

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

Tuesday, August 25, 2009  
Crescent Room (Rm.201), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

The Tuesday, August 25, 2009, Regular meeting of the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, was called to order at 7:33 p.m. in the Crescent Room, (Room 201) of the Riverside Brookfield Township High School building, by Mr. James Marciniak, President.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

The Secretary called the roll.

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

Board members absent:     None

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

Administrators present:     David J. Bonnette, Interim Superintendent  
                                      Tim Scanlon, Principal  
                                      Troy Gobble, Assistant Principal  
                                      Chris Whelton, Business Office Manager

Others present:             Student Association: Kelly Sherman, Giulia Bova, Megan Landahl,  
  Mark Benya, and Zeyne Guzeldereli  
                                      Bob Skolnik, Landmark  
                                      Andy Totten, McHugh  
                                      Bill Frey  
                                      David Hilpp  
                                      Jodie Arvis  
                                      Jerry Buttimer  
                                      Mr. & Mrs. Marty Crowley  
                                      Gary Zeleny  
                                      Mr. & Mrs. Flam  
                                      Colleen Toriumi  
                                      Judy Mantal  
                                      Lynn Wazak  
                                      RBTV Crew

Communications/Appearances Before the Board

Written communications received since the regular June 23, 2009, Board meeting were routinely shared with members on a weekly basis.

Student Association Report

The Student Association representatives reported on their latest activities. They will meet with the principal on Wednesday, August 26, 2009, and they are beginning their preparations for Homecoming.

Correspondence from Beverlee Wolf

Ms. Wolf sent a note of appreciation regarding the recognition of her 53 years of service.

#### Correspondence from FCCLA

Students sent a note of appreciation regarding the Board's continued support of the FCCLA.

#### Correspondence from St. Baldrick's Foundation

The St. Baldrick's Foundation sent a congratulatory letter regarding RB's inclusion in *Newsweek Magazine's* list of "America's Top Public High Schools" and appreciation for the money raised at RB's St. Baldrick's event.

#### Newsletter from Best Buddies International

RB was presented with an Outstanding Chapter Award at Best Buddies International's leadership conference. RB was chosen as one of 22 high school chapters to receive this award from more than 800 high schools throughout the world.

#### IHSA SAWA Report

The IHSA sent a letter commending RB for "Sporting a Winning Attitude" This award was presented to Marisa Dobbertin and the Girls' Varsity Soccer team.

#### Freedom of Information Act Requests and Status Reports

Dr. Bonnette reported that a Freedom of Information Act request had been received via phone from Ms. Annie Reed, *Suburban Life* reporter. Mr. Sinde commended Dr. Bonnette for the update on the FOIA requirements that begin on January 1, 2010.

#### Monthly Budgets Reports, June, July

Mr. Whelton presented the monthly budget reports for June and July. He highlighted the operating revenues and expenditures for the two months.

#### Board Committee Reports

Mr. Sinde reported that the Curriculum Committee met in August and discussed Independent Study courses, RtI, and AP classes. The Independent Study courses will proceed this year but there will be a moratorium on future classes. Mr. Herbst said that there have been daily meetings with Andy Totten and Brett Dawson from McHugh. During these past few weeks there have been up to 250 workmen in the school. Work is progressing on time and under budget. Mr. Herbst commended Dennis Kosirog and the ARAMARK crew for their commitment in readying the school. Mr. Sinde reiterated that school will begin on time. Mrs. Leibrandt said there was a meeting this afternoon to discuss several budget items. The final budget will be presented at the September 8, 2009, meeting. Mr. Whelton spoke about property taxes. Mr. Welch stated that three meetings were held in addition to today's meeting. Work is continuing on bringing clarity to all financial reports. Mr. Moon said the Board met to interview the two final firms. Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates was the firm that was chosen. A meeting with HYA will be on August 27, 2009, in the Superintendent's conference room. Mrs. Leibrandt is the IASB representative, and she reported that a dinner meeting will be held on September 30 and the combined conference will be in November.

#### Reports from the Superintendent and Administration

##### Day of Service

Mr. Scanlon and student Zeyne Guzeldereli, presented information about RB's Day of Service. The date will be October 17, 2009. Mr. Scanlon shared information about the history of this day. Zeyne Guzeldereli commented on the event through a student's point of view. Mr. Scanlon addressed the audience stating that the community's help is needed to convey the information to senior citizens who may need assistance that day.

