

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

Tuesday, August 26, 2008
Alumni Lounge, Room 112

The Tuesday, August 26, 2008, regular meeting of the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, was called to order at 7:35 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
 Susan 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: John Passarella, Assistant Principal
 Tim Scanlon, Assistant Principal
 Chris Whelton, Business Manager

Others present: Elizabeth Hennessy, William Blair & Company
 Pat Sumrow, Owner's Representative
 Student Association: Molly McCloskey, Emily Mussio,
 Kelly Sherman, Jordan Messner,
 Bob Skolnik, *Landmark*
 David Hilpp
 Jodi Vincent Arvis
 Steve Arvis
 William Beitler, National Investigations, Inc.
 Judy Mantel
 Donald Spatny
 RBTV Crew

Communications/Appearances Before the Board

Written communications received since the regular June 24, 2008, Board meeting were routinely shared with members on a weekly basis.

Student Association Report

The Student Association reported that the Freshman Orientation was a success. The Freshman class officers' election will be held on September 9, 2008. The next event will be Homecoming on September 27, 2008, with the theme RB Travels Around the World. Mr. Baldermann said that the group did a great job with the orientation and stated they were wonderful role models.

RBHS Policy Handbook Regarding Appointing New School Board Members Due to Resignation and Review and Oversight of BOE Candidate Filings and Petitions

Mr. Hilpp gave information he gathered to each Board Member and also shared his thoughts regarding these two items. He voiced his concerns/opinions about the background and residency of previously appointed Board Members.

Monthly Budget Report

Mr. Whelton presented the monthly budget reports for June and July. He stated that in July, a new fund was created for the purpose of tracking health insurance transactions.

Board Committee Reports

Mrs. Leibrandt said a presentation about the financial status of the District was held on August 12, 2008. Since then, the presentation has been on RBTv two to three times a week and the PowerPoint slides are available on the RB website. An encore financial presentation will be held on September 18, 2008. Mrs. Leibrandt thanked the administration for working hard to achieve a balanced budget. Ms. Hruska said the executive committee of the IASB met to work on the by-laws. She said the West Cook Division Fall Dinner Meeting will be on Monday, September 29, 2008. The program for that evening is titled How to Recognize and Minimize Gang Activity in your School District. Mrs. Bensfield received several suggestions/comments on the policy manual draft. A Policy Committee meeting is planned for Thursday, September 4, 2008, at 6 p.m. Mr. McCloskey said the Core group had an active summer. A great deal was completed in demolition and renovation, and we are ahead at this time. There is air conditioning in 60 percent of the building; the pool is on schedule; and the sprinkler system installation was successful. Upgrades to the TV studio changed the time schedule, but it will be ready in September. A construction open house is planned for September 29. Mr. Baldermann thanked everyone for getting the school ready on time. He also mentioned that Best Buddies was awarded the Best Chapter in Illinois.

Visitors Statements

Mr. Hilpp commented on the tree removal on the S.E. corner of Ridgewood Avenue. Mr. McCloskey and Ms. Sumrow said the questions should be directed to Riverside since they were responsible for the removal. He also questioned the congested parking around RB. Mr. Donald Spatny volunteered to help with tree replacement if needed.

Consent Agenda – Action Items

Board approval of the routine items listed in the Consent Agenda was recommended. Mr. Marciniak requested that the August 12, 2008, minutes be removed from the Consent Agenda Items.

RESOLUTION # 11830

Consent Agenda Items

Approval of Minutes

Payment of Bills

Ratify Summer Bills Approved by Mr. Herbst,
Board President

Mrs. Bensfield 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 June 23, 2008, June 24, 2008, July 1, 2008, July 8, 2008, and July 17, 2008
- B. Approves the payment of the bills as presented and listed in Section VII
- C. Ratifies the summer bills previously reviewed and approved by Mr. Herbst, Board President

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.

Approval of August 12, 2008, Policy Committee Meeting and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

RESOLUTION # 11831 Approval of August 12, 2008, Policy Committee Meeting and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Kleinmeyer moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the August 12, 2008, Policy Committee Meeting and Finance Committee Meeting minutes as presented in the August 26, 2008, 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: None
and the following voted PRESENT: Mr. Marciniak
and the following were ABSENT: None The motion carried.

Old Business

Auditorium Manager/Theater Director Position

No action was taken on this item.

Riverside Brookfield High School Policy Manual, Second Reading

Mrs. Bensfield said a Policy Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 4, 2008, to discuss the policy manual draft.

New Business

Ms. Sumrow summarized the details of the next six items.

Authorize the James McHugh Construction Company to Award Contract RBC 08-42-Spray Fireproofing: Phase III Renovation Project

RESOLUTION # 11832 Authorize the James McHugh Construction Company to Award Contract RBC 08-42-Spray Fireproofing: Phase III Renovation Project

Mr. McCloskey 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 08-42-Spray Fireproofing: Phase III, Renovation Project to IFE&S, for the base bid amount of \$345,360.00, pending receipt of all required insurance and performance bonds, all in the best interest of the District, as presented in the August 26, 2008, 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.

Authorize the James McHugh Construction Company to Award Contract RBC 08-45-Epoxy Flooring: Phase II and Phase III Renovation Project

RESOLUTION #11833

Authorize the James McHugh Construction Company to Award Contract RBC 08-45-Epoxy Flooring: Phase II and Phase III Renovation Project

Mrs. Leibrandt 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 08-45-Epoxy Flooring: Phase II and Phase III, Renovation Project to CCI Flooring, for the base bid amount of \$138,300.00, pending receipt of all required insurance and performance bonds, all in the best interest of the District, as presented in the August 26, 2008, 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 08-46-Lab Casework: Phase III Renovation Project

RESOLUTION #11834

Authorize the James McHugh Construction Company to Award Contract RBC 08-46-Lab Casework: 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 08-46-Lab Casework: Phase III, Renovation Project to Lowery McDonnell, for the base bid amount of \$516,205.00, pending receipt of all required insurance and performance bonds, all in the best interest of the District, as presented in the August 26, 2008, 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.

