

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**FIELD SCHOOL LEARNING CENTER
3131 Techny, Northbrook, Illinois 60062
7:00 PM, February 25, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Open Session of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Handler at 7:00PM.

ROLL CALL

Board Members

Present:	David Handler	
	Jeffrey Silver	arrived at 7:15PM
	Mary Crowe-Richards	
	Bob Spector	arrived at 7:05PM
	Shel Leshner	
	Bonnie Schoenberg	not present
	Mike Berkowitz	

District Administration

Present: Dr. Alexandra Nicholson, Superintendent of Schools

A quorum of the Board was confirmed by President Handler.

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Superintendent Nicholson removed item number VII m. Approve employment of Debbie Danoff as a full-time (1.0 FTE) Instructional Assistant for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year to be assigned to Winkelman School.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

None.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

None.

STRATEGIC PLAN PRESENTATION

Superintendent Nicholson provided a presentation for strategic planning based on the information that was gathered at the committee meetings that took place on January 19th and January 25th.

CONSENT AGENDA

Member Leshner made a motion to approve items a through p (item m. eliminated) of the Consent Agenda pending minor clerical changes to be made to the open meeting minutes by the recording secretary, Tina Nielsen. Member Berkowitz seconded the motion. The motion passed 6:0.

ACTION ITEMS

Joanne Panopoulos and Maria Kalant presented the summer school programming for 2010. President Handler questioned how this cost compares to the programming from 2009. Superintendent Nicholson stated that the only difference would be an increase in vendor costs, example, bus transportation. This has been incorporated in the budget if needed. Member Berkowitz made a motion to approve the 2010 summer program. Member Crowe-Richards seconded the motion. The motion passed 6:0.

Superintendent Nicholson summarized the procedure for creating the 2010-2011 school calendar wherein she explained that the results of the survey helped develop the changes. After further discussion, Member Crowe-Richards made a motion to approve the 2010-2011 school calendar. Member Berkowitz seconded the motion. The motion passed 6:0.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Administrative Reports

Principal Kalant reported on the following ACT (Academic, Community, and Teacher) information:

- Illinois State Board of Education awarded Winkelman Elementary School with the Academic Excellence Award for 2009.
- Teachers will be getting involved in scoring their writing benchmarks by using eight components such as organizing, content, style, capitalization, punctuation, usage, spelling and means.
- Winkelman families collected 1,000 shoes for Haiti.
- Former student Lana Gehring won an Olympic bronze medal in the speed skating category.
- Former student Jon Park has made the top 24 finalist for American Idol.

Principal Murphy reported on the following ACT information:

- Illinois State Board of Education awarded Field Middle School with the Academic Excellence Award for 2009.
- Field participated in a Horizon site visit. Field is on the list to watch and is up for recognition.
- Teachers will be working on planning for next year during half-day dismissal tomorrow.
- Several district members including Principal Murphy attended the ICE conference which focused on using technology to meet the needs of the education of students.

Director of Student Services Joanne Panopoulos reported on the following information:

- The ELL parent night was held Monday. Attendance decreased from last year but the parents were pleased with all the information given especially with supporting information for the technology parents are learning such as Edline. Global translate was introduced, which is a bar that you can click on when you are in Google which will allow the parents to read the information in their language. This helps the parents stay communicated.
- The special education staff has received positive feedback from parents especially in the area of students involved in their own IEP meetings.
- Nicole Brisson, Lori Shames, ELL teachers and Joanne Panopoulos are participating in a 6 day workshop for the ELL program design, The Perfect Match. Once the workshop is completed, the team will have a recommendation that will be shared with the Board that will be tied into a three to five year plan.

Director of Communications Nancy Wasielewski reported on the following:

- District now joins Twitter along with other school districts. This will allow the district to enhance our communication with the community.
- Nancy Wasielewski attended the ICE conference along with other members of the district.
- Safety Emergency flip book is at the printer.
- Nancy Wasielewski explained the global translate and how it is being tested on a page of our WEB site.

Board Reports

Member Silver reported that the Illinois School Board Official's North Cook dinner meeting will be held on March 8th at the Renaissance Hotel in Northbrook.

Member Crowe-Richards reported that NSSD's teacher's contract was extended for one more year.

Member Spector shared with the Board information from ED-RED regarding two bills that were introduced. One is HB 4672 which requires school guidance counselors, teachers, principals, and other school personnel who work with students in grades 7-12 to receive at least two hours of training in suicide prevention, the identification of warning signs of suicidal behavior, and intervention and referral techniques. The legislation allows this to occur through "self review of suitable prevention materials. This is not being supported by ED-RED. The second one is SB 2496 which requires districts to allow non-resident students to attend any public school without charging students tuition as long as they are residents of this State (now, a school board was the authority to charge tuition for non-resident pupils). The legislation does not require districts to provide transportation for these students. This bill is also not being supported by ED-RED.

PTC president Suzanne Kahn reported that the PTC met after the last Board meeting in February and voted on becoming its own entity. It was unanimously voted that the PTC file for their own tax identification number. The school district's attorney has requested numerous documents to prepare this process. The PTC also will be meeting to designate people to address the monthly Board meetings and give updates and current events information.

PTC has planned a sports challenge. The challenge is a volleyball tournament scheduled for April 23, 2010 at Field School.

Freedom of Information Act

Superintendent Nicholson reported that we received a freedom of information act from Lorna Galandak requesting information to use for job comparisons.

District Enrollment

Superintendent Nicholson summarized the District enrollment reports.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

None.

MOVING INTO CLOSED SESSION

Member Crowe-Richards made a motion to go into closed session. Member Spector seconded this motion. The motion was passed 6:0. The Board adjourned to closed session to consider possible employment, compensation or performance of specific employees.

The Board of Education adjourned to closed session at 9:06PM.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Member Crowe-Richards made a motion to return to open session to approve extending Principal Kalant's contract to 2012. Member Leshner seconded the motion. The motion passed 6:0.

ADJOURN MEETING

Member Berkowitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Crowe-Richards seconded the motion. The motion was passed 6:0. The Board adjourned at 10:56PM.

Board President

Board Secretary

Date