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Barrington Community Unit School District 220

Minutes of an Open Session Regular Board of Education Meeting

DATE: March 17, 2009

TIME: _____ 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
Tom Campagna
Art Fessler
Tim Haupt
Paul Kirk
Steve McWilliams
Mike Obsuszt
Julie Salk
Connie Simon
Debbie Villers
Craig Winkelman

CALL TO ORDER

President Battle called the meeting to order at _____ p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

_____ moved and _____ 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:

NAYS: None.

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

_____ entered Closed Session at _____ p.m.

OPEN SESSION

_____ moved and _____ 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:

NAYS: None.

President Battle declared the motion carried. The Board moved into Open Session at 7:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION – BHS CHEERLEADING SQUAD – STATE AWARD

The Board and the administration recognized the Barrington High School Cheerleading Squad for placing 3rd in the co-ed division at the IHSA State Tournament.

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:

- Upcoming BHS Fine Arts performances include: Percussion Experience in the Black Box Theater on March 18 and BHS choirs present "Music from Around the World" in the Johnson Auditorium.
- At a ceremony held on March 11, the Lake County Regional Office of Education recognized the achievement of six 220 teachers who have become National Board certified. Those teachers are: Rebecca Wiegel, Julie Stott, Lisa Meechan, Nita Hunter, Amy Breidenbach, and Sara Carlson.

- At the Worldwide Youth Science and Engineering Regional Competition last Friday, our BHS team took first place, and individual science students won several other medals.
- BHS students excelled at this year's regional Illinois Drafting Educators Association CAD Competition. Congratulations to Hans Griese, Rebecca Chau, and Mike Cherecwich.
- The JV Boys Hockey Team's 5-0 win over Glenbrook South earned them the 2009 JV State Championship.
- Congratulations to Cynthia Jaskowiak, the District's new Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs and Assessment.
- 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

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Penny Kazmier stated that the Facilities Committee will meet after Spring Break to discuss the Early Learning Center bids.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
REPORT**

President Battle reported that the Finance Committee met last week to discuss budgetary issues. The results of that meeting will be discussed later this evening.

**APPROVAL OF AMENDED
CONSENT AGENDA**

Cara Richardson moved and Penny Kazmier 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: September 23, 2008 and October 7, 2008.
 - b. Closed Session Minutes
The Board approved the following Closed Session minutes: September 18, 2008; September 23, 2008; and October 7, 2008.
2. Finance
 - a. Exception Bills
The Board approved the exception bills in the amount of \$3,281,691.53.

- b. March 2009 Bill List
The Board approved the March 2009 bill list in the amount of \$1,843,183.40. (See Exhibit A)
- c. Activity Accounts
The Board approved the activity accounts as of February 28, 2009.
- d. February 2009 Payroll
The Board approved the February 2009 payroll in the amount of \$5,976,029.20.
- e. February 2009 Treasurer's Report/Investment Report
The Board approved the February 28, 2009 Treasurer's Report/Investment Report.
- f. Revenues and Expenditures Report
The Board approved the Report of Revenues and Expenditures dated February 28, 2009.

3. Personnel

Approval of the following personnel matters:

- a. Employment of Certified Employee
The Board approved the employment of the following certified employee: Cynthia Jaskowiak.
- b. Separation of Certified Employee
The Board approved the separation of the following certified employee: Belen Pinto-Aveles.
- c. Retirement of Certified Employee
The Board approved the retirement of the following certified employee: Ted Groat.
- d. Separation of Classified Employees
The Board approved the separation of the following classified employees: Korron Blalark and Steven Harris.

4. Student Suspensions

The Board approved ratifying the following student suspensions: #63 through #74 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 – FINE
ARTS BOOSTER

Carl Heitman, a community member, made a presentation to the Board proposing an east wing lobby/theater entrance, sculpture garden, and outdoor art annex pavilion at Barrington High School. Mr. Heitman stated that the cost of this project will be approximately \$1,300,000 and it will be funded 100% by community donations. After some discussion, the Board was in consensus that Mr. Heitman should proceed forward with this project.

