

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

Tuesday, November 11, 2008  
Alumni Lounge, Room 112

The regular Tuesday, November 11, 2008, 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  
                                      John Passarella, Assistant Principal  
                                      Tim Scanlon, Assistant Principal  
                                      Chris Whelton, Business Office Manager

Others present:               Student Association: Molly McCloskey, Audrey Powers, Guilia Bova, Katie Wade, Stephanie Duve, Kelly Sherman, Jordan Messner, two freshman representatives  
                                      Mike Welch  
                                      Jill Hennessy  
                                      Mike Celer, Mathieson, Moyski, Celer & Co.  
                                      Edie Wade, Patrons' Council  
                                      Adam Andrzejewski  
                                      Judy Steinke, Sodexo  
                                      Joanne Rohlicek, Sodexo  
                                      Donald Spatny  
                                      Jerry Buttimer  
                                      Bob Skolnik, *Landmark*  
                                      RBTB Crew

Mr. Baldermann began the meeting by acknowledging the Board Members and stating that November 15, 2008, is School Board Members Day. He spoke about the dedication of our RBHS School Board Members. They unselfishly spend many hours of their time tending to the ongoing tasks a School Board must perform. Mr. Baldermann also spoke about the Veterans Day assembly that was held earlier in the day. The assembly was a moving experience for the veterans. Many of the veterans stated that they were impressed with the ceremony and the quality young people in the building.

Communications/Appearances Before the Board

Written communications received since the regular October 14, 2008, Board meeting were routinely shared with members on a weekly basis.

### Student Association Report

The Student Association members introduced themselves. The next events are the coat and blanket drive, Adopt-a-Family, and a holiday party before finals. Mr. Herbst thanked the students for their report.

### Audit Report

Mr. Celer from Mathieson, Moyski, Celer and Co., presented the audit information and management letter and answered questions from the Board Members regarding the June 30, 2008, Audited Financial Statements and Supplementary Financial Information report.

### Enrollment Projections

Mr. Whelton presented the enrollment projections for the next five years. He explained how he arrived at these projections based on information gathered from the feeder schools, and answered the Board members questions. The use of a demographer was briefly discussed. The Board stated that Mr. Whelton did a fine job with the enrollment projections.

### 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 33 percent of the fiscal year.

### Board Committee Reports

The Curriculum Committee will meet on November 25, 2008, at 7 p.m. Ms. Hruska said that the IASB joint annual conference will be held in two weeks. She highlighted several resolutions that will be presented at the delegate assembly. The Personnel Committee held two meetings to discuss the evaluations of District employees. The Policy Committee will review the latest policy updates at a meeting on November 25, 2008. Facilities Committee Chair Mr. McCloskey shared an update on the pool. The tile arrived and tremendous progress has occurred since last week. A state inspection is the next step for the pool area. The wrestling room is operable although the wall mats need to be delivered. The main area entrance is progressing. Mr. Herbst stated he had two items to share. First, information regarding the bidding policy that RB follows is located on the rear table. This policy is based on the Illinois School Code. The second topic concerns safety and security at RB. The Administration and McHugh take the issue of safety very seriously. There are rules and regulations that need to be followed by everyone. A person wishing to visit any construction area must contact Ms. Sumrow, Owners Representative, or Mr. Totten, the construction manager, before entering the site. Permission and proper attire are mandatory before any visit can occur.

### Visitor Statements

Mr. Michael Welsh stated he was present tonight to introduce Mr. Adam Andrzejewski who will address the Board and Administration regarding a transparency proposal. He shared his family history which has a background in public education, stated his ideas of good government, and presented a proposal for revenue transparency. Mr. Donald Spatny said that he participated in the Veterans Day program this morning. He was very impressed with the moving ceremony and the respectful students.

### Consent Agenda – Action Items

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

RESOLUTION # 11887

Consent Agenda Items

Approval of Minutes  
Payment of Bills

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 October 14, 21, and 28, 2008
- B. Approves payment of the bills as presented and listed in Section VII.

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

No items to be discussed.

