

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

Tuesday, October 14, 2008
Alumni Lounge, Room 112

The regular Tuesday, October 14, 2008, 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
 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
 John Passarella, Assistant Principal
 Tim Scanlon, Assistant Principal
 Chris Whelton, Business Office Manager

Others present: Student Association: Molly McCloskey, Kelly Sherman, 2 Freshman
 S.A. Members
 James Baum
 Mari Mortensen
 Kristin Bamford
 Kirby Igoe
 Edna Wade
 R. White-Hayes
 M. Chemilo
 Bob Skolnik, *Landmark*
 Jerry Buttimer
 RBTV Crew

Before beginning the regular meeting, Mr. Baldermann delivered a statement regarding safety at RB.

Riverside Brookfield High School has been and remains a safe and orderly environment for learning. However in the last two weeks, we have had a few incidents that required us to call the police. On Thursday, we had an incident in one of our hallways that involved several students in an altercation that needed staff members to break up the conflict. There is a rumor that students from Morton were involved. This is not true. Three students were arrested and will face serious disciplinary action.

We have reacted strongly to these events because they are so atypical for our school, and we want to send a clear message that this kind of behavior will not be tolerated. While we have worked so hard to reach and be successful with every one of our students, it has become necessary for us to contact the police and recommend the strongest disciplinary action available including recommendations for expulsion.

We are obviously taking a most serious approach to this situation. However, please keep in mind that we have had seven students act out in an intolerable way and close to 1,500 students that conduct themselves in a positive and respectful manner.

I am most confident that with our strong response these altercations will stop. We will remain vigilant in our commitment to maintain a positive and peaceful environment at RB.

Communications/Appearances Before the Board

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

Student Association Report

The Student Association members introduced themselves. Homecoming was very successful. There were over 1,000 students attending the dance and there were no problems. The next S.A. sponsored event will be the Blood Drive on October 15, 2008. Mr. Herbst thanked the students for their report.

Commendations – Dennis Kosirog, Andy Totten, Brett Dawson

Mr. Herbst said this is the first meeting since the flood. He summarized the steps that Dennis Kosirog, Andy Totten, and Brett Dawson took to facilitate the removal of water from the building and the subsequent clean up efforts. He said they treated the building as if it were their own and were relentless in their efforts to return everything to normal. Mr. Herbst then read the following resolution.

RESOLUTION # 11869

Commendations for Dennis Kosirog, Andy Totten and Brett Dawson

Whereas, Dennis Kosirog, Andy Totten, and Brett Dawson served as members of the Riverside Brookfield Township High School, District Number 208 flood control recovery team; and

Whereas, they gave conscientiously and generously of their time and energies during that time.

Whereas, they served with exceptional dedication and gave outstanding service to the faculty, staff, administration, students, and community; Now, therefore be it

Resolved by this Board of Education of Riverside Brookfield Township High School, District Number 208, Cook County, Illinois, that this expression of esteem and appreciation of Dennis Kosirog, Andy Totten, and Brett Dawson and the great benefits which have accrued to the school by reason of their unselfish service be incorporated in the Minutes of this meeting of said Board, and a signed copy of this Resolution be presented to Dennis Kosirog, Andy Totten, and Brett Dawson

And the Board of Education in witness whereof do hereunto affix our signatures and seal at Riverside, Illinois, this 14th day of October 1008.

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.

Alumni Achievement Medal Awards Dinner – October 16, 2008

Mr. Baldermann said the Alumni Achievement Medal Awards dinner will be held on Thursday, October 16, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. John Owens, class of 1954, Richard C. Svrluga, class of 1967, and Christine Dragisic, class of 1995, are the three medalists. These individuals will meet with various groups of students on Thursday and Friday.

October 1 Enrollment Report

Mr. Baldermann explained that each year, the state requires a one-day official enrollment number to be used for a variety of reporting and statistical calculation purposes. This year the ISBE will be determining the “official” count on October 15, 2008. This information was taken from SASI. The number of students according to our records is 1481 which is down 11 students from last year. Mr. Baldermann explained that this number fluctuates during the year.

Monthly Budget Report

The month-end summary financial statements reflecting year-to-date activity were shared with the Board. Mr. Whelton stated this report reflects the financial activity for 25 percent of the fiscal year.

Board Committee Reports

Mrs. Kleinmeyer stated that a date for a Curriculum Committee meeting will be discussed later. The Personnel Committee held a meeting to discuss evaluations of District employees. The Policy Committee will plan a meeting for the beginning of the year. Ms. Hruska said the West Cook Division Fall Dinner Meeting was held on Monday, September 29, 2008, with a program about gang awareness. Mr. Herbst said that Mrs. Kleinmeyer received an award at the meeting. Mr. McCloskey said the renovation progress continues to be very good, and that a Construction Open House will be held on October 27.

