

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

Saturday, June 27, 2009
9:00 a.m.
Brookfield Zoo, Discovery Center

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, was held on Saturday, June 27, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in the Discovery Center of Brookfield Zoo with President James Marciniak presiding.

Attendance was taken.

Board members present: Lawrence Herbst
 Susan Kleinmeyer
 MariAnn Leibrandt
 Daniel Moon
 Matthew Sinde, Jr.
 Michael Welch
 James Marciniak, President

Board members absent: None

Administrators present: David J. Bonnette, Interim Superintendent

Others present: Todd Faulkner, Franczek, Radelet

The purpose of this Special Meeting was to conduct workshops for board members on school law issues and goal setting.

President Marciniak appointed David Bonnette as acting secretary for the meeting.

Visitors Statements

There were no statements from visitors.

Workshop on School Law Issues

Attorney, Todd Faulkner, presented an outline of essential school law issues of which school board members should be aware.

Topics and issues presented by Mr. Faulkner, and discussed with the Board, were as follows:

- I. Governance
 - A. Legal structure and authority of the Board
 - B. Restrictions to Board authority (i.e., conflicts of interest, political activities, confidentiality)
 - C. Open Meetings Act
 - D. Freedom of Information Act
 - E. Liability/Immunity
 - F. Board relations with staff and community

- II. Labor Relations
 - A. Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act
 - B. Collective Bargaining
 - C. Contract Administration
 - D. Evaluation, Discipline, and Dismissal

- III. Employees
 - A. Certified Staff (probation, tenure, reduction in force).
 - B. Support Staff
 - C. Administrative Staff
 - D. Evaluation, Discipline, and Dismissal

- IV. Students
 - A. Board and staff authority
 - B. Student rights
 - C. Discipline
 - D. Special Education
 - E. Residency

The workshop on school law concluded at 12:00 noon. Mr. Faulkner left the meeting at that time.

Workshop, Goal Setting 2009-10

Several topics were identified by Board members in advance of the workshop and these topics were listed on the agenda to guide discussion. Goal topic areas for the workshop included the following:

- A. Board Operations
- B. Community Relations
- C. Personnel
- D. Curriculum and Instruction
- E. Student Services
- F. Finance

General discussion followed on the topics that were listed on the agenda. Following discussion, the Board developed a preliminary listing of goals it would like to address in the coming year.

- A. Reports to the Board in a consistent manner with regard to student test results.
- B. A report to the Board by the superintendent in August, on the status/achievement of 2008-09 goals.
- C. Engagement with the community. What is the Board's role in community outreach. What are the District's efforts to engage community organizations.
- D. Conduct a community forum.
- E. Establish acceptable protocols for Board/community interaction and reports to the community.
- F. Work on communications, internally and externally (i.e., web page, newsletter, etc.)
- G. Consider electronic Board packets.
- H. Have a regular, Friday, coffee day.
- I. Work on Board civility in presence of District staff.
- J. Prepare for likelihood of a referendum. The school's academic merit is key to the success of this issue.
- K. Cultivate a positive relationship with the press.
- L. Conduct a search for a new superintendent.
- M. Maintain confidentiality with regard to matters that legally require confidentiality.

Visitor Statements

There were not statements from visitors.

Adjournment

RESOLUTIONS #12112

Adjournment

It was moved by Mrs. Kleinmeyer and seconded by Mr. Sinda that the June 27, 2009, Special 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 3:15 p.m. the meeting was declared adjourned.