

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

Tuesday, December 9, 2008
Alumni Lounge, Room 112

The Tuesday, December 9, 2008, Public Hearing meeting of the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge, Room 112, of the Riverside Brookfield Township High School building, by Mr. Larry Herbst, President.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

The Secretary called the roll.

Board members present: Karen Bensfield
 Laura Hruska (8:35 p.m.)
 Sue Kleinmeyer
 James Marciniak
 William McCloskey
 Lawrence Herbst, President

Board members absent: MariAnn Leibrandt

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

Administrators present: Jack Baldermann, Superintendent/Principal
 Tim Scanlon, Assistant Principal
 Chris Whelton, Business Office Manager

Others present: Student Association: Molly McCloskey, Emily Mussio,
 Clare Chaney, Regan Riley, Molly Chaney, George Suchy
 Eddie Wade, Patrons' Council
 Bob Skolnik, Landmark
 Jerry Buttimer
 RBTV Crew

PUBLIC HEARING – 2008 TAX LEVY

Adoption of 2008 Tax Levy Resolution

Mr. Whelton summarized information about the tax levy. The total is the same \$17,370,000 levy estimated at the November 2008 Board meeting. An aggregate levy of \$17,370,000 must be adopted and that levy must be filed by the last Tuesday in December or December 30, 2008.

Tax Levy Resolution

RESOLUTION # 11901

Adoption of the 2008 Tax Levy

Mr. McCloskey moved the following:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, has heretofore adopted a Budget Resolution for said District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for this Board of Education to ascertain how much money must be raised by a special tax for the fiscal year for Educational purposes, for Operations and Maintenance purposes, for Transportation purposes, for Municipal Retirement purposes, for Tort

Immunity purposes, for Special Education purposes, and file a Certificate of Tax Levy as to such amounts with the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Education of Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: That there be and there is hereby levied on the equalized assessed value of the taxable property of said District for the year 2008 a special tax of FOURTEEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$14,750,000.00) for Educational purposes, a special tax of ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,800,000.00) for Operations and Maintenance purposes, a special tax of TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$280,000.00) for Transportation purposes, a special tax of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$200,000.00) for IMRF, a special tax of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$200,000.00) for Social Security purposes, a special tax of ZERO DOLLARS (\$0) for Tort Immunity purposes, a special tax of ZERO DOLLARS (\$0) for Working Cash, and a special tax of ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$140,000.00) for Special Education purposes.

Section 2: That the President and Secretary of this Board of Education be and they are hereby authorized and directed to forthwith execute and file with the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, a Certificate of Tax Levy for the Year 2008 providing for levy of the amounts aforesaid. Mrs. Kleinmeyer seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following members voted AYE:

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

Mrs. Bensfield, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mr. Marciniak, Mr. McCloskey, and Mr. Herbst

and the following voted NAY: None

and the following were ABSENT: Ms. Hruska, Mrs. Leibrandt The motion carried.

Levy Certificate of Compliance

**TRUTH IN TAXATION
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

I, Lawrence Herbst, hereby certify that I am the presiding officer of Riverside Brookfield Township High School District No. 208, Cook County, Illinois, and as such presiding officer I certify that the levy ordinance, a copy of which is attached, as adopted pursuant to, and in all respects in compliance with the provisions of the Illinois Property Tax Code – Truth in Taxation Law, 35 ILCS 200/18-60 through 18-85 (2002).

This certificate applies to the 2008 tax levy.

Signed and dated this 9th day of December, 2008.

Lawrence Herbst, Presiding Officer
Board of Education
Township High School District No. 208
Cook County, Illinois

ATTEST:

Mary Ann Nardi
Secretary, Board of Education

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Communications/Appearances Before the Board

Written communications received since the regular November 11, 2008, Board meeting were routinely shared with members on a weekly basis.

Student Association Report

The Student Association members introduced themselves. Upcoming events include the S.A. holiday party and Adopt-a-Family. The coat and blanket drive ended with a total of 101 coats and 15 blankets.

Commendation – Lyons Township High School

Mr. Herbst read the commendation for Lyons Township High School. He explained that LT generously shared their pool with both of our swim teams. Mr. Herbst offered the use of RBHS if Lyons Township High School is ever in need of a facility. Mr. Herbst thanked LT on behalf of the administration, staff, and students.

Testing Report

Mrs. Linda Gorman gave a detailed summary of the testing report that was included in the Board Agenda Packet. Mr. Baldermann added comments about RB's test scores and test prep programs. Mr. Herbst and the Board Members thanked Mrs. Gorman for her thorough report.

Mr. Herbst reordered the agenda.

New Business

Mr. Tim Scanlon, Mr. Troy Gobble, Ms. Kristen McKee, and Ms. Beth Augustine presented information about the Riverside Brookfield High School Illinois State Response to Intervention Plan. Mrs. Kleinmeyer reminded the group that this is only a plan, and Mr. Marciniak stated that this plan serves all students at RB.