Visitor Statements

Mrs. Mortensen and Mrs. Bamford showed a brief video tribute to the Best Buddies Club at RB. This group received an outstanding chapter award. Club membership ranges from 60-70 students. Mrs. Mortensen gave a history of the group and stated that the organization expects that there will be two sponsors.

Consent Agenda – Action Items

Board approval of the routine items listed in the Consent Agenda was recommended.

RESOLUTION # 11870

Consent Agenda Items

Approval of Minutes
Payment of Bills

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 September 9, 20 and 25, 2008.
- B. Approves payment of the bills as presented and listed in Section VII.

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.

Old Business – Action Items

Permission for Jazz Ensemble to Perform at Fitzgerald’s Night Club, Berwyn

Mr. Baum gave an update on this item.

RESOLUTION # 11871

Permission for Jazz Ensemble to Perform at Fitzgerald’s Night Club, Berwyn

Mr. Marciniak moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, approves the request for permission for the Jazz Ensemble to perform at Fitzgerald’s Night Club in Berwyn, Illinois, on February 18, 2009, as presented in the

October 14, 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.

New /Business

Approval of Contract Modification: Additional Services, Wight and Co.

RESOLUTION # 11872

Approval of Contract Modification: Additional Services, Wight and Co.

Mr. McCloskey moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, approves the contract modification proposal from Wight and Company by approving fees for Additional Services: Civil Engineering in the amount of \$12,400.00 all in the best interest of the District as presented in the October 14, 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.

Ratification of Bid No. 09-01 – Replacement of Wrestling Room Practice Mats

RESOLUTION # 11873

Ratification of Bid No. 09-01 – Replacement of Wrestling Room Practice Mats

Mrs. Bensfield moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, ratifies the purchase of the wrestling practice mats from Crown Gym Mats in the amount of \$21,700.00, all in the best interest of the District as presented in the October 14, 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.

IHSA Chess Tournament Overnight Trip – February 13-14, 2009

RESOLUTION # 11874

IHSA Chess Tournament Overnight Trip – February 13-14, 2009

Mr. Marciniak moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, approves the Chess Club's request to attend the IHSA Chess Tournament overnight trip to Peoria on February 13-14, 2009, as presented in the October 14, 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. Leibbrandt, Mr. Marciniak, Mr. McCloskey, and Mr. Herbst

and the following voted NAY: None

and the following were ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Equipment on Emergency Basis

Mr. McCloskey explained the circumstances requiring this resolution. Mr. Whelton explained that the Wellness Department needs this equipment as soon as possible to accommodate classes. The cost is covered by the insurance company.

RESOLUTION # 11875

Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Equipment on
Emergency Basis

Mr. McCloskey moved the following:

WHEREAS, Riverside-Brookfield Township High School (the “High School”) suffered substantial flood damage from the severe storms the weekend of September 13 and 14, 2008; and

WHEREAS, physical education and athletic fitness equipment (the “Damaged Equipment”) in the Fitness Room of the High School was irreparably damaged in the flooding; and

WHEREAS, the School District’s insurer has committed to reimburse the District for the purchase, delivery and installation of the new equipment (the “Replacement Equipment”) to replace the Damaged Equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Replacement Equipment is needed immediately for use by the High School’s physical education and athletic programs so as to minimize further disruption to such programs due to the flood damage; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and determines that, under the foregoing circumstances, an emergency exists authorizing the Board to obtain the Replacement Equipment through the emergency exception to the bidding requirements of Section 10-20.21 of the Illinois School Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Riverside-Brookfield Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

1. The purchase of the Replacement Equipment, from the vendors at the delivered and installed prices listed and described on the attached Exhibit 1, is hereby approved on an emergency no-bid basis for the reasons set forth in the preambles to this Resolution.
2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its receipt of the affirmative vote of at least six members of the Board of Education.

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.

Addition of a Best Buddies Position

Mr. Baldermann said that two people are required for supervision of this club, and that Best Buddies has brought tremendous benefits to the school and community.

RESOLUTION # 11876

Addition of a Best Buddies Position

Mr. McCloskey moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, approves the addition of a Best Buddies position, Category G, as presented in the October 14, 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.

Visitors Statements

Mr. Jerry Buttimer thanked the Board for moving quickly on replacements for damaged equipment. He next questioned the procedures of RB's purchasing policy. The Board Members took note of his questions.

Closed Session

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

RESOLUTION # 11877

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, student disciplinary matters, and collective bargaining issues.

Ms. Hruska 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 8:57 p.m., reconvened in open session at 11:02 p.m. and took action on items of unfinished business.

Action Following Closed Session

RESOLUTION #11878

Appointment of Kristin Bamford, Best Buddies

Mrs. Bensfield moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the appointment Kristen Bamford, Best Buddies, Category G, as presented and discussed during the October 14, 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 #11879

Adjournment

It was moved by Mrs. Leibrandt and seconded by Mr. Marciniak that the Regular October 14, 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 11:05 p.m. the President declared the meeting adjourned.