

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 208
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Tuesday, March 9, 2010
Alumni Lounge**

The Tuesday, March 9, 2010, Regular meeting of the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, was called to order at 7:32 p.m. in 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
 Chris Whelton, Business Office Manager
 Tim Scanlon, Interim Principal

Others present: Stephanie Duve, Zeyne Guzeldereli, Molly Chaney, Julie Sinde,
 Danielle Ryan, Lisa Stephan, et. al., Student Association
 Andy Totten, McHugh Construction
 Brett Dawson, McHugh Construction
 Adam Gibbons
 Kimberly Hayes
 Bob Skolnik, *Landmark*
 Rosita Griggs
 Barb and John Payne
 Kathie McCroary
 Jim Duffy
 RBTV Crew

Communications/Appearances Before the Board

Written communications received since the regular February 9, 2010, Board meeting were routinely shared with members on a weekly basis.

Student Association Report

Student Association representatives reported that 28 dresses were collected for the Glass Slipper project; an updated sign will be made for the pop top collection for the Ronald McDonald House; and they are currently working on the upcoming Dedication ceremony, March 21, 2010. Mr. Marciniak thanked the group for their report.

Student Recognition

Students from the Speech Team, FCCLA, Chess Team and Repertory Dance Ensemble were invited to this Board meeting for recognition of their accomplishments during the last few months. The students that were acknowledged are Speech Team members Zeyne Guzeldereli and Ariana Barreto; FCCLA students Kim Olivia, Jackie Cervenka, Cinzia Mudra, Becky Deeds, Jeana Doran, Lisa Stephan, Alex Gruman, Joanna Keen, Anne Sventy, and Brianna Griggs; Chess Team members Jacob Dluhy and James Hamera; Repertory Dance Ensemble Vilija Aleksa, Brigitte Collaso, Natalie Godlewski, Hannah Langosch, Kayla Muldoon, Jamie Payne, Alyssa Penna, Melissa Pruitt, and Sarah Szydlo; and Music students Nathan Smith, Kevin Dinh, Molly Chaney, Stephanie Duve, Christopher Halline, and Benjamin Mitchell.

Bright Red Apple Award

Dr. Bonnette reported that RB has again earned the Bright Red Apple Award for educational excellence. RB was one of 83 school districts (out of 869 districts) to receive this award. Academic performance, pupil/teacher ratio, expenditure per pupil, educational level of teachers, and average teacher salary are the five key factors of this award. SchoolSearch™ stated that we are strong in all five areas. RB is in the top ten percent or a little higher of the school districts in Illinois.

Freedom of Information Act Request, Chris Robling

Dr. Bonnette said that a Freedom of Information Act request was received from Mr. Robling. The request was for curriculum content on global warming. This particular area, based on information from our school attorney, is not a FOIAable request, and have responded to Mr. Robling accordingly.

Monthly Budget Report

The month-end summary financial statements reflecting year-to-date activity were shared with the Board. Mr. Whelton stated that this budget report ending February 28, 2010, reflects financial activity for 66.66 percent of the fiscal year 2009-10. Mr. Whelton also reported that the property tax funds are beginning to come in steadily.

Board Committee Reports

Mr. Sinde stated that a Curriculum meeting was not held since the last regular Board meeting. A meeting will be held prior to the April regular meeting. Mr. Sinde said the Facilities Committee will have a meeting next week to monitor the budget and auditorium progress. Mr. Herbst stated that RB is on the cover of the February's *Buildings Magazine*. The dedication of the newly renovated building will be on Sunday, March 21, beginning at 3 p.m. He acknowledged the students for attending school through the renovation, and the faculty for teaching during their ever changing work conditions. Mr. Herbst brought the Value Engineering log for viewing and explained its purpose. He said that the Owner's Rep, McHugh, and the CORE Team accomplished things that were not on the original list such as replacing all the single pane windows, refurbishing the thermal windows, finishing eight additional classrooms, and providing 60 projection units. Mrs. Kleinmeyer shared comments from Coach Rocco who said that the field house and extra practice facilities helped the students. They had more energy, less illness, and more time for family and schoolwork. Mrs. Leibbrandt said there was a combined Committee of the Whole Finance Committee meeting last week. The meeting took place in closed session and nothing can be shared at this time. Dr. Bonnette stated he will present information later in the meeting. Dr. Bonnette said that an agenda item regarding LADSE's articles of agreement will be presented later. Mrs. Leibbrandt said the IASB executive Board meeting was held last night at RB with all the West Cook representatives. A recent leadership workshop was held recently to try to get the word out to all 39 districts to increase their ownership of the division as well as South Cook and North Cook. Mrs. Leibbrandt has a report from this workshop and its outcomes and will give it to the Board. The national convention of school boards will be held in Chicago from April 10-12, and Board members may attend for one day. An upcoming event is the West Cook Division Spring Dinner Meeting at the Elmcrest in Elmwood Park on April 27. Mr. Jesse Ruiz, ISBE chairman, will be the featured speaker. Mrs. Leibbrandt also stated that members can also participate in other district meetings. Mr. Moon said that the Personnel Committee also met on March 4. Most of what was discussed had to do with appointment, employment, or dismissal of employees which by statute is held in confidentiality. Mr. Marciniak said the Policy Committee has not met since the last regular meeting. The Health and Safety Committee met two weeks ago. At that meeting they finalized corrections and additional sections to be added to the Crisis Management Plan. The revised Crisis Management Plan will be submitted to the committee members for review. Next the committee will look at Athletics, the physicals, and other issues relating to health and safety to make sure we are up to date. Mr. Marciniak reminded the Board that the final reports are due at the next meeting. The Community Use of School Facilities Committee summarized the activity in the first phase of this Ad Hoc committee. In summarizing they concluded that part of their challenge is to form a new committee to decide how to charge and how to utilize the facilities. Mr. Moon stated that this was a positive experience for him and noted that Mr. Duve played a pivotal part in the committee, along with Mr. Herbst who attended all of the meetings. They are looking forward to the next round of activity. Mr. Herbst said that classification of groups that should be charged/not charged is broken down and needs to be taken a step further. Mrs. Kleinmeyer

