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Barrington Community Unit School District 220

Minutes of an Open Session Regular Board of Education Meeting

DATE: January 13, 2009

TIME: 6:05 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
Scott Carlson
Art Fessler
Pat Haughney
Cindy Kalogeropoulos
Paul Kirk
Jodi Megerle
Barb Romano
Connie Simon
Craig Winkelman

CALL TO ORDER

President Battle called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Jeff Nordquist 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: Kazmier, Nordquist, Oliver, and Battle.

NAYS: None.

President Battle declared the motion carried. The Board moved into Closed Session at 6:06 p.m.

Tim Hull entered Closed Session at 6:10 p.m.
Cara Richardson entered Closed Session at 6:13 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Sam Oliver moved and Penny Kazmier 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: Hull, Kazmier, Richardson, Nordquist, Oliver, and Battle.

NAYS: None.

President Battle declared the motion carried. The Board moved into Open Session at 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Church.

Jeff Church entered Open Session at 9:50 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION – NATIONAL BOARD TEACHER CERTIFICATION

The Board and the administration recognized the following teachers for receiving the National Board Teacher Certification: Amy Breidenbach, Sara Carlson, Nita Hunter, Julie Scott, and Rebecca Wiegel.

RECONGITION – PTO AND DONOR GROUPS

The Board and the administration recognized and thanked the PTO's for their continued support and dedication to the schools of District 220.

PRESENTATION – BARBARA B. ROSE SCHOOL – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Scott Carlson, principal of Barbara Rose School, made a presentation to the Board entitled "School Improvement Plan – Barbara B. Rose School". The presentation included the history of the school's ISAT scores, MAP reading results, future goals of the school, and several highlights of the 2008-2009 school year.

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:

- A water pipe broke at Barrington High School last night. It has been fixed.
- The deadline for submitting applications for the two Assistant Superintendent positions is January 20, 2009.
- Today was the first round of interviews for the principal position at North Barrington School.
- 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 Mr. Colin James Barth, a valued member of the community, has passed away this week. Donations can be made to the Barth Family Fund, Barrington Bank & Trust, 201 S. Hough Street, Barrington, Illinois 60010.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED
CONSENT AGENDA

Cara Richardson moved and Sam Oliver seconded a motion that the Board approve the Amended Consent Agenda, including removing "No. 3 – Resolution Authorizing Intervention" and "No. 4 – Budget Preparation" from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

The Amended Consent Agenda included the following:

1. Finance
 - a. Exception Bills

The Board approved the exception bills in the amount of \$3,453,691.13
 - b. January 2009 Bill List

The Board approved the January 2009 bill list in the amount of \$1,512,715.51. (See Exhibit A.)
 - c. Activity Accounts

The Board approved the activity accounts as of December 31, 2008.

- d. December 2008 Payroll
The Board approved the December 2008 payroll in the amount of \$5,931,197.48.
- e. December 2008 Wire Transfers
The Board approved the December 2008 wire transfers in the amount of \$504,564.17.
- f. November and December 2008 Treasurer's Report/Investment Report
The Board approved the November 30 and December 31, 2008 Treasurer's Report/Investment Report.
- g. Revenues and Expenditures Report
The Board approved the Report of Revenues and Expenditures dated November 30 and December 31, 2008.
- h. Extension of HP Leases
The Board approved extending eight current HP leases for 3-5 months in order to bring all leases onto an annual cycle.

2. Personnel

Approval of the following personnel matters:

- a. Separation of Certified Employee
The Board approved the separation of the following certified employee: Gayle Toohey.
- b. Retirement of Certified Employee
The Board approved the retirement of the following certified employee: Mary Greco.
- c. Employment of Classified Employees
The Board approved the employment of the following classified employees: James Dzioba, Mary O'Driscoll, and Patricia Marschman.
- d. Separation of Classified Employees
The Board approved the separation of the following classified employees: Jackie Balla, Donna Crandall, Kathryn Smith, and Christine Strong.
- e. Retirement of Classified Employee
The Board approved the retirement of the following classified employee: Alejandro Suaceda.

