

COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS, DISTRICT 168
Sauk Village, Illinois, County of Cook
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 17, 2011

Administration Building/Boardroom
21899 S. Torrence Avenue
Sauk Village, IL 60411

At 6:03 p.m. President, Suzanne Arnold, called the Regular Meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance – Wagoner student Elnathan Little lead the Pledge.

President Arnold verified that there was a quorum of the Board present with the following members present/absent:

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mrs. Suzanne Arnold, President
Ms. Mary E. Howard, Vice President
Mrs. Sharon Davenport, Secretary
Mrs. Angela R. Cox, Board Member
Mrs. Tammy N. Jones, Board Member
Mrs. Maxine Towers, Board Member

Absent:

Mr. Jimo A. Kasali, Board Member

ADMINISTRATORS & STAFF PRESENT/ABSENT:

Mr. Al Travaglini, Superintendent
Mrs. Sharlyne Williams, Business Manager
Mr. Scott Strong, Director of Instructional Services
Mr. Jeremiah Johnson, Director of Special Education
Ms. Lenore Brentine, Superintendent Secretary & Board Recording Secretary
Union Representatives Havener & Jenkins
Mr. Michael Clay, new Rickover basketball coach
Mrs. Hansen, Principal, Wagoner Elementary School
Mrs. Misiunas, Assistant Principal, Wagoner Elementary School

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Melvin Stephenson

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE & COMMENTS

- Parent Café will be held on Friday, October 21st from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. at Wagoner School. The program provides a chance to meet with other parents for a guided discussion regarding family concerns. Child care is available and reservations are required.

- A card was read thanking the Board and the Superintendent for the breakfast, lunch and guest speaker, Mrs. Lynda Byrd, which was provided at the Teacher Institute Day. Mrs. Towers asked the Superintendent to see if Mrs. Byrd would be able to come and speak with the Board.
- A TAG training meeting was held on Saturday, October 8th, at the administration center with IASB Consultant, Mr. Steve Clark and the Board of Education, regarding board governance.
- The consultant from Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd, reviewed the audit of financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011. He reported that assets are strong and the District is debt free.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A.) Finance – Committee Chairperson Howard reported that all the questions were answered satisfactorily and that all of last year's payments have been paid by the Comptroller and is still owed this year approximately \$474,000.

B.) SPEED – None

C.) SCOPE – Member Cox reported that SCOPE will be holding a Chili Supper on October 24th and the Board and Administration will attend. Member Cox told Mr. Strong that there is a technology fair tomorrow if he is interested in attending.

AUDIENCE FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - None

DISCUSSION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

➤ **Computer Purchase Proposal** - Superintendent Travaglini stated that they are proposing 2 computers (1 laptop and 1 workstation) per classroom, where as the first proposal included 5 computers per classroom (no special ed) at approximately \$500,000. After speaking with Mr. Strong and Mr. Johnson, if we go on a plan where every year we can do 2 new computers per classroom at a cost of approximately \$111,000, we would have in three (3) years, six (6) computers per classroom. Also, if we find any grants available we could step this program up. We are doing a great disservice to our students if we cannot bring them up in technology working with computers. They can go to the library, there are labs in each building and the teachers can take the students there but they can fill up fast on a regular schedule.

Member Cox stated she has an issue with the tables and chairs to be purchased not the computers. She reported that at another school, laptops are stored on carts and plugged in for charging. They can take them to their own desks. They are shared between classes and locked up when not in use.

Secretary Davenport reported that she was able to observe at the school. They were able to rotate so everyone gets a turn. She shared her experience with the learning tools and subjects on the computers.

Member Towers asked Superintendent Travaglini if he had checked into leasing. Mr. Travaglini answered that they have, and our Technology Coordinator said it is not beneficial.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS

- **Consent Agenda** – No items removed or questioned

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- **IASB Resolutions** – The Resolutions presented to the Board are to be voted upon at the Tri-Conference in November by the Board appointed Delegate. President Arnold stated she chose Vice President Howard to represent the District due to her experience attending previous conferences.
There are a total of 21 Resolutions.
- **ISAT Scores**¹ – Superintendent Travaglini reported we did not make AYP; but, we have new plans and ideas. He presented the results of the latest reading and math scores for Strassburg and Rickover (Wagoner is not tested).

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Travaglini introduced the new Rickover basketball coach, Mr. Michael Clay. Coach Clay briefly spoke to the Board and received a very warm welcome by everyone.
- Superintendent Travaglini shared photos of the Teacher's Institute Day.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - NONE

CLOSED SESSION

Member Davenport moved, seconded by Member Jones to adjourn Open Session and enter into Closed Session at 7:39 p.m. to discuss (exceptions cited in entirety) personnel, litigation, and lawfully closed meeting minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Cox, Davenport, Howard, Jones, Towers and Arnold

Nays: 0

Absent: Kasali

Motion carried

Closed Session adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

¹ Results can be viewed at Illinois Interactive Report Card website (indicate which school)

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

➤ Member Jones moved, seconded by Member Howard, to return to Open Session at 8:13 p.m. with action to be taken.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Howard, Jones, Towers, Cox, Davenport and Arnold

Nays: 0

Absent: Kasali

Motion carried

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

➤ Member Towers moved, seconded by Member Jones, to keep closed the minutes of September 19, 2011 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Jones, Towers, Cox, Davenport, Howard and Arnold

Nays: 0

Absent: Kasali

Motion carried

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A.) Open Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 19, 2011

B.) Closed Minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 19, 2011

C.) Accounts Payable (September 2011)

- Educational \$ 436,904.95
 - Building Maintenance 81,607.44
 - Transportation 39,746.79
- \$ 558,259.18

D.) Position Statement (September 2011)

E.) Payroll (September 2011) \$764,642.42

F.) Lunch/Breakfast Summary Report (September 2011)

G.) Hires: Ms. Bridget Kiernan, Special Ed Teacher for Rickover (replacement); Mr. Jose Sandoval, Teacher Assistant for Strassburg (replacement)

H.) Resignations: Ms. LaTricia Jones, Strassburg

I.) Retirement: Mrs. Griegel, Office Secretary at Rickover Jr. High (23 years service)

END CONSENT AGENDA

BOARD ACTION

A.) Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the final computer purchase proposal (1 laptop & 1 workstation per classroom all three schools) excluding special education and including power strips totaling \$111,202.00 as presented.

While there was the motion on the floor to approve the proposal, Members Cox and Towers stated they would like to table the item; they did not like the proposal. Member Cox said there should be other options to be looked at. She was ok with the original proposal of 5 per school, but did not like the tables and chairs purchase.

- Member Howard moved, seconded by Member Jones, to approve the recommendation as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Davenport, Howard, Jones and Arnold

Nays: Towers, Cox

Absent: Kasali

Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:22 p.m. Voice vote was unanimous

Respectfully submitted by Lenore Brentine Board Recording Secretary

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2011

Suzanne Arnold, President

Sharon Archie-Davenport, Secretary