

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 208  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Tuesday, January 13, 2009  
Alumni Lounge, Room 112

The Tuesday, January 13, 2009, Regular meeting of the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, was called to order at 7:38 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge, Room 112, of the Riverside Brookfield Township High School building, by Mr. Lawrence Herbst, President.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

The Secretary called the roll.

Board members present:     Karen Bensfield  
                                      Laura Hruska  
                                      Sue Kleinmeyer  
                                      MariAnn Leibrandt  
                                      James Marciniak  
                                      William McCloskey  
                                      Lawrence Herbst, President

Board members absent:     None

Also present:                 Mary Ann Nardi, Secretary and non-member

Administrators present:     Jack Baldermann, Superintendent/Principal  
                                      Tim Scanlon, Assistant Principal  
                                      John Passarella, Assistant Principal  
                                      Chris Whelton, Business Office Manager

Others present:             Student Association: Molly McCloskey & Freshman Representative  
                                      Patricia Sarkady, Applied Arts Department Chair  
                                      Pat Sumrow, Owner's Representative  
                                      Bob Skolnik, Landmark  
                                      Jerry Buttimer  
                                      RBTV Crew

Communications/Appearances Before the Board

Written communications received since the regular December 9, 2008, Board meeting were routinely shared with members on a weekly basis.

Student Association Report

The Student Association members introduced themselves. Upcoming events include the Turnabout Dance, Match Maker Survey, a blood drive, and help with Career Day. Mr. Herbst thanked the girls for their report.

Career Day

Mrs. Sarkady provided information about the January 21, 2009, Career Day. She stated that this year's event will use past ideas and incorporate many new ones. The concept is to make career day into career exploration day. The students should feel that they are attending a conference, and they will use a passport to track their choices. There will be sessions in classrooms and a trade show in the gym. So far 80 panelists will participate. Flyers with career "tidbits" will be posted throughout the school to entice the students. Mr. Herbst thanked Mrs. Sarkady for her impressive presentation.

Monthly Budget Report



December 9, 2008, Regular and Closed Meeting Minutes

RESOLUTION # 11914

December 9, 2008, Regular and Closed Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Bensfield moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, approves the minutes from the December 9, 2008, Regular and Closed sessions, as revised

Mr. Marciniak seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following members voted AYE:

Mrs. Bensfield, Ms. Hruska, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mr. Marciniak, Mr. McCloskey, and Mr. Herbst

and the following voted NAY: None

and the following were ABSENT: None

and the following voted PRESENT: Mrs. Leibrandt The motion carried.

Mr. Herbst reordered the agenda.

Communications/Appearances Before the Board (continued)

Riverside Township Presentations to Riverside Brookfield High School

Mr. Richard Tuscher, Riverside Township Supervisor, presented two appreciation awards. The first one was to recognize the efforts of RB students in helping with the flood last September. The second was to recognize Mr. Otto Zeman and the football team's help with the sandbag operation in the Riverside Lawn area. Mr. Tuscher complimented our outstanding students and congratulated RB on the development of community spirit within the school.

Mr. Herbst reordered the agenda.

New Business

Ms. Pat Sumrow presented and explained the next four items to the Board and answered their questions.

Authorize the James McHugh Construction Company to Award Contract RBC 09-02-Skylights: Phase III Renovation Project

RESOLUTION # 11915

Authorize the James McHugh Construction Company to Award Contract RBC 09-02-Skylights: Phase III Renovation Project

Mr. Marciniak moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby authorizes the James McHugh Construction Company to award Contract RBC 09-02-Skylights: Phase III, Renovation Project to Reichel Associates, for the base bid amount of \$29,475.00, pending receipt of all required insurance and performance bonds, all in the best interest of the District, as presented in the January 13, 2009, Board Agenda packet.

