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Barrington Community Unit School District 220

Minutes of an Open Session Regular Board of Education Meeting

DATE: October 7, 2008

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

Administrators Present

Tom Leonard
Gary Frisch
Michael Gilmore
Mike Johann

Other Administrators

Jeff Arnett
Tom Beerheide
Tom Campagna
Scott Carlson
Becky Gill
Steve McWilliams
Barb Romano
Connie Simon
Debbie Villers
Craig Winkelman

Board Members Absent

Cara Richardson

CALL TO ORDER

President Battle called the meeting to order at 6:01 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: Church, Nordquist, Oliver, and Battle.

NAYS: None.

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

Penny Kazmier entered Closed Session at 6:03 p.m.

Tim Hull entered Closed Session at 6:09 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Tim Hull moved and Jeff Nordquist 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, Nordquist, Kazmier, and Battle.

NAYS: None.

Sam Oliver was not present for vote.

President Battle declared the motion carried. The Board moved into Open Session at 7:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Nordquist, Church, Hull, Kazmier, and Battle.

ABSENT

Richardson.

Sam Oliver entered Open Session at 8:16 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION

Dr. Becky Gill, Principal of Hough Street School, congratulated Hough Street School for receiving Character Counts' Citizenship Award.

PRESENTATION – HOUGH STREET SCHOOL – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Dr. Becky Gill made a presentation to the Board entitled "School Improvement Plan – Hough Street School". The presentation included the history of the ISAT scores in both reading and math. The presentation also included Hough's student literacy proficiency levels and the school's literacy goal for 2008-2009. Dr. Gill ended her report by discussing Hough Street School's most recent highlights.

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:

- The successful homecoming activities.
- The success of the varsity soccer team.

PRESIDENT'S
REPORT

President Battle stated the following new 2008-2009 priorities for the Board of Education.

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

President Battle stated that he attended a recent meeting of the Barrington Chamber of Commerce. The meeting discussed ideas regarding ways to have the business community get more involved with the rest of the Barrington community.

ENROLLMENT MONITORING
COMMITTEE (EMC) REPORT

Penny Kazmier stated that the deadline for applications for new EMC members at Grove, Rose, and Sunny Hill was yesterday. The schools will now start their selection process. The next EMC meeting is November 11, 2008.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE
REPORT

Penny Kazmier stated that the next Facilities Committee meeting is Friday, October 17, 2008, at 8:45 a.m. The committee will be discussing the new Early Learning Center and the renovation at Station Campus.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
REPORT

President Battle stated that the next Finance Committee meeting is on Tuesday, October 14, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. He stated that the District will be receiving the June 2008 audit in the near future. President Battle reported that the committee will be discussing the current turmoil in the financial markets and what that means to District 220. They will also be discussing the 2008 tax levy at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED
CONSENT AGENDA

Penny Kazmier moved and Jeff Nordquist seconded a motion that the Board approve the Amended Consent Agenda, including the Revised Personnel Report.

The Amended Consent Agenda included the following:

1. Minutes

a. Open Session Minutes

The Board approved the following Open Session minutes:
May 20, 2008 and June 3, 2008.

b. Closed Session Minutes

The Board approved the following Closed Session minutes:
April 29, 2008; May 20, 2008; and June 3, 2008.

2. Finance

a. August 2008 Wire Transfers

The Board approved the September 2008 wire transfers in the amount of \$690,186.19.

b. Resolution to Approve Storage Area Network (SAN) Financing

The Board approved a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a master lease agreement, equipment schedule No. 01, an escrow agreement, and related instruments, and determining other matters in connection therewith.

3. Personnel

Approval of the following personnel matters:

a. Retirement of Certified Employees

The Board approved the retirement of the following certified employee: Alena Laube.

b. Change in Assignment of Certified Employee

The Board approved the change in assignment of the following certified employee: Thomas Leonard.

c. Employment of Classified Employees

The Board approved the employment of the following classified employees: Emily Leininger and Sharon Meyer.

d. Retirement of Classified Employee

The Board approved the retirement of the following classified employee: Richard Belmonte.

4. Donation

The Board approved a donation by Doering Landscape Company for labor and installation of landscape materials at the Barrington Community Stadium.

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

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

NAYS: None.

President Battle declared the motion carried.

Sam Oliver was not present for vote.

APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF
ENROLLMENT MONITORING
COMMITTEE CHARGE

Jeff Nordquist moved and Penny Kazmier seconded a motion to approve the renewal of the Enrollment Monitoring Committee and its charge.

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

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

NAYS: None.

President Battle declared the motion carried.

Sam Oliver was not present for vote.

DISCUSSION – EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Tom Campagna, the District's Director of Buildings and Grounds, made a presentation to the Board discussing the Early Learning Center planning process and the progress made thus far. Mr. Campagna also discussed upcoming events with regard to planning the new Early Learning Center. He ended his presentation by stating that the construction of the new ELC is scheduled to begin in April 2009. The construction is expected to be completed in July 2010.

DISCUSSION – DRAFT OF COMMUNITY SURVEY

Jeff Arnett, the District's Chief Communications Officer, presented a draft community survey created by Unicom ARC to the Board for their review. This is a phone survey that will be conducted in the District 220 area to learn more about the community's attitudes toward some important issues. The Board and the administration reviewed individual questions and made some suggested changes. Dr. Arnett will work with Unicom to incorporate those changes. The survey is scheduled to be conducted from October 15 through October 29, 2008. Ultimately, Unicom will provide the District with an Executive Summary of the survey's findings.

DISCUSSION – MIDDLE SCHOOL REFERENDUM TIMELINE

The Board and the administration discussed when and if they would go out for referendum for a new middle school. At this point, the next opportunity to put a question on the ballot would be spring of 2009. After that, the next opportunity would be spring of 2010. After some discussion, the Board was in consensus that they would revisit the referendum question in December. The Board would like to look at the Kasarda numbers, results of the community survey, and results from the November election before making any decisions about putting a referendum on the ballot.

DISCUSSION – FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICIES

Sam Oliver and Tim Hull presented the Board with copies of the following Board Policies: 4:55 – Use of Credit and Procurement Cards and 6:20 – School Year Calendar and Day. After review and discussion, it was agreed that these policies would be put on an upcoming agenda for a second reading and adoption.

Jeff Nordquist left the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

APPROVAL OF
CONFIDENTIALITY OF
CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Penny Kazmier 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

Tim Hull 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 9:30 p.m.

Brian G. Battle, President

Sam Oliver, Secretary