3. Resolution Authorizing Intervention

Removed for separate consideration.

4. Budget Preparation

Removed for separate consideration.

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

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

NAYS: None.

Jeff Church was not present for vote.

President Battle declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING
INTERVENTION

Cara Richardson moved and Sam Oliver seconded a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Proceedings before the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board.

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

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

NAYS: None.

Jeff Church was not present for vote.

President Battle declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION
TO BEGIN BUDGET
PREPARATION

Cara Richardson moved and Jeff Nordquist seconded a motion to adopt a resolution designating Gary N. Frisch, Chief Financial Officer, and Thomas R. Beerheide, Director of Fiscal Services, to begin the 2009-2010 Budget Development Process.

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

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

NAYS: None.

Jeff Church was not present for vote.

President Battle declared the motion carried.

DISCUSSION – REPORT
FROM ENROLLMENT
MONITORING
COMMITTEE

Joe Ruffalo and Sandra Ficke-Bradford, co-chairs of the Enrollment Monitoring Committee (EMC), addressed the Board with recommendations from the entire EMC. The EMC recommended that the District maintain the existing attendance boundaries for the 2009-2010 school year. They also recommended the following changes to the EMC Charter:

- Clarify 1.5 mile statement with regard to transportation.
- Review and expand preamble to clarify the “guiding principles” conflict.

- Change “guiding principles” to “important considerations”.
- Consider allowing redistricted EMC members to finish out their EMC term.

Penny Kazmier and Jeff Nordquist will draft an update to the EMC’s original “guiding principles” and present it to the Board at a later meeting.

DISCUSSION – 5-YEAR STAFFING PLAN

Michael Gilmore, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, and Art Fessler, Principal of Barrington Middle School – Prairie Campus, made a presentation to the Board entitled “5-Year Staffing Projections”. This report was created using Kasarda B enrollment projections. The report included actual and guideline class sizes for elementary grades and class size targets for middle school and high school. It also included a five-year staffing plan summary for grades K-5, middle level, high school, and the special education program. Total increase in staffing for 2009-2010 is 4.9 FTE.

DISCUSSION – BOARD OF EDUCATION 220 LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS

Jeff Arnett, the District’s Chief Communications Officer, reported on the proposed legislative priorities that would be discussed at the January 22, 2009 Legislative Breakfast. After some review, the Board was in agreement with the topics discussed.

DISCUSSION – MIDDLE SCHOOL REFERENDUM TIMETABLE

The Board and the administration discussed the upcoming opportunities to put a referendum on the ballot for a new middle school. The upcoming election dates are: April 7, 2009; February 2, 2010; November 2, 2010; February 22, 2011 (consolidated primary will run only if needed); and April 5, 2011. The Board came to a consensus that the District would not put a referendum on the ballot for the April 7, 2009 election. The Board will discuss this topic again in April or May 2009.

DISCUSSION – FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICIES

Sam Oliver and Tim Hull presented the Board with copies of the following Board Policies: 4:70 – Resource Conservation; 6:230 – Library Media Program; and 6:310 – Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs, and Course Substitution. After review and discussion, it was agreed that Board Policies 4:70 – Resource Conservation and 6:230 – Library Media Program would be put on an upcoming agenda for a second reading and adoption. Board Policy 6:310 – Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs, and Course Substitution will return for a first reading.

CLOSED SESSION

Jeff Nordquist moved and Penny Kazmier 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: Kazmier, Richardson, Oliver, Church, Hull, Nordquist, and Battle.

NAYS: None.

President Battle declared the motion carried.

The Board moved into Closed Session at 10:28 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Jeff Church moved and Cara Richardson 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 11:29 p.m.

APPROVAL OF
CONFIDENTIALITY OF
CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Sam Oliver moved and Penny Kazmier seconded a motion that the minutes of the Closed Session remain confidential.

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.

ADJOURN

Jeff Nordquist moved and Tim Hull 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 11:30 p.m.

Brian G. Battle, President

Sam Oliver, Secretary