#### Independent Study Courses

Dr. Bonnette reported on independent study classes which will be offered in World History, Advanced Chemistry, and Advanced Economics. The Board acted on this matter last spring.

Health Advisory Committee

Dr. Bonnette indicated that a committee would be formed regarding health policies. He also met with the Riverside Police Chief and was informed about the new community information service, the Nixle System. The school also will be using a similar system called Skylert. The object is to present straightforward information and suppress rumors.

Goal Status Report, 2008-09, Board/School Goals, 2009-10

Mr. Scanlon and Mr. Gobble provided the Board with a Power Point presentation on goal attainment for the District's 2008-09 accomplishments. Dr. Bonnette, in his capacity as an interim superintendent in other districts, put together a "points of pride" document that was used as a tool for superintendent searches. Using a similar format, Mr. Gobble put together a document about RB's many accomplishments.

Update, Building Renovation Project

This item was covered in the committee reports.

Visitors Statements

Mr. Marciniak stated he was impressed with the points of pride and would like to give copies to the newspapers. He would like to see more good news about RB in the newspaper, and this document is a wonderful source. Lynn Wazak commented on the need to inform the community of both sides of issues. Jerry Buttimer, parent, provided a Power Point presentation regarding a grievance with regard to past issues in the Athletic Department. Jodie Vincent Arvis commented that a summer reading book is inappropriate in her opinion. Judy Mantel addressed the Board regarding errors on sports fundraising cards. Colleen Toriumi encouraged the Board members to employ the policy manual.

Consent Agenda – Action Items

Mr. Robling addressed the Board about his comments made at the end of the May 5, 2009, regular meeting being distorted in the minutes. The minutes have been revised.

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| RESOLUTION # <u>12133</u> | Approval of Minutes   |
|                           | Payment of Bills  |
|                           | Prevailing Rate of Wage Resolution                                |
|                           | Ratify Summer Bills Approved by Mr. Marciniak,<br>Board President |

Mrs. Leibrandt moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby takes the following action on the listed Consent Agenda items:

- A. Approves minutes from the meetings held on May 5, 2009 (revised), June 23, 2009, June 27, 2009, and July 20, 2009
- B. Approves the payment of the bills as presented and listed in Section VII for District 208 in the amount of \$9,530,455.78 and District 208.9 in the amount of \$54,452.48.
- D. Ratifies the summer bills previously reviewed and approved by Mr. Marciniak, Board President.

as presented in the August 25, 2009, Board Agenda packet.

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

Mr. Herbst, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mrs. Leibrandt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Sinde, Mr. Welch, and Mr. Marciniak

and the following voted NAY: None

and the following were ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION #12134

Approval of July 14, 2009 (Committee of the Whole) (amended), July 21, 2009 (Committee of the Whole), August 11, 2009 (Committee of the Whole), August 11, 2009 (Special, Open), and August 11, 2009 (Special, Closed)

Mrs. Leibrandt moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the minutes of July 14, 2009 (Committee of the Whole) (amended), July 21, 2009 (Committee of the Whole), August 11, 2009 (Committee of the Whole), August 11, 2009 (Special, Open), and August 11, 2009 (Special, Closed) as presented in the August 25, 2009, Board Agenda packet.

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

Mr. Herbst, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mr. Sinde, Mr. Welch, and Mr. Marciniak

and the following voted NAY: None  
and the following were ABSENT: None  
and the following voted PRESENT: Mrs. Leibrandt, Mr. Moon The motion carried.

Old Business

Board Policy, Residency

Dr. Bonnette explained this policy and recommended Board approval.

RESOLUTION #12135

Board Policy, Residency

Mr. Herbst moved the following

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the Board policy for residency as presented in the August 11, 2009, Board Agenda packet.

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

Mr. Herbst, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mrs. Leibrandt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Sinde, Mr. Welch, and Mr. Marciniak

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

Contract, ARAMARK

Dr. Bonnette reported on the contract amendment. Mr. Dennis Kosirog, representing ARAMARK, addressed the Board.

RESOLUTION #12136

Contract, ARAMARK

Mr. Sinde moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the ARAMARK contract as presented in the August 11, 2009, Board Agenda packet.

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

Mr. Herbst, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mrs. Leibrandt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Sinde, Mr. Welch, and Mr. Marciniak

and the following voted NAY: None

and the following were ABSENT:   None                           The motion carried.

