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## ***Barrington Community Unit School District 220***

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### ***Minutes of an Open Session Regular Board of Education Meeting***

DATE: September 23, 2008

TIME: 6:08 p.m.

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

#### Board Members Present

Brian Battle, *President*

Sam Oliver, *Secretary*

Jeff Church

Tim Hull

Jeff Nordquist

Cara Richardson

#### Board Members Absent

Penny Kazmier, *Vice President*

#### Administrators Present

Tom Leonard

Gary Frisch

Michael Gilmore

Mike Johann

#### Other Administrators

Jeff Arnett

Tom Beerheide

Tom Campagna

Scott Carlson

David Dick

Art Fessler

Becky Fitzpatrick

Patricia Haughney

Scott Kasik

Steve McWilliams

Mike Obsuszt

Louise Robb

Barb Romano

Connie Simon

Debbie Villers

#### CALL TO ORDER

President Battle called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

#### CLOSED SESSION

Sam Oliver moved and Cara Richardson 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, Hull, Richardson, Nordquist, Oliver, and Battle.

NAYS: None.

President Battle declared the motion carried. The Board moved into Closed Session at 6:09 p.m.

#### OPEN SESSION

Tim Hull moved and Jeff Church 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, Nordquist, Church, Richardson, Oliver, and Battle.

NAYS: None.

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

#### ROLL CALL

#### PRESENT

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

#### ABSENT

Kazmier.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### RECOGNITION

The Board and the administration recognized the following 2009 National Merit Semifinalists: Benjamin Altshuler, Aleksander Bapst, Will Chan, Lela DiMonte, George Farrell, Michelle Grube, Megan Karande, David Lilien, Sasidar Madugula, David Martin, Sam Martin, Woody Rosenberg, and Justin Yu.

#### PRESENTATION – BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Scott Kasik, Associate Principal at Barrington High School, Maria Vlahos, Head of Math Department, and math teachers Beth MacDuff, and Lori McCarthy made a presentation to the Board entitled “Barrington High School – School Improvement Plan Overview”. The presentation discussed academic indicators and upward trends, an intervention programs review, and the presentation took a close look at the math academy.

#### 8:00 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING ON 2008-2009 BUDGET

President Battled opened the Public Hearing on the 2008-2009 Budget.

Thomas Beerheide, District 220’s Director of Fiscal Services, made a presentation to the Board entitled “2008-09 Final Budget”. The presentation outlined the 2008-2009 operating budget, projected ending operating fund balances for June 30, 2009, and projected non-operating fund balances for June 30, 2009. A question and answer session followed between the Board and administrators.

President Battle stated that at this time the public can address the Board regarding the proposed 2008-2009 budget. He asked if anyone wished to speak.

No one requested to speak. President Battle declared public comment on the budget closed.

#### PRESENTATION – ATHLETIC SAFETY

Dr. Dan DiOrio made a presentation to the Board entitled “Concussion Management at Barrington High School”. The presentation discussed concussion in youth sports and ImPACT, a tool used for evaluating concussions. The presentation also discussed Barrington High School’s “Return to Play Protocol”.

#### 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. He reported on both upcoming and recent events.

#### SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Leonard reported on the following:

- All of the Back-to-School nights at District 220’s schools went very well.
- Arnett C. Lines School officially received notice from the U.S. Secretary of Education that it has been recognized as a 2008 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School.
- The District received four 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. Finding a long-term solution for the Early Learning Program;
2. How to do significant renovations to BMS – Station Campus; and
3. Options for a third middle school.

#### FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Cara Richardson stated that the Facilities Committee met and recapped the status of the summer projects and discussed the projects that are being contemplated.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

President Battle stated that the Finance Committee met and discussed the proposed 2008-2009 budget. He stated that they also discussed a contract for the purchase of electricity and a lease agreement for a computer storage device system.

The Board took a break at 9:10 p.m.  
The Board reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

## APPROVAL OF AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA

Jeff Church moved and Cara Richardson seconded a motion that the Board approve the Amended Consent Agenda, which included the removal of "Item 5 – Land Purchase".

The Amended Consent Agenda included the following:

### 1. Minutes

#### a. Open Session Minutes

The Board approved the following Open Session minutes:  
April 15, 2008 and May 6, 2008.

#### b. Closed Session Minutes

The Board approved the following Closed Session minutes:  
April 15, 2008 and May 6, 2008.

### 2. Finance

#### a. Exception Bills

The Board approved the exception bills in the amount of  
\$3,049,749.59.

#### b. September 2008 Bill List

The Board approved the September 2008 bill list in the  
amount of \$2,056,021.66.

#### c. Activity Accounts

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

#### d. August 2008 Treasurer's Report/Investment Report

The Board approved the August 31, 2008 Treasurer's  
Report/Investment Report.