Illinois State Response to Intervention (RtI) Plan for Riverside Brookfield High School

RESOLUTION # 11902

Illinois State Response to Intervention (RtI) Plan for
Riverside Brookfield High School

Mrs. Bensfield moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, approves the Riverside Brookfield High School Illinois State Response to Intervention (RtI) Plan as presented in the December 9, 2008, Board Agenda Packet.

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

Mrs. Bensfield, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mr. Marciniak, Mr. McCloskey, and Mr. Herbst

and the following voted NAY: None

and the following were ABSENT: Ms. Hruska, Mrs. Leibrandt The motion carried.

Monthly Budget Report

Mr. Whelton shared the November month-end summary financial statements reflecting year-to-date activity with the Board. He stated this report reflects financial activity for 41.67 percent of fiscal year 2008-2009.

Board Committee Reports

Mrs. Kleinmeyer said the Curriculum Committee met to review the Response to Intervention Plan and the Curriculum Proposals. Mrs. Kleinmeyer briefly summarized the proposals reviewed at the committee meeting stating that there was a question regarding the Foreign Language name change to World Language. After reviewing the additional rationale submitted to the Board regarding this name change, the Board Members reached a consensus for the entire curriculum package. Mr. McCloskey said the pool opened last Thursday. He thanked Mr. Passarella and Mr. Scanlon for the impromptu opening ceremony with members of both swim teams jumping into the pool at the

same time. The locker rooms are still under construction with the anticipated completion by semester break. The steel was delivered for the Administrative wing. Overall, work is progressing on time and under budget. Mrs. Bensfield stated there are two proposed policies for the first reading later in this meeting. Another Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for the first week in January 2009.

Visitor Statements

Mr. Buttimer asked about the questions he raised at the October Board of Education meeting regarding purchasing procedures. Although this is a time reserved for visitors' statements, the Board referred him to the handout that was available at November's meeting. Mr. Buttimer also had comments about the safety of the wrestling room. The Board Members asked him to submit his list in writing.

Consent Agenda – Action Items

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

RESOLUTION # 11903

Consent Agenda Items

- Establishment of District Newspaper
- Establishment of District Depository
- Approval of Minutes
- Payment of Bills
- Approval of Curriculum Proposals

Mrs. Kleinmeyer 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. Appoints Suburban Life Newspaper, Landmark Newspaper, Chicago Tribune, and The Gazette as the Newspapers of Record for District 208.
- B. Appoints 1st American Bank as the Depository of Record for District 208.
- C. Approves minutes from the meetings held on November 11, 25, and December 4, 2008.
- D. Approves payment of the bills as presented and listed in Section VIII.
- E. Approves Curriculum Proposals as presented in Section VIII.

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

Mrs. Bensfield, Ms. Hruska, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mr. Marciniak, Mr. McCloskey, and Mr. Herbst

and the following voted NAY: None

and the following were ABSENT: Mrs. Leibrandt

The motion carried.

Old Business – Action Items

Addition of Girls' Gymnastic Coach

RESOLUTION # 11904

Addition of Girls' Gymnastic Coach

Mrs. Bensfield moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, approves hiring an additional girls' gymnastic coach to ensure safety of the gymnasts during the construction period with the understanding that this position will

The Board entered closed session at 9:09 p.m., reconvened in open session at 10:17 p.m. and took action on items of unfinished business.

Action/Information Following Closed Session

RESOLUTION # 11907 Approve Appointment – Laura Drzonek

Mr. Marciniak moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the appointment of Laura Drzonek, Zoo Liaison, Part Time Position, for the remainder of the school year as presented and discussed during the December 9, 2008, closed session meeting.

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

Mrs. Bensfield, Ms. Hruska, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mr. Marciniak, Mr. McCloskey, and Mr. Herbst

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

RESOLUTION # 11908 Approve Appointment – Brian Walter

Mrs. Bensfield moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the appointment of Brian Walter, Volunteer Chess Team Coach, as presented and discussed during the December 9, 2008, closed session meeting.

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

Mrs. Bensfield, Ms. Hruska, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mr. Marciniak, Mr. McCloskey, and Mr. Herbst

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

Closed Session

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

RESOLUTION # 11909 Closed Session

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

Mrs. Bensfield, Ms. Hruska, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mr. Marciniak, Mr. McCloskey, and Mr. Herbst

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

The Board entered closed session at 10:20 p.m., reconvened in open session at 10:35 p.m. No action will be taken.

RESOLUTION #11910 Adjournment

It was moved by Mrs. Bensfield and seconded by Mrs. Kleinmeyer that the Regular December 9, 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 10:38 p.m. the President declared the meeting adjourned.