New /Business

Ratification of Budget Change Order No. 5, James McHugh Construction Company

RESOLUTION # 11888                      Ratification of Budget Change Order No. 5, James McHugh Construction Company

Mr. Marciniak moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, ratifies Budget Change Order No. 5 to the James McHugh Construction Company and, furthermore, deduct the amount of \$641,525.00 from the Project Construction Contingency line item, all in the best interest of the District, as presented in the November 11, 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.

Estimated Tax Levy

RESOLUTION # 11889                      Estimated Tax Levy

Mrs. Kleinmeyer moved the following:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/18-60, the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby preliminarily estimates the following amounts to be necessary as taxes to be levied for the year 2008: Education \$14,750,000, Tort \$0, Special Education \$140,000, Operation & Maintenance \$1,800,000, Life Safety \$0, Transportation \$280,000, IMRF \$200,000, Social Security \$200,000, and Working Cash \$0, in the Operating Funds aggregate of \$17,370,000. Further, the Secretary of the Board of Education is directed to publish the required notice of public hearing on the proposed levy to be held on December 9, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge of the Riverside Brookfield High School, District 208, 160 Ridgewood Road, Riverside, IL 60546.

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.

Resolution for 403(B)

Mr. Whelton was present to share information regarding this resolution and to answer the Board Members' questions.

RESOLUTION # 11890                      Resolution for 403(B)

Mr. McCloskey moved the following:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF RIVERSIDE BROOKFIELD TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 208, COOK, COUNTY, Illinois, that the Board does hereby adopt the Plan Document which will, at all times, conform to the requirements of Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code and applicable regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the intention of the Board that the 403(b) program will conform with all federal and state statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to 403(b) plans, except that the program set forth above shall not be subject to the requirements of Title I of ERISA because the employer is exempted from such requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Business Manager to act on the Board's behalf with respect to this plan, and to take any and all actions necessary or desirable to implement, maintain and administer the plan set forth above in accordance with the Board's intentions, and all applicable state and federal laws.

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.

Donations to the Susan G. Komen Foundation

Mr. McCloskey stated this IHSA sanctioned volleyball event was unbelievable. There was tremendous student response. Morton High School also added to RB's donations.

RESOLUTION # 11891

Donations to the Susan G. Komen Foundation

Mr. McCloskey moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, approves the girls' volleyball program's request to donate the money raised during the IHSA sanctioned "Volley for the Cure" event to the Susan G. Komen Foundation as presented in the November 11, 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. McCloskey, and Mr. Herbst

and the following voted NAY: Mr. Marciniak

and the following were ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

Visitors Statements

Ms. Judy Steinke and Ms. Joanne Rohlicek from Sodexo invited the Board to visit the kitchen and cafeteria and also stated they are grateful for the new payment system.

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 # 11892

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.

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.

The Board entered closed session at 9:30 p.m., reconvened in open session at 11:25 p.m. and took action on items of unfinished business.

Action Following Closed Session

RESOLUTION #11893 Appointments

Mrs. Bensfield moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the appointments of Joseph Monti, Volunteer Chess Team Coach; Margaret Rubin, Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach, Category E, Step 2; and Will Sisson, Assistant Wrestling Coach, Category D, Step 1, as presented and discussed during the November 11, 2008, 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 #11894 Appointments, Fitness Center Supervisors

Mrs. Bensfield moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the appointments of Denise Delgado and Brian Brennan as Co-Winter Fitness Center Supervisors, splitting the stipend of \$2,717, as presented and discussed during the November 11, 2008, closed session 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 #11895 Appointments, Weight Room Supervisors

Mrs. Bensfield moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the appointments of Dan Monahan and Mike Ziroli as Co-Winter Weight Room Supervisors, splitting the stipend of \$1,358.50, as presented and discussed during the November 11, 2008, closed session meeting.

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

RESOLUTION #11896

Adjournment

It was moved by Mrs. Bensfield and seconded by Mrs. Leibrandt that the Regular November 11, 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 11:30 p.m. the President declared the meeting adjourned.