Mrs. Bensfield seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following members voted AYE:

Mrs. Bensfield, Ms. Hruska, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mrs. Leibrandt, Mr. Marciniak, Mr. McCloskey, and Mr. Herbst

and the following voted NAY: None

and the following were ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

Authorize the James McHugh Construction Company to Award Contract RBC 09-04-Carpet: Phase III Renovation Project

RESOLUTION # 11916

Authorize the James McHugh Construction Company to Award Contract RBC 09-04-Carpet: Phase III Renovation Project

Ms. Hruska moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby authorizes the James McHugh Construction Company to award Contract RBC 09-04-Carpet: Phase III, Renovation Project to Kingston Tile Company, Ltd., for the base bid amount of \$132,645.00, pending receipt of all required insurance and performance bonds, all in the best interest of the District, as presented in the January 13, 2009, Board Agenda packet.

Mrs. Bensfield seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following members voted AYE:

Mrs. Bensfield, Ms. Hruska, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mrs. Leibbrandt, Mr. Marciniak, Mr. McCloskey, and Mr. Herbst

and the following voted NAY: None

and the following were ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

Authorize the James McHugh Construction Company to Award Contract RBC 09-07-Resilient Sports Flooring: Phase III Renovation Project

RESOLUTION # 11917

Authorize the James McHugh Construction Company to Award Contract RBC 09-07-Resilient Sports Flooring: Phase III Renovation Project

Mrs. Kleinmeyer moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby authorizes the James McHugh Construction Company to award Contract RBC 09-07-Resilient Sports Flooring: Phase III, Renovation Project to Kiefer Specialty Flooring, for the base bid amount of \$253,445.00, pending receipt of all required insurance and performance bonds, all in the best interest of the District, as presented in the January 13, 2009, Board Agenda packet.

Mrs. Leibbrandt seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following members voted AYE:

Mrs. Bensfield, Ms. Hruska, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mrs. Leibbrandt, Mr. Marciniak, Mr. McCloskey, and Mr. Herbst

and the following voted NAY: None

and the following were ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

Authorize the James McHugh Construction Company to Award Contract RBC 09-08-Micropiles: Phase III Renovation Project

RESOLUTION # 11918

Authorize the James McHugh Construction Company to Award Contract RBC 09-08-Micropiles: Phase III Renovation Project

Mrs. Bensfield moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby authorizes the James McHugh Construction Company to award Contract RBC 09-08-Micropiles: Phase III, Renovation Project to Mix-On Site, for the base bid amount of \$52,800.00, pending receipt of all required insurance and performance

bonds, all in the best interest of the District, as presented in the January 13, 2009, Board Agenda packet.

Mrs. Kleinmeyer seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following members voted AYE:

Mrs. Bensfield, Ms. Hruska, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mrs. Leibrandt, Mr. Marciniak, Mr. McCloskey, and Mr. Herbst

and the following voted NAY:           None  
and the following were ABSENT:   None                                   The motion carried.

Old Business – Action Items

Establish a Running Club, Establish a Student Athletic Training Aide Club, Establish a Spanish Dance Club

The Board Members asked John Passarella to gather more information about these clubs. The sponsors are requested to attend next month’s Board Meeting.

Proposed Board Policies (Nepotism, Student Records) Second Reading

Mrs. Bensfield explained the procedure for updating the policy manual. After the Board reviews and adopts the proposed changes, the IASB will incorporate the changes/updates to the manual.

RESOLUTION # 11919                                   Proposed Board Policies (Nepotism, Student Records)

Mrs. Bensfield moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, approves the nepotism and student records policies as presented in the January 13, 2009, Board Agenda Packet.

Mrs. Leibrandt seconded the motion.

After discussion, the motion was rescinded. Mr. Marciniak requested that the policies be divided into separate motions.

RESOLUTION # 11920                                   Rescind Previous Motion and Separate the Nepotism and Student Records Policies into Two Motions

Mrs. Bensfield moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, rescinds the previous motion and moves to separate the nepotism and student records policies into two resolutions as discussed during the January 13, 2009, Regular Meeting.