Authorize the James McHugh Construction Company to Award Contract RBC 08-47-Kitchen Equipment: Phase III Renovation Project

RESOLUTION #11835

Authorize the James McHugh Construction Company to Award Contract RBC 08-47-Kitchen Equipment: 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 08-47-Kitchen Equipment: Phase III, Renovation Project to Great Lakes, for the base bid amount of \$288,515.00, pending receipt of all required insurance and performance bonds, all in the best interest of the District, as presented in the August 26, 2008, Board Agenda packet.

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.

Ratification of Budget Change Order No. 4: James McHugh Construction Company

RESOLUTION #11836

Ratification of Budget Change Order No. 4: James McHugh Construction Company

Ms. Hruska moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby ratifies Budget Change Order No. 4: James McHugh Construction Company and, furthermore, deduct the amount of \$123,016.00 from the Project Construction Contingency line item, all in the best interest of the District, as presented in the August 26, 2008, Board Agenda packet.

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.

Approval of Contract Modification: Wight and Company, Expanded Basic Services Fees

RESOLUTION #11837

Approval of Contract Modification: Wight and Company, Expanded Basic Services Fees

Mr. Marciniak moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the contract modification for Wight and Company, by reducing fees for Expanded Additional Services: Specialty Consultants by a total of \$139,000.00 all in the best interest of the District, as presented in the August 26, 2008, 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. Marciniak, Mr. McCloskey, and Mr. Herbst

and the following voted NAY: None

and the following were ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

Approval of Bond Resolution

Ms. Hennessey shared information on the final pricing report with the Board and Administrators.

RESOLUTION #11838

Approval of Bond Resolution

Mrs. Leibrandt moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the issue of \$4,900,000.00 General Obligation Limited School Bonds, Series 2008, and for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds as presented in the August 26, 2008, 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.

National Investigations, Inc.

Mr. William Beitler, National Investigations, Inc., presented information on residency investigations to the Board Members and Administration. He briefly summarized investigation procedures and contract rates. The Board would like the attorneys to review the contract.

AT&T Cell Tower Lease Amendment

RESOLUTION #11839 AT&T Cell Tower Lease Amendment

Mrs. Leibrandt moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the AT&T Cell Tower Lease Amendment as presented in the August 26, 2008, Board Agenda packet.

Mr. McCloskey 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.

TSA Contract for 403B Administration

RESOLUTION #11840 TSA Contract for 403B Administration

Mrs. Bensfield moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the TSA Contract for 403B Administration as presented in the August 26, 2008, 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.

Lease on Two 14 Passenger Activity Buses

RESOLUTION #11841

Lease on Two 14 Passenger Activity Buses

Mr. McCloskey moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the Lease on Two 14 Passenger Activity Buses through Midwest Transit Equipment as presented in the August 26, 2008, 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.

Fee Schedule for Freedom of Information Act Requests

RESOLUTION #11842

Fee Schedule for Freedom of Information Act Requests

Mrs. Bensfield moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the Freedom of Information Act fee schedule of \$.35 per copy when the information provided numbers more than ten pages (no charge for pages one to ten), as presented in the August 26, 2008, Board Agenda packet.

Mr. McCloskey 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.

Course Title Change: Science

RESOLUTION #11843

Course Title Change: Science

Mrs. Leibrandt moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the course title change from General Science to Introduction to Scientific Inquiry as presented in the August 26, 2008, 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.

Visitors Statements

Mr. Hilpp commented on student residency concerns and the possibility of using an investigation agency. Mr. Scanlon pointed out that Mr. Passarella devotes a great deal of time to residency issues resulting in a high number of people being denied admission to RB each year.

Closed Session

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

RESOLUTION #11844

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. 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.

The Board entered closed session at 9:45 p.m., reconvened in open session at 11:30 p.m. and took action on items of unfinished business.

Action/Information Following Closed Session

RESOLUTION #11845

Health Insurance for Anita Krieger and William Jirkovsky

Mrs. Kleinmeyer moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, approves health insurance coverage for Anita Krieger and William Jirkovsky as discussed and presented during the August 26, 2008, closed session meeting.

Mrs. Bensfield 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 #11846

Extra Duty Assignments List and Volunteer Coaches List

Mrs. Kleinmeyer moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the updated Extra Duty Assignments List and Volunteer Coaches List for the 2008-2009 school year as amended and discussed during the August 26, 2008, closed session meeting.

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

Ms. Hruska, Mrs. Leibrandt, Mr. Marciniak, and Mr. Herbst

and the following voted NAY: None

and the following voted PRESENT: Mrs. Bensfield, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, and Mr. McCloskey

and the following were ABSENT: None The motion carried.

RESOLUTION #11847

Maternity Leave – Brigit Riordan

Mr. Marciniak moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the maternity leave for Brigit Riordan, beginning on January 2, 2009, and returning at the beginning of the fall semester, August 2009, as presented and discussed during the August 26, 2008, closed session meeting.

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.

RESOLUTION #11848

Adjournment

It was moved by Mrs. Kleinmeyer and seconded by Mrs. Bensfield that the Regular August 26, 2008, 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 11:52 p.m. the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Lawrence Herbst, President

Mary Ann Nardi, Secretary