said the Student Code/Athletic Code Committee met last Thursday. The committee has recommendations that will come to the Board next month. Mr. Scanlon added that there is a list of characteristics they would like to see used possibly as a template for the code of conduct. Mr. Schuppe, Mrs. Kosey, and Mr. Sloan will be the spokespersons next month. Mr. Scanlon said the committee was passionate, spirited, and valuable.

Visitor Statements

There were no visitors' statements at this time.

Consent Agenda – Action Items

RESOLUTION # <u>12253</u>	<u>Consent Agenda Items</u>
	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 February 9, 2010
- B. Approves payment of the bills as presented and listed in Section VII B.

Mr. Herbst seconded the motion.

Upon call for discussion, Mr. Welch requested that one sentence on page 7806 be deleted. Mrs. Leibrandt concurred.

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 February 9, 2010, with the sentence on page 7806 (The Finance Committee told the Superintendent and the Business Manager that a balanced budget is required) removed from the Regular Meeting Open session minutes
- B. Approves payment of the bills as presented and listed in Section VII B.

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.

Old Business – Action Items

Board Policy 5:185, Family and Medical Leave

Dr. Bonnette presented this item to the Board explaining the changes due to legislation. He said that the IASB recommended that schools should have their law firms review this policy. The RBEA was also informed of the proposed policy, and they have not submitted any comments. The policy manual updates should be on our website hopefully by the end of the week.

RESOLUTION # <u>12254</u>	<u>Board Policy 5:185, Family and Medical Leave</u>
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Mr. Sinde moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves Board Policy 5:185, Family and Medical Leave, as

presented in the March 9, 2010, 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.

Confidentiality of Closed Session Minutes

Mr. Marciniak said that the semi-annual review of the confidentiality of closed session minutes will be discussed in closed session.

New Business

Ratification of Budget Change Order #16, James McHugh Construction Company

Mr. Brett Dawson, McHugh, explained this item to the Board Members and answered their questions.

RESOLUTION # 12255

Ratification of Budget Change Order #16, James
McHugh Construction Company

Mr. Sinde moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby ratifies Budget Change Order #16 to the James McHugh Construction Company and, furthermore, deduct the amount of \$125,274.00 from the Project Construction Contingency line item, all in the best interest of the District as presented in the March 9, 2010, Board Agenda packet.

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 voted NAY: None

and the following were ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

AP European History Student Trip to Eastern Europe, December 27, 2010-January 8, 2011

Mr. Adam Gibbons shared a slide show of the European Trip #5. He outlined the points of interest of the proposed trip. The approximate cost of \$2,420 covers everything except lunch, tips, and transportation to the airport.

RESOLUTION # 12256

AP European History Student Trip to Eastern
Europe, December 27, 2010-Januar 8, 2011

Mrs. Leibrandt moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the Eastern European student trip during the winter break of the 2010-11 school year (December 27, 2010-January 8, 2011) with the approximate cost of \$2,500 per student, and the only cost to the District will be transportation to the airport as presented in the March 9, 2010, 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.

Articles of Agreement, LaGrange Area Department of Special Education (LADSE)

Dr. Bonnette said this item comes to the Board due to change in legislation. The legislation requires the districts to update their Articles of Agreement to reflect the withdrawal process from the consortium by a member district. Current Articles of Agreement are required for funding from LADSE. Action is recommended in April.

Resolution, PTAB Intervention

Dr. Bonnette said that every few years, the Board needs to authorize our attorney to intervene on our behalf in cases where a property owner, such as Carson's, files an assessment appeal to PTAB. Dr. Bonnette also distributed an informational handout which was a summary of appeals for the years from 2000 through 2009.

