

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION, HILLSIDE SCHOOL
DISTRICT 93, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON THE 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held September 9, 2009, in the Board Room at 4804 West Harrison Street, Hillside, Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Cheresse Pierce. Roll call showed that members Jeffrey Collins, Terry Morgan, Cheresse Pierce, and Marvin Watson were present. Chrystal Barthold and Reginald Cole were absent. Also present were Alan Molby, Superintendent, Steven Bogren, Principal, Roger Leisten, Business Coordinator, Richard Hamielec, Gilfillan, Callahan and Nelson; Marylou Rymut, Recording Secretary, and members of the audience.

OPEN FORUM

Each year Hillside School participates in a nationwide competition that encourages students to express themselves either through written word or art work with their response to a philosophical question. The Board of Education, Mr. Molby and Mr. Bogren recognized the students who were receiving awards for their achievements in the Philosophy Slam!

ADDITION/DELETIONS TO AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Molby Deleted 10.A. Personnel: Employment/Resignation; and 11.A. – PAEC Board Meeting
Tabled Items 6 and 7 until later in the agenda

CONSENT AGENDA (Action 17)

A motion was made by Mr. Watson and seconded by Mr. Watson that the Board adopt a Consent Agenda for Agenda Items 8.A. (Minutes from regular meeting of August 12, 2009); Agenda Item 8.B. (Minutes from the closed session held during the regular meeting of August 12, 2009); and Agenda Items 9.A. through 9.I. (Financial Reports).

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

The motion carried.

ANNUAL APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF SCHOOLS (Action 18)

Mr. Molby explained to the Board that each year an Application for Recognition of Schools is submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education with our assurances of compliance in all areas determined by the Illinois School Code, and also based on any findings from the Regional Superintendent's last compliance visit. Mr. Molby submits this application electronically, with the meeting minutes reflecting the Board's approval. Hillside School District 93 continues to be in compliance in all areas.

A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Watson that the Board approve the Annual Application for Recognition of Schools, as presented.

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

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ISSUE WORKING CASH BONDS (Action 19)

The Board continued their discussion on issuing working cash bonds from the August meeting. Looking at future capital improvements that will be needed, the Board decided to pass the resolution and proceed with a bond issuance of \$2.3 million dollars. This Bond issuance will bring no new taxes to the District 93 taxpayers. Mr. Hepworth, of Baird and Associates will be notified and the process will begin according to the preliminary timetable with the closing of the bonds and distribution of proceeds to happen approximately December 1, 2009.

A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Morgan that the Board approve the Resolution of Intent to Issue Working Cash Bonds, as presented.

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

The motion carried.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Mr. Molby reviewed with the Board the current enrollment of 485 which is relatively close to the projections made by Mr. Molby and Mr. Bogren at the end of last year. With enrollment figures at this amount continue to make it possible for Hillside School to remain with smaller class sizes. Enrollment in September continuously changes with students enrolling and transferring out, the official enrollment date with the State of Illinois is September 30th.

OPENING OF SCHOOL

Mr. Bogren gave the Board a brief overview of the opening of school for 2009 – 10 which included registration, new teacher orientation, teacher opening institutes; RTI and PST in-service; Fire/Disaster/Lock-Down drills during the first week of school; the “911” Ceremony, extra curricular activities beginning; ITBS beginning September 14, AIMSweb testing starting September 21; and the Open House planned for October 6. The theme for 2009 – 2010 school year is “Outlook”

PRELIMINARY STUDENT ASSESSMENT

Mr. Molby gave the Board a brief overview of Student Assessment. Grade level and individual information was just received from the ISAT’s and Mr. Molby will give a more in-depth assessment report in October following the Iowa Test of Basic Skills that were administered September 14 - 18.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Molby gave the Board a copy of the 2009 Spring Session of the Illinois General Assembly Digest of Bills Passed. Mr. Molby pointed out some of the bills that would affect school district programs and policies including HB 281 – Food Allergies Requirements; SB1718 – Expulsion – Firearms in Schools; and SB189 – Freedom of Information Act Re-Write.

IASB FALL DINNER MEETING

The IASB Fall Dinner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2009.

BOARD POLICY MANUALS

Mr. Molby gave the Board members their hard copy of the new Policy Manual. The Manual is also on a data disc and will be posted on the District's website.

FACILITIES UPDATE

Mr. Richard Hamielec gave the Board a visual presentation of the renovation project followed by a tour of the building.

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Public Hearing and Adoption of FY10 District Budget
- B. Discussion of Board Goals for 2009 - 2010

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING DISCUSSION OR ACTION

- A. FOIA Requests (0)
- B. HLERK, *The Extra Mile*, August 2009
- C. Alliance Legislative Reports (96-31), (96-32)
- D. Board Vacancy Letter to ROE
- E. *The Connection* Letter, September 2009

CLOSED SESSION (Action 20)

A motion was made by Mr. Watson and seconded by Mr. Collins that the Board recess and reconvene in closed session at 9:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters related to filling Board vacancy.

Roll call:

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

The motion carried.

At 9:47 p.m. it was the consensus of the Board to come out of closed session and return to regular open session.

BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mr. Daniel Zeh was sworn in as a Board Member by Secretary Pro Tem Jeffrey Collins. Mr. Zeh will fill the vacant seat that was left by Dottie Fields' resignation. His term will run until April 2011 when there is another Board election.

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

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

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

_____ President

_____ Secretary
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