

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION, HILLSIDE SCHOOL
DISTRICT 93, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON THE 27th DAY OF JANUARY, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held January 27, 2010, in the Board Room at 4804 West Harrison Street, Hillside, Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Vice President Morgan. Roll call showed that members Chrystal Barthold, Terry Morgan, Marvin Watson, and Daniel Zeh were present. Reginald Cole (arrived at 8:50 p.m.), Jeffrey Collins (arrived at 7:45 p.m.) and Cherese Pierce was not present. Also present were Alan Molby, Superintendent; Steve Bogren, Principal; Jennifer Morenzoni, Assistant Principal; Marylou Rymut, Recording Secretary; and member of the staff.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Molby deleted 7.A. – Personnel: Employment/Resignation and 11. – Closed Session

OPEN FORUM

At this time Mr. Morgan opened the meeting to members of the audience for comments, questions, and concerns. Mrs. Alice Zollicoffer addressed the Board with her concerns regarding a recent discipline matter involving her grandson.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Action 67)

A motion was made by Mrs. Barthold and seconded by Mr. Watson that the Board adopt a Consent Agenda for Agenda Items 6.A. (Minutes from regular meeting of January 13, 2010); and Agenda Item 6.B. (Minutes from the closed session of the regular meeting held on January 13, 2010 which are to be retained as classified, subject to review under the law).

Roll call: Aye - Barthold, Morgan, Watson, Zeh
 Nay - None
 Absent - Cole, Collins, Pierce

The motion carried.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH HEA

No Child Left Behind (NCLB); Annual Yearly Progress (AYP); and Response to Intervention (RtI), are the issues that Hillside School and all public schools are facing today. The Board of Education and six members of HEA discussed these issues including what has been done to date and what is in the future.

- Mrs. Canapary gave an overview of how the administration and the teachers are taking steps toward addressing these issues. She spoke about how the teachers are using AIMSweb and IOWA testing to better understand and service students.
- Mrs. Falls explained to the Board the Problem Solving Team (PST) and how the teachers and staff work as a team to find out what is academically best for the student. She also spoke about weekly interventions which gives a teacher 30 minutes of extra instructional time for students in need, while a substitute teacher teaches the rest of the classroom.
- Mr. Rubo reviewed methods use by Hillside School to make a big impact on students growth including small class sizes; the recent addition of a math tutor; the new reading curriculum;

Study Island; summer school; technology; and the addition of Home Logic which allows parents to see up-to-the minute grades, discipline, and events.

- Miss Bland thanked the Board for having such a valuable teacher's aide which allows her to teach the students in smaller groups and ability levels. Miss Bland also said that the new reading series has been very helpful for a classroom such as hers, which is comprised of several grades allowing all ability levels to participate in the same assignment at the same time.
- Mrs. LeDonne spoke about a "wish list" for the future which included an additional computer in each classroom so that students would be able to work in the classroom rather than sending them to another area; a full time Math Specialist; the purchase of workbook consumables instead of having to copy each assignment for the students; and more professional training on the different components of the reading series.
- The staff is very happy and excited with the new reading series and all of its different facets. Mrs. Wagner will be working on a report of the first year of the reading series which will include components that were used and those that didn't fit our needs.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

District 93 is required to annually submit an updated School Improvement Plan due to not making AYP last year. The Committee has been working on the final revisions of the e-Plan version for submitting on-line including the strengths, weaknesses, showing objectives and strategies, timelines, amount of money being invested and data measurement. This plan is on the state website and available for the public. The plan needs to be presented to the District 93 Board and approved by the State Board of Education.

DISCIPLINE REPORT

Miss Morenzoni presented the Board with an overview of District 93's discipline program, guidelines, and statistics. She thanked the Board for their stand on Saturday School which has helped decrease multiple out-of-school suspensions. With the aid of the SIRS component, tardies are able to be tracked and the program "Positively Prompt" has shown some improvement with promptness. Character Counts continues to be an important part of the discipline program. Students who receive a coupon for good character now have their name placed on the bulletin board for all to see how "Character Counts".

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Enrollment Projections
- B. District Calendar for 2010 - 2011

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING DISCUSSION OR ACTION

- A. FOIA (0)
- B. Newspaper Articles
- C. State School News Service, January 13, 2010
- D. IASA Memo regarding FOIA and OMA
- E. Alliance Legislative Report (96-42)
- F. "Humanity for Haiti"
- G. HLERK – *The Extra Mile* – January 2010

ADJOURNMENT (Action 68)

A motion was made by Mr. Watson and seconded by Mr. Zeh that the meeting be adjourned.

Roll call: Aye - Barthold, Cole, Collins, Morgan, Watson, Zeh
 Nay - None
 Absent - Pierce

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

_____ President

_____ Secretary

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