

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION, HILLSIDE SCHOOL
DISTRICT 93, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON THE 14TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held October 14, 2009, in the Board Room at 4804 West Harrison Street, Hillside, Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Cherese Pierce. Roll call showed that members Jeff Collins, Terry Morgan, Cherese Pierce, Marvin Watson, and Daniel Zeh were present. Chrystal Barthold and Reginald Cole were absent. Also present were Alan Molby, Superintendent; Steven Bogren, Principal; Roger Leisten, Business Coordinator; Marylou Rymut, Recording Secretary; and several members of the staff and community.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Molby deleted Agenda Item 9.A. Personnel, and 10.A. P.A.E.C. Governing Board Meeting.

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 33)

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Watson that the Board adopt a Consent Agenda for Agenda Item 6.A. (Minutes from the regular meeting of September 23, 2009); Agenda Item 6.B. (Closed Session Minutes from regular meeting of September 23, 2009); 6.C. (Destruction of Closed Session Tape from December 12, 2007); and Agenda Items 7.A. through 7.I. (Financial Reports).

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

The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ISSUANCE OF WORKING CASH FUND BONDS (Action 34 and 35)

A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Zeh at 7:38 p.m. that the Board open the Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposal to sell \$2,300,000 working Cash Bonds for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District. (Action 34)

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

The motion carried.

The President opened the discussion and explained the reasons for the issuance of the Bonds. Mr. Leisten gave the Board a brief review of the \$2.3 million bond issuance that was presented to the Board on August 12th and the Board adopted the Resolution of Intent to Issue Working Cash Bonds at the September 9, 2009 Board of Education meeting.

President Pierce asked for additional comments or written testimony by all persons desiring to be heard. With no additional questions or concerns from either the Board or the audience, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Watson that the Board close the Public Hearing for Issuance of Working Cash Fund Bonds at 7:48 p.m. (Action 35)

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

The motion carried.

UPDATE ON H1N1 VACCINATION PROGRAM

Mr. Molby updated the Board on the H1N1 Vaccination Program that was proposed by the county. Mr. Molby consulted with the District's law firm, Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn, and liability insurance carrier, Gallagher and Bassett. Both agree that this program is not something that they would necessarily encourage the District participate in; there is too much room for liability and risk on the District's part. In the meantime, the school will continued to send home information on preventative measures to take. Cleaning of the building has been stepped up to help in prevention. Mr. Molby will keep the Board updated with any new information.

UPDATE ON RESIDENCY

There have been many new state and federal laws regarding residency. Homeless laws and definitions of custodial care are the biggest changes that have been made in the last 10 years. With all of these changes, residency laws have become far more lenient. Some districts require everyone prove residency at registration, which is a very time consuming and somewhat difficult process. Distinct 93 will begin handling residency issues with a letter being mailed home explaining the laws and rules regarding residency. A red flag database will be generated from several areas included returned and unclaimed mail, tips from concerned residents, etc. An outside agency will be used to investigate prioritized residency issues following the Illinois State Board of Education and Regional Office of Education guidelines. Mr. Molby will continue to update the Board with any new information regarding residency.

ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL LEVY

Mr. Molby explained that Illinois School Law mandates that the annual financial levy be estimated at least 30 days prior to the adoption of the final levy. The adoption of the levy will take place on December 9, 2009. The estimated levy for Tax Year 2009 is \$5,929,159 which reflects an increase of 4.9% over last year's aggregate levy.

IASB REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Molby gave the Board a copy of the IASB Resolutions contained in the "Report to the Membership" to be reviewed. At the November 18th meeting the Board will discuss any comments or concerns they wish to be brought to the November state conference by President Pierce and Delegate Cole.

2009 STUDENT ASSESSMENT REPORT/SCHOOL REPORT CARD

Mr. Molby reviewed the student assessment report with information from the Illinois Standards Achievement Tests from spring of 2009, and the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills from the fall of 2009. He also reviewed the subgroup categories and how they determine Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) from the results. This year we met AYP in the subgroup of S.E. reading because of making the Safe Harbor target level, although we did not make AYP in the subgroup of S.E. math because of the previous year's results creating a higher Safe Harbor target in math.

With the small enrollment figures at District 93, even a small number of students in a subgroup not meeting state standards affect our AYP. All the early data compiled from the ITBS scores and the reading aptitude tests that were administered the first week of school is used to shape instructional strategies. The recent teacher inservice dealt with all of the data and what to do with it to help students raise their achievement level. Even though our school continues to make strides in addressing these issues, math and reading continually need to be addressed. The school improvement plan continues to focus on ways to improve student performance in identified areas and to make AYP. The accountability factor is stressed, what is being taught and assessed needs to be measurable. Another area that factors in is longevity; Mr. Molby reviewed the longevity of Hillside School students and how students who have started at Hillside in kindergarten compared with those who have transitioned in through the years. With all the different variables, including the differences in the tests themselves, scoring, and student mobility, it makes the comparison of data over time not completely valid when looking at AYP. However, the data presented shows a significant amount of growth in all areas taking place over time.

Mr. Molby also reviewed the School Report Card from the State Board of Education. The School Report Card will be posted on the District website because it needs to be made available to the public by October 30. Although it is no longer required to be mailed home, it is available in hard copy for anyone requesting it.

SCHOOL UPDATE

Mr. Molby gave the Board a school update including:

- The most recent discipline report from Miss Morenzoni.
- Math Night “Camp Cents-us” is on October 22, 2009. Target has partnered with Hillside School and will be donating shirts for the staff and sending Target associates to help run the different activities.
- Red Ribbon Week will be October 26 - 30
- Teacher In-Service, October 9, Analysis of ITBS and ISAT and using the data to generate 2009-10 goals for school improvement.

DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT GOALS FOR 2009 – 10

The Board briefly discussed preparing District Goals for 2009 - 10. The Board has not determined if they want to set specific goals for the year or have more on-going, long-term goals. This topic will be revisited in the near future.

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Triple “I” Conference Information

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING DISCUSSION OR ACTION

- A. FOIA (0)
- B. *The Connection* – October 2009
- C. Open House Thank You
- D. *FED ED*, Volume 5, Number 4, September 28, 2009
- E. *FED ED*, Volume 5, Number 5, October 7, 2009
- F. *FED ED* Federal Legislative Priorities
- G. Board of Education Roster

At 9:10 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Watson and seconded by Mr. Zeh that the Board recess and reconvene in closed session for the purpose of discussing matters related to employment of personnel and student discipline.

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

The motion carried.

The Board came out of closed session and returned to Regular Open Session at 9:34 p.m.

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM (Action 37)

A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Morgan that the Board of Education Meeting scheduled for October 28, 2009 be cancelled; and that the November 11, 2009 Board of Education Meeting be rescheduled for November 18, 2009.

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

The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT (Action 38)

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

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

The motion carried.

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

_____ President

_____ Secretary

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