New Business

Ratification of Change Order No. 10, James McHugh Construction Company

Mr. Andy Totten highlighted items on the change order.

RESOLUTION #12137

Ratification of Change Order No. 10, James  
McHugh Construction Company

Mr. Sinda moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby ratifies Budget Change Order No. 10 to the James McHugh Construction Company and, furthermore, add the amount of \$225,726.00 to the Project Construction Contingency line item, all in the best interest of the District, as presented in the August 11, 2009, Board Agenda packet.

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

Mr. Herbst, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mrs. Leibrandt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Sinda, Mr. Welch, and Mr. Marciniak

and the following voted NAY:   None

and the following were ABSENT:   None                           The motion carried.

Vending Machine Contract

Dr. Bonnette explained that portions of this item have to be discussed in closed session.

Petition, Metro Suburban Conference Admission

Dr. Bonnette stated that Glenbard South requested membership in the Metro Suburban Conference. He recommended that this item be added to the October agenda.

Personnel Matters

Administrative Job Descriptions

Dr. Bonnette said the Administration reviewed the job descriptions on a first-reading basis.

Extra Duty Assignments, 2009-10

Volunteer Coaches List, 2009-10

Pay Scale, Students and Interns

These items will be discussed in Closed Session.

Mr. Sinda stressed the importance that procedures be followed to protect the children. He suggested the creation of a fact finding group to investigate the recent incident regarding a volunteer. The group would report the results at the October Board meeting. Mrs. Leibrandt suggested that this be referred to the Policy Committee. Mrs. Kleinmeyer stated that the Superintendent should do the investigation. The comment was made that all Board members should be included in the investigation. Mrs. Leibrandt recommended a Policy Committee meeting to discuss revisions and to direct the Superintendent to investigate.

RESOLUTION #12138

Conduct Fact Finding Investigation for the Issue of  
the Volunteer Wrestling Coach

Mr. Sinda moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, conduct a fact finding investigation for the issue of the volunteer wrestling coach to provide information that will help the Board review the policy for volunteers at Riverside Brookfield High School. The investigation panel should consist of Board members and administration who were not in place during that period. The investigative report should be presented at the October Board meeting.

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

Mr. Moon, Mr. Sinde, and Mr. Welch

and the following voted NAY: Mr. Herbst, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mrs. Leibrandt, and Mr. Marciniak

and the following were ABSENT: None The motion failed.

Visitors Statements

Ms. Mantel, Mr. Zeleny, and another community member had comments about procedures regarding volunteers. Ms. Benoy asked about the procedure to ask the Board to look into a policy. Regarding the incident with the volunteer, Mr. Robling commented about compliance and failure to follow school policy and possibly state law. Mr. Hilpp said that community members indicated that complaints can only be voiced privately due to feared consequences in athletics and academics.

Closed Session

A closed session was recommended for the purpose of considering appointment, employment or dismissal of employees, personnel matters, communications from the school district's attorney regarding probable and imminent litigation, and collective bargaining issues.

RESOLUTION # 12139 Closed Session

Mrs. Leibrandt 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, personnel matters, communications from the school district's attorney regarding probable and imminent litigation, and collective bargaining issues.

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

Mr. Herbst, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mrs. Leibrandt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Sinde, Mr. Welch, and Mr. Marciniak

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

The Board entered closed session at 10:25 p.m., reconvened in open session at 11:40 p.m. and took action on items of unfinished business.

Action/Information Following Closed Session

RESOLUTION #12140 Approve Negotiation for Vending Contract with The Classic Group of Chicago, Illinois

Mr. Sinde moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the negotiation of a contract with The Classic Group, Chicago, Illinois, for vending services as discussed during the August 25, 2009, closed session meeting.

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

Mr. Herbst, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mrs. Leibrandt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Sinde, Mr. Welch, and Mr. Marciniak



and the following were ABSENT: None The motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 12144 Approve Pay Scale for Students and Interns for the 2009-2010 school

Mr. Welch moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the pay scale for students and interns for the 2009-2010 school year as discussed during the August 25, 2009, closed session meeting.

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

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

and the following voted NAY: Mr. Moon, Mr. Sinda, and Mr. Welch  
and the following were ABSENT: None The motion carried.

Adjournment

RESOLUTION #12145 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Moon and seconded by Mr. Sinda that the Regular August 25, 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 11:40 p.m., 2009, the President declared the meeting adjourned.