

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION, HILLSIDE SCHOOL
DISTRICT 93, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON THE 18th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held November 18, 2009, in the Board Room at 4804 West Harrison Street, Hillside, Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President Pro Tem Chrystal Barthold. Roll call showed that members Chrystal Barthold, Jeffrey Collins, Marvin Watson and Daniel Zeh were present. Reginald Cole, Terry Morgan and Cheresse Pierce were absent. Also present were Alan Molby, Superintendent; Steven Bogren, Principal; Roger Leisten, Business Coordinator; Marylou Rymut, Recording Secretary; Bill Hepworth, Baird & Associates; members of the staff and community.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Molby deleted Item 8.A. – Employment/Resignation

OPEN FORUM

At this time President Pro Tem Barthold opened the meeting to members of the audience for comments, questions, and concerns. There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Action 39)

A motion was made by Mr. Watson and seconded by Mr. Zeh that the Board adopt a Consent Agenda for Agenda Items 6.A. Minutes from the regular meeting of October 14, 2009; Item 6.B. Closed session minutes from regular meeting of October 14, 2009; 6.C. Destruction of Closed Session tape recording from January 9, 2009; and Agenda Items 7.A. through 7.I. (Financial Reports).

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

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION RATIFYING INSURANCE PROVIDER (Action 40)

Mr. Molby explained to the Board that Nippon Insurance requires that the Board approve a Resolution ratifying Nippon as their insurance provider. This ensures that the Board and the administration are both in complete agreement with using them as an insurance provider.

A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Watson that the Board approve the Resolution ratifying Nippon Insurance Company of America as the District's Insurance Provider, as presented.

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

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAEC/IDEA POLICIES REVISION (Action 41)

A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Watson to table approving the PAEC/IDEA Policies Revision until the December Board Meeting.

Roll call: Aye - Collins, Watson, Zeh
 Nay - Barthold
 Absent - Cole, Morgan, Pierce

The motion carried.

BOARD CALENDAR REVISION (Action 42)

Mr. Molby explained to the Board that by law the recent revisions made to the Board calendar which is an official public document, need to be approved even if they are after the fact. The changes that were made include the October 28th meeting that was cancelled, and the November 11th meeting that was rescheduled to November 18th.

A motion was made by Mr. Watson and seconded by Mr. Collins that the Board approve the Board Calendar Revision, as presented.

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

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF LIMITED BONDS, SERIES 2009; AND RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION OF AN ESCROW AGREEMENT (Action 43 & 44)

The final summary of the proposed financing program was reviewed by Mr. Bill Hepworth which included the following:

- The Board needs to consider two resolutions in connection with the issuance of \$2,905,000 Limited School Bonds, Series 2009.
- \$1.5 million of the proceeds is dedicated to the current project, and \$800,000 will be used for future building projects over the next 3 years; the balance will be used to refinance a portion of the District's existing bonds which have an average interest rate of 3.50%. This is necessary to comply with Tax Cap constraints.
- Moody's Investors Service assigned the District an "A2" rating which means that District 93 has above average capacity to meet financial commitments. Also secured was Municipal Bond insurance providing the District a credit enhanced rating of "Aa2".
- The Bonds will be retired over a 20-year period. The average interest rate on the refinancing piece is 2.91% and an overall average of 4.12%.
- There will be no increase in the District's tax rate.
- Closing and distribution of \$2.3 million of new proceeds will be on Thursday, December 10, 2009 pending approval by the Board on the two Resolutions.

A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Barthold that the Board approve the Resolution providing for the Issuance of Limited Bonds, Series 2009. (Action 43)

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

The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Zeh and seconded by Mr. Watson that the Board approve the Resolution providing for the Execution of an Escrow Agreement. (Action 44)

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

The motion carried.

P.A.E.C. GOVERNING BOARD MEETING – Mrs. Barthold

Mrs. Barthold gave a brief overview of the P.A.E.C. Governing Board Meeting which included staff behavior intervention teams; and the soon to be completed website.

ASSESSMENT REPORT - FOLLOW-UP

Mr. Molby presented the Board with additional information related to the School Report Card data that will appear in the upcoming *Headlines*. The 2009 ISAT's show that District 93 students had significant improvement even though the school did not make AYP. The target goal for 2009 was 70% meeting/exceeding state standards, this percentage will increase in 7.5% increments yearly following the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation. With increases like these, more and more schools fail each year. If a school doesn't make AYP over a two-year period, the school is considered to be "in need of improvement". The *Headlines* article further explains how student scores are broken down into different subgroups, including race/ethnicity, economically disadvantaged, students with disabilities and those with limited English proficiency. For the second year, the ISAT's have required all students to take the same test, regardless of their language proficiency. Hillside School is a small K – 8 school so even small changes in these subgroups make a large difference in the whole picture. Student population changes from year to year and with all of these variables taken into account, NCLB is really not an accurate measure of growth from year to year. Mr. Molby stressed to the Board that Hillside School Administration and staff goes above the required actions needed and will continue to do so in making sure that all of the students at Hillside School receive the best education possible.

SCHOOL UPDATE

- Mr. Molby gave the Board a school update for October which included the discipline report from Miss Morenzoni.
- The High School Night had a good turnout. There were eight schools represented for eighth graders and their parents to see what area schools are offering.
- The Safety Committee recently sent out a survey asking for input on the lock down drills. The Committee will be meeting next week to discuss the results.

TRIPLE I CONFERENCE AND THE IASB "REPORT TO MEMBERSHIP"

The Board received their packet of information regarding the Triple I Conference including information on the benefits of having the Board attending conferences of this nature. The Board reviewed the IASB "Report to Membership" and will let Reggie Cole, the delegate to the conference, know if there are any issues that they would like him to present.

REVIEW OF FACILITY USE AGREEMENT

With the recent adoption of the new Board Policy Manual, some policies contain specific guidelines or exhibits which supplement the policies themselves. These guidelines and exhibits need to be updated and incorporated into the Policy Manual. The Community Use of School Facilities (8:20) is such a

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policy and needs to include an exhibit (8:20-E), Application and Procedures for Use of School Facilities, as a supplement to the policy itself. Mr. Molby gave the Board copies of the form and

procedures used with our old and current policy manual and also samples from other districts. The Board will review and discuss this topic at the next Board meeting.

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Preliminary Seniority Lists
- B. Public Hearing and Adoption of the 2009 Tax Levy
- C. N.S.B.A. 70th Annual Conference

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING DISCUSSION OR ACTION

- A. FOIA (0)
- B. Newspaper Articles
- C. October Enrollment Report
- D. *The Connection* – November
- E. Thank You – Corporate America Family Credit Union
- F. Alliance Legislative Report (96-36), (96-37)
- G. *The Extra Mile* – HLERK, October 2009
- H. Holiday Party Invitation

CLOSED SESSION (Action 45)

At 8:50 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Watson that the Board recess and reconvene in closed session for the purpose of discussing matters related to employment of personnel.

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

The motion carried.

The Board came out of closed session and returned to regular open session at 9:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT (Action 46)

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

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

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

_____ President

_____ Secretary

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