

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 208
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**
Tuesday, September 8, 2009
Alumni Lounge

The Tuesday, September 8, 2009, Regular meeting of the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, was called to order at 7:40 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge, Room 112, 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
 Tim Scanlon, Principal
 Troy Gobble, Assistant Principal
 John Passarella, Assistant Principal
 Chris Whelton, Business Office Manager

Others present: Bob Skolnik, *Landmark*
 Steve Arvis, Parent
 Sam Levin, Parent
 Michael Ely, Parent
 RBTV Crew

Communications/Appearances Before the Board

Written communications received since the regular August 25, 2009, Board meeting were routinely shared with members on a weekly basis.

Student Association Report

The Student Association representatives did not attend this meeting. They will have a report at the October meeting.

IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Conference

Dr. Bonnette said this joint conference, also known as the Triple I conference, is held on the third weekend of November in Chicago. After October 16, 2009, the registration fee increases from \$340 to \$365. Dr. Bonnette also said the West Cook and North Cook Divisions Fall Dinner Meeting will be held on September 30, 2009. He asked the Board members to contact him soon if they are interested in attending either one.

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 reflects financial activity for 16.67 percent of the fiscal year 2009-10.

Board Committee Reports

Mr. Sinde reported that he met with Dr. Bonnette to discuss agenda items for an upcoming Curriculum Committee meeting. A few agenda items include independent study classes, AP courses, the final exam policy, and North Central accreditation. Mr. Herbst reported that the school opened on time. Classrooms and lockers were readied; the student cafeteria is operational; the faculty cafeteria will be open next week; and work is progressing on the two theaters. Mrs. Leibbrandt reported that the Finance Committee is working on goals and will present them to Dr. Bonnette, Mr. Marciniak, and finally to the whole Board. Mr. Welch stated that a website dedicated to the Board of Education was discussed, which would include a meeting page and finance page, among other items. In addition, the Board would have their own email address. Mr. Moon reported that the superintendent search is the main focus of the Personnel Committee. Hazard, Young and Attea will interview various individuals/groups on September 29 and 30, using this information to develop a leadership profile. Mr. Marciniak is planning a Policy Committee meeting around October 13. He also outlined procedures for bringing items to the Board. To resolve a problem and to expedite matters quickly, he suggested approaching the teacher first and then progressing to Department Chairs, Assistant Principals, Principal, Superintendent, and then the Board. An answer may be attained more quickly by using the chain of command than by waiting for the next Board meeting. However, the Board still welcomes input from the community. Dr. Bonnette commented on the District's policies. He labeled them capable, innovative, and responsive, and the policies are here to serve the public, parents, and students. As the public interfaces with the District, it is always a good idea to start at the lowest possible level for the optimum results.

Reports from the Administration and Staff

Dr. Bonnette said it was a tremendous day at RB welcoming close to 1,500 students to school. The freshmen arrived at 8 a.m. and the upper classmen arrived at 10 a.m. The lunch program went well. Mr. Scanlon stated that the teachers and students seem happy in the new school. Mr. Gobble said it was exciting to see the students already investigating and discussing their environment. Mr. Passarella stated that the students are excited to be in the building. Dr. Bonnette stated that the staff could not enter their rooms until the Friday before school began. Most of the teachers were here all weekend to prepare for the students. Dr. Bonnette mentioned that Board committees will be discussed later. A state report on employee compensation is due by October 1 and plans are being made for it to be on our website.

Visitor Statements

Mr. Michael Ely asked about AP courses. His daughter is concerned that with the late start, the AP courses are behind schedule. Mr. Marciniak suggested contacting the teacher for her class timeline. Mr. Steve Arvis commented on Mr. Marciniak's statement regarding chain of command. He believes the Board should be aware of any potential problems. Mr. Marciniak reiterated that his intention was to suggest the most efficient way to handle problems. Mr. Arvis favorably commented on the manner in which the viral meningitis alert was handled. Mr. Sam Levine commented on various topics which included safety of students, funding of the band versus football, and equality of opportunity regarding athletics.

Consent Agenda – Action Items

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

RESOLUTION # 12148

Consent Agenda Items

Approval of Minutes

Payment of Bills

Mr. Herbst 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 Committee of the Whole Meeting, August 25, 2009; Regular and Closed Meetings, August 25, 2009 (as amended), and the Committee of the Whole Meeting, August 27, 2009;

- B. Approves payment of the bills as presented and listed in Section VIII:
District 208 - \$6,709,435.02; District 208.9 - \$15,911.80;

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.

Old Business – Action Items

Adoption of 2009-10 Budget

Mr. Whelton displayed a Power Point presentation for the Board and audience regarding the financials for RB. Mr. Welch commented that this is the first time RB has a user friendly budget. He thanked Mr. Whelton for the hours of hard work that went into its creation.

RESOLUTION # 12149

Adoption of 2009-10 Budget

Mrs. Leibrandt moved the following:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Township High School District No. 208, County of Cook, State of Illinois, caused to be prepared in tentative form a budget and the Secretary of this Board has made the same conveniently available to the public for inspection for at least thirty days prior to final action thereon;

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held as to such budget on the 8th day of September 2009, notice of said hearing was given at least thirty days prior thereto as required by law, and all other legal requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Education of said District as follows:

SECTION 1: That the fiscal year of this school district be and the same hereby is fixed and declared to be beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2010.

SECTION 2: That the following budget containing an estimate of amounts available in each fund, separately, and of expenditures from each, be and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of this school district for said fiscal year.

Mr. Welch 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.

