



## *Barrington Community Unit School District 220*

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

DATE: February 23, 2016

TIME: 5:31 p.m.

PLACE: Barrington High School, 616 W. Main St., Barrington, Illinois

#### Board Members Present

Brian Battle, *President*  
Penny Kazmier, *Vice President*  
Sandra Bradford, *Secretary*  
Wendy Farley  
Joseph Ruffolo  
Angela Wilcox

#### Board Members Absent

Christopher Geier

#### Administrators Present

Brian Harris  
Jeff Arnett  
Mary Dudek  
Matt Fuller  
Linda Klobucher  
Tim Neubauer  
Connie Simon

#### Other Administrators

Morgan Delack  
Ty Gorman  
Heath McFaul  
Steve McWilliams  
Ninja Nagel  
Mike Obsuszt  
Teresa Reiche  
Barb Romano  
LeeAnn Taylor  
Brigid Tileston  
Steve Underwood  
Cheryl Wadsworth

#### CALL TO ORDER

President Battle called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

#### CLOSED SESSION

Penny Kazmier moved and Angela Wilcox seconded a motion that the Board move into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, collective negotiating matters, litigation matters, security procedures, student disciplinary matters, and the purchase, lease or sale of real property.

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

AYES: Bradford, Kazmier, Ruffolo, Farley, Wilcox, and Battle.

NAYS: None.

President Battle declared the motion carried. The Board moved into Closed Session at 5:33 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Wendy Farley moved and Angela Wilcox 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: Bradford, Kazmier, Ruffolo, Farley, Wilcox, and Battle.

NAYS: None.

President Battle declared the motion carried. The Board moved into Open Session at 6:03 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Farley, Ruffolo, Kazmier, Wilcox, Bradford, and Battle.

ABSENT

Geier.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL  
REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Sean Dolan, Barrington High School's representative to the Board of Education, updated the Board regarding current events at the high school.

PUBLIC COMMENT-PART I  
(NON-INPUT 220 ISSUES)

President Battle stated that citizen comments are allowed at this time to address the Board regarding non-Input 220 issues. 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.

APPROVE COMPUTER  
LEASES

Penny Kazmier moved and Joe Ruffolo seconded a motion to approve the Apple leases to continue the implementation of the One to World program in Barrington 220, as presented this evening.

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

AYES: Ruffolo, Farley, Kazmier, Bradford, and Battle.

NAYS: Wilcox.

President Battle declared the motion carried.

DISCUSSION – 2016-17  
BUDGET PLANNING  
DISCUSSION

The Board and the administration discussed financial projections for FY 2016, based upon current and predicted local, state and federal funding. To be more cost-effective and to streamline operations, the administration has identified potential budget reductions totaling \$2,640,815. The Board asked the administration to prioritize the reductions into three separate tiers. The Board will continue to discuss these adjustments throughout the budget deliberation process in February and March.

The Board took a break at 7:17 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

DISCUSSION – INPUT 220

Assistant Superintendent Jeff Arnett, Barrington High School Principal Steve McWilliams, and Barrington High School Associate Principal Ty Gorman made a presentation to the Board entitled “Barrington High School Late Start Schedule Scenarios”. They outlined possibilities for the high school schedule to accommodate research-based adolescent sleep needs, while still allowing for a daily dismissal before 4:00 p.m. Some of the options discussed were:

- Keeping the traditional eight-period schedule while adjusting classroom time to either 47 or 43 minutes; or
- Implementing a modified or alternating block schedule, which can create a more efficient use of classroom minutes.

Input 220 Co-Chairs were invited to the table to answer questions from the Board. The Board of Education will continue these discussions over the next several weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENT-PART II  
(INPUT 220 ISSUES)

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.

The following people spoke:

Cris Chmiel, BMS/BHS parent, addressed the Board stating that she is not in favor of these options because it drastically changes the current educational model.

Tim Carter, parent of four District 220 students, addressed the Board stating that he is not in favor of these options.

Angela Lebovic, District parent, addressed the Board stating that there are too many unresolved issues at this point.

Christine Bedard, District 220 parent, addressed the Board stating that she is not in favor of changing start times.

Tom Carney, District 220 parent, addressed the Board stating that he is in favor of changing start times for the students.

Terri Longo, District 220 parent, addressed the Board encouraging them to do what is right for the students.

Claire Buckley, BHS student, addressed the Board encouraging them to change to a later start time for the high school.

Kristen Lewis, BHS teacher, addressed the Board stating that the majority of the teachers do not support the options presented thus far.

Paul Rudnicki, Countryside parent, addressed the Board asking that they defer the decision and explore other options.

Jeff Nordquist, District 220 parent and former Board member, addressed the Board with concerns regarding the late-start options presented thus far.

Chris Baustert, District 220 parent, addressed the Board with concerns regarding block scheduling.

Melinda Brown, former high school teacher, addressed the Board with concerns regarding block scheduling.

Jeff Baustert, BHS parent, addressed the Board stating that the District is not in a position to make such a drastic change for next year.

Rosemary Berquist, Prairie parent and member of Input 220 Committee, addressed the Board stating that she is not in favor of a shorter day for the students.

Branda Nelson, Mental Health Crisis Team Member for District 220 and District 220 parent, addressed the Board stating that sleep is a major consideration in suicides. Please come up with a suitable solution.

Karen Weaver, middle school and high school parent, addressed the Board asking why they have not explored options that start at 8:00 a.m.

Adriana Rahfaldt, BHS parent, addressed the Board stating that she agrees students should start later but these options are too drastic.

Ron Metcalf, BEA President, addressed the Board stating that according to a recent survey, the BEA has significant concerns about the proposed changes. There needs to be a better solution.

Laurie Tippet, District 220 parent, addressed the Board stating that communication regarding this matter has not been handled well.

Mike McKee, Countryside parent, addressed the Board asking that they look again at Option I.

Nick MacIver, 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Station, addressed the Board stating that he would like a later start time. Gets up too early and does not get enough sleep.

Paras Thakkar, a District 220 parent, addressed the Board asking that

they post more information on the website regarding this topic.

Dr. Nitin Soorya, member of Input 220 Committee, addressed the Board asking for clarification regarding the elementary schools with regard to a later start time.

Carrie Bowman, a BHS and Station parent, addressed the Board wondering when the community would have an opportunity to ask questions.

Jeff Church, a District 220 parent and former Board member, addressed the Board asking that they begin their public discussions and sharing their thoughts regarding this matter.

DISCUSSION-  
AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH  
1, 2016 COMMITTEE OF THE  
WHOLE MEETING

The Board and the administration discussed the items to be placed on the agenda for the March 1, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting.

DISCUSSION-  
FUTURE BOARD  
AGENDA ITEMS

The Board and the administration discussed possible items for upcoming agendas.

ADJOURN

Penny Kazmier moved and Joe Ruffolo 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 10:36 p.m.

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Brian G. Battle, President

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Sandra Bradford, Secretary