RESOLUTION # 12257

Resolution, PTAB Intervention

Mr. Sinde moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the "Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Proceedings before the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board" as presented in the March 9, 2010, Board Agenda Packet.

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

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

and the following voted NAY: None

and the following were ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

Budget Considerations

Dr. Bonnette said that the State of the District will be covered at the public forum on Monday, March 15, 2010. He gave a few highlights of the handout that was provided. He spoke about property taxes, tax caps, and the State's financial situation. He said that we want to attract and retain talented teachers and to provide quality opportunities for students while being mindful of being frugal and managing our expenses through policy guidelines. Dr. Bonnette said the budget was reviewed and three scenarios were discussed. The first is no change, the second is the Superintendent's recommendation, and the third is a balanced budget. The Superintendent's recommendation would be to enhance revenue and to reduce expenditures so as not to impact the quality of services to the students. There is a need to go to referendum next fall or next spring. The budget process was explained stating that the budget is on display beginning in June and is adopted in September. In March the staff is notified of any reductions. A tentative meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2010.

ARAMARK Contract Extension

Dr. Bonnette met with representatives of ARAMARK. They requested a three year extension of the contract with RB. It is recommended that the Facilities Committee meet with ARAMARK and report back to the Board with a recommendation.

Personnel Matters, Student Disciplinary Matter

Dr. Bonnette summarized the personnel items and student disciplinary matter and explained these items will be discussed during the closed session.

Visitors Statements

There were no visitors' statements at this time.

Closed Session

A closed session was recommended for the purpose of considering appointment, employment or dismissal of employees, student disciplinary matters, confidentiality of closed session minutes, and safety of students, staff, and public.

RESOLUTION # 12258

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, student disciplinary matters, confidentiality of closed session minutes, and safety of students, staff, and public.

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 9:31 p.m., reconvened in open session at 12:20 a.m. on March 10, 2010, and took action on items of unfinished business.

Action/Information Following Closed Session

RESOLUTION #12259

Maternity Leave Request, Kristen Bacon

Mr. Herbst moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, approves the maternity leave request for Kristen Bacon from August 20, 2010, through September 30, 2010, as discussed during the March 9, 2010, closed session meeting.

Mrs. Kleinmeyer 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 #12260

Appointment, Matthew J. D'Anca, Head Boys' Water Polo Coach

Mrs. Kleinmeyer moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, approves the appointment of Matthew J. D'Anca, Head Boys' Water Polo Coach, Category E, Step I, as presented and discussed during the March 9, 2010, closed session meeting.

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

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

and the following voted NAY: Mr. Sinde

and the following were ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION #12261

Appointment, Kristi Sterling, Co-Head Girls' Track Coach

Mrs. Leibrandt moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, approves the appointment of Kristi Sterling, Co-Head Girls Track Coach, Category B, Step I, as presented and discussed during the March 9, 2010, closed session meeting.

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

Mr. Herbst, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mrs. Leibbrandt, 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 #12262

Appointment, Mark Ruge, Volunteer Baseball Coach

Mr. Moon moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, approves the appointment of Mark Ruge, Volunteer Baseball Coach, as presented and discussed during the March 9, 2010, closed session meeting.

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

Mr. Herbst, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mrs. Leibbrandt, 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 #12263

Appointment, Melissa Harman, Assistant Girls Soccer Coach

Mr. Marciniak moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, approves the appointment of Melissa Harman, Assistant Girls Soccer Coach, Category E, Step 1, as presented and discussed during the March 9, 2010, closed session meeting.

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

Mr. Herbst, Mrs. Kleinmeyer, Mrs. Leibbrandt, 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 # 12264

Expulsion of Student 0910.2

Mr. Welch moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, expels student #0910.2 for two school years.

That during the entire time of expulsion, student #0910.2 not be given any stipulated recourse for re-admission or the opportunity to earn academic credit through regular day school, late school, correspondence school, or program.

That student #0910.2 is restricted from being anywhere on school property during the entire expulsion period (24-7-365) to include all events sponsored by and held at Riverside Brookfield High School. The student is not allowed within 1000 feet of school during normal school hours or after school hours when a school-sponsored event is occurring. It will be the student's responsibility to know if an event is occurring at the school. That student #0910.2's presence on the property without prior consent and authorization from the administration will be considered trespassing. That student #0910.2's request for information related to personal record access, i.e., transcripts, etc., must be handled through the administration.

Mr. Sinde 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.

Dr. Bonnette reminded the Board of upcoming important dates. They include, March 18, 2010, Committee of the Whole meeting, March 21, 2010, building dedication, and March 23, 2010, tentative Special meeting.

Adjournment

RESOLUTION #12265

Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Moon seconded by Mrs. Leibrandt that the Regular March 9, 2010, 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 12:26 a.m., March 10, 2010, the President declared the meeting adjourned.