DISCUSSION – BUDGETARY
DIRECTION

Dr. Leonard stated that the current economic realities have created uncertainties with the District's financial projections. As a result of these economic times, the level of staffing needs to be tweaked for the 2009-2010 school year. Jeff Church stated that the Finance Committee met and discussed several possible options that would result in cost savings for the upcoming school year. Dr. Leonard stated that legally the District would have to officially approve a resolution to reduce staff at the April 7, 2009 Board meeting (45 days before the end of the current school year). The recommendation from the administration is to reduce FTE by approximately 13 throughout the entire District for the 2009-2010 school year. After further discussion, the Board was in consensus that the administration should go forward and reduce FTE by approximately 13 for the upcoming school year. A resolution will be brought to the Board at the April 7, 2009 Board meeting for official approval.

DISCUSSION – STRATEGIC
PLANNING/6 STRANDS

Dr. Jeffrey Arnett, Chief Communications Officer, made a presentation to the Board entitled "An Update on the Strategic Planning Process – 20/20 Vision". Dr. Arnett explained the process thus far. He stated that after several planning meetings and a 3-day strategic planning summit in February, the six themes developed by the Strategic Planning Committee are as follows:

1. Social-emotional learning.
2. Individualized learning and assessment.
3. Technology.
4. Creating optimal time for learning.
5. Global connections.
6. Healthy and environmentally sustainable schools.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board was in consensus that the Strategic Planning Committee should continue exploration of the above six themes. They would also like the committee to explore the possibility of implementing the following two themes from the last Strategic Plan into the current plan being developed:

1. Community and trust.
2. Resources.

Dr. Arnett stated that he plans to have a draft of the Strategic Plan for the Board's review in June 2009.

The Board took a break at 9:20 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF BMS -
STATION RENOVATION
CONSTRUCTION AND
FURNITURE BIDS AND
CONTRACT WITH
PEPPER CONSTRUCTION

Cara Richardson moved and Penny Kazmier seconded a motion to approve the Barrington Middle School – Station Campus renovation construction and furniture bids and a contract with Pepper Construction as follows:

- a. Approve Master Contract with Pepper Construction.
- b. Reject Bid Package No. 8 Received on February 18, 2009.
- c. Approve Bid Package Nos. 1 through 16, Excluding No. 8, Received on February 18, 2009.
- d. Approve Bid Package No. 8 Rebid on March 9, 2009.
- e. Approve Work Order with Pepper Construction.
- f. Approve Furniture Bid for Station Renovation Project.

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

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

NAYS: None.

President Battle declared the motion carried.

DISCUSSION – FIRST
READING OF BOARD
POLICIES

Sam Oliver and Tim Hull presented the Board with copies of the following Board Policies: 6:310 – Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs, and Course Substitutions; 7:240 – Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities; and 7:300 – Extracurricular Athletics. After review and discussion it was agreed that these policies would be put on an upcoming agenda for a second reading and adoption.

APPROVAL OF SCHEDULING
ORGANIZATIONAL AND
REGULAR MEETING ON
MAY 5, 2009

Jeff Church moved and Jeff Nordquist seconded a motion to approve scheduling an organization and regular meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2009.

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

CONSIDERATION TO
APPROVE CHANGES TO
ENROLLMENT MONITORING
COMMITTEE CHARTER –
TABLED

The Board came to a consensus to table this action item and place it on an upcoming agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

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

NAYS: None.

President Battle declared the motion carried.

The Board moved into Closed Session at 10:22 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

_____ moved and _____ seconded a motion that the Board move into Open Session.

President Battle submitted the motion to a vote, and it was carried by voice vote. The Board moved into Open Session at _____ p.m.

APPROVAL OF
CONFIDENTIALITY OF
CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

_____ moved and _____ 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

_____ moved and _____ 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 _____ p.m.

Brian G. Battle, President

Sam Oliver, Secretary