#### e. Revenues and Expenditures Report

The Board approved the Report of Revenues and  
Expenditures dated August 31, 2008.

#### f. August 2008 Payroll

The Board approved the August 2008 payroll in the amount  
of \$1,578,541.20.

#### g. Unicom Contract

The Board approved a Letter of Agreement with Unicom-  
ARC to conduct opinion research in District 220. The  
approximate cost to the District is \$24,950 plus some  
anticipated incidentals.

- h. Lease Agreement with Suntrust Equipment Finance and Leasing Corporation for Computer Storage Device System  
The Board approved a three-year lease contract to purchase the Storage Area Network system. The cost for 2008-09 will be \$70,053 with the remaining amount paid out over the next two fiscal years.

3. Personnel

Approval of the following personnel matters:

- a. Leave of Absence Requests of Certified Employees  
The Board approved the leave of absence requests of the following certified employees: Anne McNamara, Julie Schoppe, and Julie Suessen.
- b. Stipend Adjustment for Certified Positions  
The Board approved a stipend adjustment for the following certified positions in the 2008-2009 Alternative Pathways Program: Teacher, Counselor, and Director.
- c. Employment of Classified Employees  
The Board approved the employment of the following classified employees: Cynthia Amato, Kimberly Anderson, Priscilla Balistreri, Diana Barbarigos, Russell Becker, Lindsey Johnson, Helga Maciulewicz, Susan Prokos, Jeannine Rogers, and Kelly Springer.
- d. Retirement of Classified Employees  
The Board approved the retirement of the following classified employees: Catherine Molenda and Terri VanLeirsburg.
- e. Separation of Classified Employees  
The Board approved the separation of the following classified employees: Tamara Burris, Rosemary Henry, and Lisa Sherlock.
- f. Leave of Absence Request of Classified Employee  
The Board approved the leave of absence request of the following classified employee: Erica Duffy.
- g. Change of Assignment of Classified Employee  
The Board approved the change of assignment of the following classified employee: Kelly Gruenfeld.

4. Application for Recognition of Schools

The Board approved the 2008-2009 Application for Recognition of Schools.

5. Land Purchase

Removed from this evening's Consent Agenda.

6. Settlement Agreement

The Board approved the Settlement Agreement and related documents and release in Consolidated Case #5-L1012 and #5-L1013 (Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois).

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

AYES: Church, Richardson, Oliver, and Battle.

NAYS: None.

President Battle declared the motion carried.

Tim Hull and Jeff Nordquist were not present for vote.

APPROVAL OF THE  
2008-2009 BUDGET

Cara Richardson moved and Sam Oliver seconded a motion that the Board approve the adoption of the 2008-2009 budget as presented this evening.

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

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

NAYS: None.

President Battle declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT  
FOR THE PURCHASE OF  
ELECTRICITY

Cara Richardson moved and Sam Oliver seconded a motion that the Board of Education authorize Gary N. Frisch and Thomas R. Beerheide to approve a contract for the procurement of electricity and to elect and designate the price terms of such contract. The price terms of such contract shall not exceed 12.5% of the 2007-2008 fiscal year kilowatt rates for a period not to exceed 12 months and/or 0% of the 2008-2009 kilowatt rates for a period not to exceed 12 months.

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

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

NAYS: None.

President Battle declared the motion carried.

DISCUSSION - UPDATED  
COMMUNICATIONS  
PLAN

Jeff Arnett, the District's Chief Communications Officer, made a presentation to the Board entitled "Strategic Planning in Barrington 220 – A Check for Understanding". The presentation discussed the desired goals of the strategic planning process and the roles of the planning team, community stakeholders, staff, administration, and task

forces. Dr. Arnett ended the discussion by explaining the process to be followed. The plan is to have this process complete in September 2009.

DISCUSSION –  
BOARD PRIORITIES –  
2008-2009

The Board discussed their 2008-2009 priorities and what kind of role they would like to have in the following:

- ELC/Station Construction
- MS Referenda Timeline/Decision
- Curriculum Support
- Teachers' Contract/Negotiations
- Strategic Plan/Engagement
- Communications Plan

The Board was in consensus that they would like to be made aware of all construction issues with regard to the new Early Learning Center before the information is released to the public.

CLOSED SESSION

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

NAYS: None.

President Battle declared the motion carried.

The Board moved into Closed Session at 10:30 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Cara Richardson 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: Oliver, Hull, Richardson, Nordquist, Oliver, and Battle.

NAYS: None.

President Battle declared the motion carried.

The Board moved into Open Session at 11:41 p.m.

APPROVAL OF  
CONFIDENTIALITY OF  
CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Jeff Nordquist moved and Tim Hull 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, Richardson, Nordquist, Oliver, and Battle.

NAYS: None.

President Battle declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN

Sam Oliver moved and Jeff Church 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 11:42 p.m.

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Brian G. Battle, President

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Sam Oliver, Secretary