, and Battle.

NAYS: None.

President Battle declared the motion carried.

The Board moved into Closed Session at 10:29 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Sam Oliver moved and Penny Kazmier seconded a motion that the Board move into Open Session.

President Battle submitted the motion to a vote, and the roll call was as follows:

AYES: Church, Hull, Kazmier, Richardson, Nordquist, Oliver, and Battle.

NAYS: None.

President Battle declared the motion carried.

The Board moved into Open Session at 11:56 p.m.

APPROVAL OF
CONFIDENTIALITY OF
CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Jeff Church moved and Jeff Nordquist seconded a motion that the minutes of the Closed Session remain confidential.

President Battle submitted the motion to a vote, and it was carried by voice vote.

ADJOURN

Cara Richardson moved and Sam Oliver seconded a motion that the meeting be adjourned.

President Battle submitted the motion to a vote, and it was carried by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 p.m.

Brian G. Battle, President

Sam Oliver, Secretary