Mrs. Leibrandt seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following members voted AYE:

Mrs. Bensfield, Ms. Hruska, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mrs. Leibrandt, Mr. Marciniak, Mr. McCloskey, and Mr. Herbst

and the following voted NAY:           None  
and the following were ABSENT:   None                                   The motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 11921                                   Adopt Nepotism Policy

Mrs. Bensfield moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, approves the nepotism policy as presented in the January 13, 2009, Board Agenda Packet.

Mrs. Leibrandt seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following members voted AYE:

Mrs. Bensfield, Ms. Hruska, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mrs. Leibrandt, Mr. McCloskey, and Mr. Herbst

and the following voted NAY: Mr. Marciniak

and the following were ABSENT: None The motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 11922 Adopt Student Records Policy

Mrs. Kleinmeyer moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, approves the student records policy as presented in the January 13, 2009, Board Agenda Packet.

Mrs. Bensfield seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following members voted AYE:

Mrs. Bensfield, Ms. Hruska, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mrs. Leibrandt, Mr. Marciniak, Mr. McCloskey, and Mr. Herbst

and the following voted NAY: None

and the following were ABSENT: None The motion carried.

New Business (continued)

Authorization to Sign for District Financial Items

Mr. Whelton explained why this authorization is necessary.

RESOLUTION # 11923 Authorization to Sign for District Financial Items

Mrs. Leibrandt moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby authorizes Jack Baldermann and/or Christopher Whelton to sign for all financial items related to District 208 including but not limited to retirement accounts, banking, and all other financial matters as discussed at the January 13, 2009, Regular Board Meeting.

Mrs. Kleinmeyer seconded the motion.

After discussion, the motion was rescinded and the resolution was revised.

RESOLUTION # 11924 Rescind Previous Resolution; Revised Authorization to Sign for District Financial Items

Mrs. Leibrandt moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby authorizes the Superintendent/Principal and/or the Business Manager to sign for all financial items related to District 208 including but not limited to retirement accounts, banking, and all other financial matters as discussed at the January 13, 2009, Regular Board Meeting.

Mrs. Kleinmeyer seconded the motion.

Upon further discussion, the revised motion was rescinded and the resolution reverted back to the original wording.

RESOLUTION # 11925 Rescind Previous Resolution; Revised Authorization to Sign for District Financial Items

Mrs. Leibrandt moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby authorizes Jack Baldermann and/or Christopher Whelton to sign for all financial items related to District 208 including but not limited to retirement accounts, banking, and all other financial matters as discussed at the January 13, 2009, Regular Board Meeting.

Mrs. Kleinmeyer seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following members voted AYE:

Mrs. Bensfield, Ms. Hruska, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mrs. Leibbrandt, Mr. Marciniak, Mr. McCloskey, and Mr. Herbst

and the following voted NAY: None  
and the following were ABSENT: None The motion carried.

School Calendar for 2009-2010, First Reading

Mr. Baldermann explained that the calendar coincides with the feeder schools' breaks. The main points are the start date after Labor Day; first semester exams after winter break; and the number of non-attendance days. The construction schedule required the late start this year.

Proposed Board Policies, IASB Press Plus, First Reading

Mrs. Bensfield explained the IASB Press Plus process. The majority of the changes are due to changes in the law. The Board has the option to edit the items to make the policies more specific to RB.

Change in Institute Day Date

Mr. Scanlon explained the need to change the date of the February Institute Day. The desired presenter can only present at RB on March 16, 2009.

RESOLUTION # 11926                      Change in Institute Day Date

Mrs. Leibbrandt moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, approves the Institute Day date change from February 27, 2009, to March 16, 2009, as presented in the January 13, 2009, Board Agenda Packet.

Mrs. Kleinmeyer seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following members voted AYE:

Mrs. Bensfield, Ms. Hruska, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mrs. Leibbrandt, Mr. Marciniak, Mr. McCloskey, and Mr. Herbst

and the following voted NAY: None  
and the following were ABSENT: None The motion carried.

Visitors Statements

No visitor came forward at this time.

Closed Session

A closed session was recommended for the purpose of considering appointment, employment or dismissal of employees, student disciplinary matters, and collective bargaining negotiations.

