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Barrington Community Unit School District 220

Minutes of an Open Session Regular Board of Education Meeting

DATE: March 3, 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*
Tim Hull
Cara Richardson

Administrators Present

Tom Leonard
Gary Frisch
Michael Gilmore
Mike Johann
Alena Laube

Other Administrators

Rick Aceves
Jeff Arnett
Todd Bowen
David Dick
Art Fessler
Becky Fitzpatrick
Becky Gill
Patricia Haughney
Tim Haupt
Julie Luck Jensen
Louise Robb
Connie Simon
Debbie Villers
Craig Winkelman

Board Members Absent

Jeff Church
Jeff Nordquist

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 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 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Hull, Kazmier, Richardson, Oliver, and Battle.

ABSENT

None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION – HOUGH STREET SCHOOL – 5TH GRADE KNOWLEDGE MASTERS

The Board and the administration recognized the fifth grade students at Hough Street School for taking first place in the Knowledge Masters Open.

PRESENTATION – MIDDLE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Art Fessler, Principal of Barrington Middle School – Prairie Campus, and Craig Winkelman, Principal of Barrington Middle School - Station Campus, made a presentation to the Board entitled School Improvement Plan – Barrington Middle Schools. The plan included a history of ISAT scores, the middle school goals and strategies, and highlights from the 2008-2009 school year for both campuses.

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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Leonard reported on the following:

- Nine District 220 schools (out of only 388 in the State of Illinois) earned the Illinois State Board of Education's Academic Excellence Award this year.

- Once again, District 220 has earned the SchoolSearch Bright Red Apple Award for educational excellence.
- Jake McManus, a BMS – Prairie Campus student, was awarded an Infinitec North 2009 Outstanding Student Technology Award for his exceptional progress and skill.
- Jenny Schnack and Justin Yu were selected to the Illinois High School Association All State Academic Team for this school year.
- The 10th Annual Speech Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 7, at BMS – Station Campus, from 9:00 a.m.
- Congratulations to Louise Robb, District 220's new Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum/Instruction & Staff Development, for the 2009-2010 school year.
- The District received three 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 on March 5 to discuss the progress on the new Early Learning Center, a Fine Arts Proposal, and maintenance in the District's buildings.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
REPORT

President Battle stated that the Finance Committee will meet on March 10 to look at staffing for next year with representatives from PMA. All Board members are encouraged to attend.

STRATEGIC PLANNING
COMMITTEE UPDATE

Sam Oliver stated that the Strategic Planning process has been very successful thus far. There are over 200 members of the community participating. The Board will get an update on the progress of this committee at the March 17, 2009 Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT
AGENDA

Cara Richardson moved and Sam Oliver seconded a motion that the Board approve the Consent Agenda.

The Consent Agenda included the following:

1. Minutes
 - a. Open Session Minutes
The Board approved the following Open Session minutes:
February 11, 2009.
 - b. Closed Session Minutes
The Board approved the following Closed Session minutes:
February 11, 2009.

2. Finance

a. February 2008 Wire Transfers

The Board approved the February 2009 wire transfers in the amount of \$482,953.20.

b. Impact Fees

The Board approved the Impact Fee Document created by Tom Beerheide.

3. Personnel

Approval of the following personnel matters:

a. Employment of Certified Employee

The Board approved the employment of the following certified employee: Louise Robb.

b. Separation of Certified Employees

The Board approved the separation of the following certified employees: Sharon Bassrawi and Jennifer Washington.

c. Leave of Absence Request of Certified Employee

The Board approved the leave of absence request of the following certified employee: Kimberly Carson.

d. Change in Assignment of Certified Employee

The Board approved the change in assignment of the following certified employee: Louise Robb.

e. Employment of Classified Employee

The Board approved the employment of the following classified employee: Daniel Irish.

f. Separation of Classified Employees

The Board approved the separation of the following classified employee: Sergio Perez.

4. Resolution to Transfer Funds

The Board approved a Resolution to Transfer Funds from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Capital Projects Funds.

5. Shakespeare Festival Trip

The Board approved the annual trip to the Stratford Festival in Ontario, Canada.

6. Student Suspensions

The Board approved ratifying the following student suspension: #2 at Sunny Hill School.

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

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

NAYS: None.

President Battle declared the motion carried.

Penny Kazmier left Open Session at 8:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CHINESE LANGUAGE PROPOSAL

Tim Hull moved and Sam Oliver seconded a motion to approve the Illinois State Board of Education Implementation Grant and add Mandarin Chinese to District 220's World Language Program beginning with the 2009-2010 school year.

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

AYES: Hull, Oliver, Battle, and Richardson.

NAYS: None.

President Battle declared the motion carried.

The Board took a break at 8:40 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 8:52 p.m.

DUAL LANGUAGE ENROLLMENT SELECTION CRITERIA

Alena Laube, Assistant Superintendent for Research and Development, discussed the enrollment selection criteria for the Dual Language Program. The current sibling policy was discussed in detail. There was some discussion that the sibling policy, which guarantees siblings into the Dual Language Program, may need to be revised and/or removed to provide greater access to more families who wish to enroll their children into this program. After some discussion, the Board came to a consensus to grandfather all current Dual Language families (grades K-4) into the program. New families into the program will no longer have this guarantee.

DISCUSSION – SPECIAL EDUCATION WORKLOAD PLAN

The Board came to a consensus to table this discussion to a meeting in the near future.

DISCUSSION – COORDINATE LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Board came to a consensus to table this discussion to a meeting in the near future.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE HONORABLE DISMISSAL OF EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF

Tim Hull moved and Cara Richardson seconded a motion to approve a Resolution to Approve the Honorable Dismissal of Educational Support Staff.

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

AYES: Hull, Richardson, Oliver, and Battle.

NAYS: None.

President Battle declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
CONFIDENTIALITY OF
CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Cara Richardson moved and Sam Oliver 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 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 9:25 p.m.

Brian G. Battle, President

Sam Oliver, Secretary