

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION, HILLSIDE SCHOOL
DISTRICT 93, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON THE 12th DAY OF AUGUST, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held August 12, 2009, in the Media Center at 4804 West Harrison Street, Hillside, Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Cherese Pierce. Roll call showed that members Chrystal Barthold, Jeffrey Collins, Terry Morgan, Cherese Pierce and Marvin Watson were present. Reginald Cole and Dottie Fields were absent. Also present were Alan Molby, Superintendent; Steven Bogren, Principal; Roger Leisten, Business Coordinator; and Marylou Rymut, Recording Secretary; William Hepworth of Wm. F. Baird & Co.; Kelly Sculles – intern; and members of the community.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

OPEN FORUM

At this time President Pierce opened the meeting to members of the audience for comments, questions, and concerns, there were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Action 9)

A motion was made by Mrs. Barthold and seconded by Mr. Collins that the Board adopt a Consent Agenda for Agenda Items 6.A. (Minutes from regular meeting of July 8, 2009); 6.B. (Closed Session Minutes from the regular meeting held on July 8, 2009); 6.C. (Destruction of closed session tape recording from the November 14, 2007 meeting); and Agenda Items 7.A. through 7.I. (Financial Reports).

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

The motion carried.

PERSONNEL - EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATION

Employment – Technology Coordinator (Action 10)

A motion was made by Mr. Watson and seconded by Mr. Collins that the Board employ Robert Gilmore, Jr., as technology coordinator for the 2009 – 2010 school year, as per profile sheet.

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

The motion carried.

TENTATIVE FY10 DISTRICT 93 BUDGET (Action 11)

The Board reviewed the tentative budget for 2009 – 2010 presented by Mr. Molby and Mr. Leisten. The Board will vote for final approval of the budget at the September 23rd Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Watson that the Board accept the Tentative FY10 District 93 Budget, as presented.

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

The motion carried.

LEGAL NOTICE OF DISPLAY AND PUBLIC HEARING (Action 12)

In order to be compliant with the thirty-day public notice request, the Board must adopt the Legal Notice of Display and Public Hearing. This notice will be published in the local paper informing the public that the tentative budget is available for viewing for the next thirty days.

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Watson that the Board adopt the Legal Notice of Display and Public Hearing, as presented.

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

The motion carried.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT APPROVAL (Action 13)

Mr. Molby gave a brief overview of the services provided by First Student. Last year the District was able to save approximately \$30,000 by reducing the number of buses from six to five and still met the needs of our students with reasonable ride times.

A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Barthold that the Board approve the Student Transportation Contract from First Student, as presented.

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

The motion carried.

BOARD POLICY MANUAL ADOPTION (Action 14)

The edited version of the Board Policy Manual was on display in the District office since the Board Meeting of July 8, 2009. With the formal adoption of the Board Policy Manual, it will become the official policy and be distributed to Board members, designated District, School and H.E.A. personnel, and it will also be on the District's website. Mr. Molby also gave the Board a copy of PRESS (Policy Reference Education Subscription Service) which is now available to the District from the Illinois Association of School Boards with the completion of our Board Policy Manual.

A motion was made by Mr. Watson and seconded by Mr. Collins that the Board adopt the Board Policy Manual, as presented.

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

The motion carried.

P.A.E.C. GOVERNING BOARD

Mrs. Barthold reported on the P.A.E.C. Governing Board meeting where they reviewed the Goals from 2008 – 2009.

DISTRICT CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDING OPTIONS

Mr. William Hepworth of Wm. F. Baird & Co. discussed with the Board options that are available to the District for current and future funding of capital projects. He said that Hillside District 93 still has a good borrowing rating, even in this economy. A bond issue, just as with the last bond issue in 2002, would not cost the taxpayers anything. If the Board decided to proceed, Mr. Hepworth gave a timeframe of approximately four month. Consideration of the bond issuance process will take place at the September meeting.

PRELIMINARY REPORT ON DISTRICT TEST SCORES

The State has begun releasing early results of the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) from the spring testing. Only unofficial group results have been received at this point, more detailed individual and school composite results will hopefully be available soon. The overall results show that a significant improvement was made. Mr. Molby will have a more in-depth analysis in September. The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills will be administered September 14 - 18.

TEACHER INSTITUTES – AUGUST 27 & 28, 2009

Mr. Molby gave the Board an overview of the Teacher Institutes to be held on August 27 and 28, 2009. Both days and including the afternoon of August 31 will include a variety of sessions focused on NCLB/AYP and student assessment data, Response to Intervention (RTI), implementation of the new Reading curriculum and overall school improvement/goal setting.

FINAL SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT

Mr. Bogren gave the Board a brief overview of the summer school program, including some of the activities they participated in. Attendance to the program was very good.

ED-RED MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

With the District's membership up for renewal, Mr. Molby gave the Board a quick overview of Ed-Red. Ed-Red is the major lobby down in Springfield for suburban school districts. A membership to Ed-Red shows the support of the school district which in turn allows them to reap the benefits of Ed-Red's actions. District 93 will renew their membership with Ed-Red for the upcoming year.

ISBE/ROE CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

The Board received copies of the Certificates of Recognition from the Illinois State Board of Education and the Cook County Regional Office of Education. These recognitions acknowledge that the school and district are in official compliance under the Illinois School Code.

FACILITIES UPDATE

Mr. Molby and Mr. Leisten took the Board on a tour of the summer renovation project.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CHANGES

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Dottie Fields from the Board of Education. Mr. Morgan was nominated and elected Vice President. The appointment of Hearing Officer was tabled until the September 9, 2009 meeting.

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Report on Opening of School
- B. Discussion of Board Goals for 2009 - 2010

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING DISCUSSION OR ACTION

- A. FOIA Requests (0)
- B. Newspaper Articles
- C. Registration Letter
- D. *Capitol Watch* by IASA, July 9 & 22, 2009
- E. Alliance Legislative Report (96-26)
- F. *The Extra Mile* – HLERK – July 2009

CLOSED SESSION (Action 15)

A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Barthold that the Board recess and reconvene in closed session for the purpose of discussing matters related to employment of personnel and filling Board vacancy. The Board went into closed session at 9:31 p.m.

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

The motion carried.

At 9:43 p.m. it was the consensus of the Board to come out of closed session and return to regular open session.

ADJOURNMENT (Action 16)

A motion was made by Mrs. Pierce and seconded by Mr. Collins that the meeting be adjourned.

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

The motion carried.

_____ President

_____ Secretary

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