Petition, Metro Suburban Conference Admission

Dr. Bonnette reported that he spoke with superintendents in three public schools regarding Glenbard South's request for admission to the Metro Suburban Conference, and he received favorable feedback. He will contact the remaining schools in the conference and forward that information to the Board. Action is anticipated at the October 13, 2009, regular meeting. Mr. Welch again asked for a listing of all IHSA sports and activities that RBHS participates along with their conference affiliation, if any.

Vending Contract, The Classic Group, Chicago, Illinois

Dr. Bonnette said that the vending contract was received today from the attorney. The Board will review this contract and it will be on the October 13, 2009, agenda.

New Business

Approval of Application, Recognition of Schools

Dr. Bonnette explained that this is an annual ISBE requirement and assured the Board that we are in compliance.

RESOLUTION # 12150

Approval of Application, Recognition of Schools

Mr. Welch moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois approves submission of the annual Application for Recognition of Schools as presented in the September 8, 2009, 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.

Service Agreement, Pillars Community Services and Riverside Brookfield High School

RESOLUTION # 12151

Service Agreement Pillars Community Services and Riverside Brookfield High School

Mr. Welch moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the service agreement with Pillars Community Services and Riverside Brookfield High School from September 7, 2009, through June 18, 2010, for substance abuse counseling services (three days per week, six hours per day on site at a rate of \$50/hour) as presented in the September 8, 2009, 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.

Direct Transfer of Funds from Working Cash Fund of Township High School District 208

Mr. Whelton explained the necessity to transfer funds at this time and answered Board Members' questions.

RESOLUTION # 12152

Direct Transfer of Funds from Working Cash Fund of Township High School District 208

Mrs. Leibrandt moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the transfers of funds totaling \$4,000,000 from the Working Cash Fund. The Working Cash Fund will transfer \$3,500,000 to the Education Fund, \$250,000 to the Transportation Fund, and \$250,000 to the IMRF Fund. The transfers will be repaid to the Working Cash Fund after receipt of the spring installment of the tax extension for the District's 2009-2010 budget year on or about March 31, 2010 as discussed at the September 8, 2009, regular meeting.

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.

(Supplemental information is attached)

Revision, Board Committee Assignments

Mr. Marciniak explained the reasoning for revising the Board Committee assignments. The co-chairmanship will be extended to the rest of the committees. Mrs. Leibrandt suggested that Board assignments last one year instead of two. This will give the Board Members more varied experience. The committee assignments are:

PolicyJim Marciniak and Dan Moon
Personnel.....Dan Moon and MariAnn Leibrandt
CurriculumMatt Sinde and Sue Kleinmeyer
Facilities.....Larry Herbst and Matt Sinde
FinanceMariAnn Leibrandt and Mike Welch

Board Policy Updates: Policy 2:260, Uniform Grievance Procedure; Policy 5:10, Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment; Policy 5:20, Sexual Harassment; and Policy 7:20, Harassment of Students Prohibited

RESOLUTION # 12153

Board Policy Updates: Policy 2:260, Uniform Grievance Procedure; Policy 5:10, Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment; Policy 5:20, Sexual Harassment; and Policy 7:20, Harassment of Students Prohibited

Mr. Marciniak moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the Board policy updates, 2:260, Uniform Grievance Procedure (Complaint Managers: David Bonnette, Doreen Fritz); 5:10, Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment (Nondiscrimination Coordinator: David Bonnette, Complaint Managers: David Bonnette, Doreen Fritz); 5:20, Sexual Harassment (Nondiscrimination Coordinator: David Bonnette, Complaint Managers: Tim Scanlon, Gayle Brankin); and 7:20, Harassment of Students Prohibited (Nondiscrimination Coordinator: David Bonnette, Complaint Managers: Tim Scanlon, Gayle Brankin) as presented in the September 8, 2009, Board Agenda Packet.

Mr. Herbst 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.

Personnel Matters: Contract Revision, Student Support Services and Recommendation, Fitness Center Supervisors

Dr. Bonnette gave a brief summary of the personnel matters. These items will be discussed in Closed Session.

Mr. Sinde asked Dr. Bonnette about items he suggested for the agenda regarding background checks and fund raising procedures. Dr. Bonnette felt these items should be first discussed in a committee meeting. Mr. Welch asked Dr. Bonnette to discuss students who use bike transportation at the next meeting with zoo officials.

Visitors Statements

Mr. Arvis stated that it was his understanding that Boosters were paying for the sandwiches on the bus, and he did not want taxpayer money to go for paying for sandwiches for the football team on the bus. He also stated that the football team bus ride should be like any other field trip, and students should bring their own food.

Closed Session

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

RESOLUTION # 12154 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, collective bargaining issues and student disciplinary matters

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 9:42 p.m., reconvened in open session at 12:02 a.m. on September 9, 2009, and took action on items of unfinished business.

Action Following Closed Session

RESOLUTION #12155 Contract Revision, Student Support Services

Mr. Sinde moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the contract revision, Student Support Services, as presented and discussed during the September 8, 2009, 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 #12156 Recommendation, Fitness Center Supervisors

Mr. Welch moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, hereby approves the appointments of Denise Delgado, Fall Fitness Center Co-Supervisor, (Wellness Center) (Monday, Wednesday, every other Friday) Category F-3; Lauren Presta, Fall Fitness Center Co-Supervisor, (Wellness Center) (Tuesday, Thursday, every other Friday) Category F-1; and Mike Reingruber, Fall Fitness Center Supervisor, (Weight Room) (Monday-Friday) Category F-2.

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.

Adjournment

RESOLUTION #12157

Adjournment

It was moved by Mrs. Leibrandt and seconded by Mr. Moon that the Regular September 8, 2009, 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 12:09 a.m. on September 9, 2009, the President declared the meeting adjourned.