RESOLUTION # 11927                      Closed Session

Mrs. Leibbrandt moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, enters closed session for the purpose of considering appointment, employment, or dismissal of employees, student disciplinary matters, and collective bargaining negotiations.

Mrs. Kleinmeyer seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following members voted AYE:

Mrs. Bensfield, Ms. Hruska, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mrs. Leibrandt, Mr. Marciniak, Mr. McCloskey, and Mr. Herbst

and the following voted NAY: None  
and the following were ABSENT: None The motion carried.

The Board entered closed session at 9:04 p.m., reconvened in open session at 10:55 p.m. and took action on items of unfinished business.

Action/Information Following Closed Session

RESOLUTION # 11928 Approve Appointments

Mrs. Kleinmeyer moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the appointments of: George Miller, Assistant Girls' Track Coach, Category D, Step 2; Marty Sloan, Assistant Baseball Coach, Category D, Step 1; Phil Cavaliere, Volunteer Baseball Coach; John Gaines, Volunteer Baseball Coach; Noah Wiza, Volunteer Baseball Coach; and Charlie Egner, Publications Lab Assistant, Category G, Step 1; as presented and discussed during the January 13, 2009, closed session meeting.

Mr. Marciniak seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following members voted AYE:

Mrs. Bensfield, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mrs. Leibrandt, Mr. Marciniak, Mr. McCloskey, and Mr. Herbst

and the following voted NAY: Ms. Hruska  
and the following were ABSENT: None The motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 11929 Approve Appointment – Dan Monahan

Mrs. Kleinmeyer moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the appointment of Dan Monahan, Assistant Baseball Coach, Category D, Step 2, as discussed during the January 13, 2009, closed session meeting.

Mrs. Bensfield seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following members voted AYE:

Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mr. Marciniak, Mr. McCloskey, and Mr. Herbst

and the following voted NAY: Mrs. Bensfield, Ms. Hruska  
and the following were ABSENT: None  
and the following voted PRESENT: Mrs. Leibrandt The motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 11930 Maternity Leave Request – Sandra Gagen

Mrs. Kleinmeyer moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the maternity request for Sandra Gagen, beginning March 30, 2009, until January, 2010, as discussed during the January 13, 2009, closed session meeting.

Mr. Marciniak seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following members voted AYE:

Mrs. Bensfield, Ms. Hruska, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mrs. Leibrandt, Mr. Marciniak, Mr. McCloskey, and Mr. Herbst

and the following voted NAY: None  
and the following were ABSENT: None The motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 11931 Amendment to Contract for Tim Scanlon

Mrs. Bensfield moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the amendment to the contract for Tim Scanlon as discussed during the January 13, 2009, closed session meeting.

Mr. McCloskey seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following members voted AYE:

Mrs. Bensfield, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mrs. Leibrandt, Mr. McCloskey, and Mr. Herbst

and the following voted NAY: Ms. Hruska, Mr. Marciniak  
and the following were ABSENT: None The motion carried.

Closed Session

A second closed session was recommended for the purpose of considering appointment, employment or dismissal of employees.

RESOLUTION # 11932 Closed Session

Mrs. Bensfield moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, enters closed session for the purpose of considering appointment, employment, or dismissal of employees.

Mrs. Kleinmeyer seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following members voted AYE:

Mrs. Bensfield, Ms. Hruska, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mrs. Leibrandt, Mr. Marciniak, Mr. McCloskey, and Mr. Herbst

and the following voted NAY: None  
and the following were ABSENT: None The motion carried.

The Board entered closed session at 11:05 p.m., reconvened in open session at 11:40 p.m. No action will be taken.

RESOLUTION #11933 Adjournment

It was moved by Mrs. Bensfield and seconded by Mrs. Kleinmeyer that the Regular January 13, 2009, Meeting of the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, be adjourned. All members present voted AYE, and the motion carried.

At 11:45 p.m. the President declared the meeting adjourned.