

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**FIELD SCHOOL LEARNING CENTER**  
3131 Techny, Northbrook, Illinois 60062  
7:00 PM, October 25, 2012

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Open Session of the regular meeting of the Board of Education meeting was called to order by President David Handler at 7:06 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Board Members

Present:	David Handler	
	Jeffrey Silver	Arrived 7:17 PM
	Mary Crowe-Richards	
	Bob Spector	
	Shel Leshner	
	Bonnie Schoenberg	Absent
	Mike Berkowitz	

District Administration

Present:	Dr. Alexandra Nicholson, Superintendent of Schools
	Cathy Lauria, Director of Business Services

A quorum of the Board was confirmed by President Handler.

**ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

**READING OF COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

None

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE**

Superintendent Nicholson proudly welcomed incoming Education Foundation Chairperson, Laura Sanchez-Greenberg and Co-Chairperson, Meredith Smith, who was not available to attend. Laura Sanchez-Greenberg reported for the Education Foundation that the announcements for the campaign, which has been named, "Advancing Classroom Technology: ACT now!", are ready to send to parents and community members. The campaign already received a donation from the Avenue Marketing Agency to handle \$25,000 worth of marketing for the campaign.

PTC representative Terah Bozarth reported that the October 19<sup>th</sup> PTC movie night was a success. Terah also reported that the PTC is happy to announce that they have partnered with the Education Foundation in the "ACT now" campaign. The PTC has extended the deadline for K-5 registration for the November 3<sup>rd</sup> "November Hoops" event until October 30, 2012.

The new certified staff introduced themselves to the Board: Erica Sherman, Russian Bilingual Teacher; Jennifer O'Grady, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher; Christina Liakos, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher; Katie Porter, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Humanities Teacher; and Mary O'Brien, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Teacher.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Superintendent Nicholson summarized the two options for the policy, *Exemption from Physical Activity*. After further discussion the Board agreed on option two.

Member Leshner made a motion to approve items a through k on the consent agenda along with option two of the *Exemption from Physical Activity* policy. Member Crowe-Richards second the motion. The motion passed 6:0.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Superintendent Nicholson explained the District had to develop a District Improvement Plan for Title III. There are twenty indicators for which we needed to determine full verses partial implementation. All are being fully implemented with one exception – not having successfully recruited a second certified Spanish Bilingual Teacher. We are still working on this. Superintendent Nicholson explained that the Board needs to approve the Plan in order for her to submit it to the State.

Member Berkowitz made a motion to approve the District Improvement Plan for Title III. Member Leshner seconded the motion. The motion passed 6:0.

### **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Superintendent Nicholson summarized the categories of information reported on the 2012 School Report Card. She reported that 89.6% of all students met and/or exceeded State standards in math, and 92.5% of all students met and/or exceeded State standards in reading, and that the District nor the schools have been placed under a State or federal improvement status. A member of the audience questioned why there is not a breakdown of scores at the building level for the Spanish speaking students taking the ISAT. Superintendent Nicholson explained that there have to be 40 students in a category to be reported by the State. Superintendent Nicholson also reported that the State will be revising the School Report Card but specifics are not known at this time.

Director of Business Services, Cathy Lauria reported that we have moved forward with the light changes and Director of Buildings and Grounds Ed Blankenheim has gotten a donation from Bertog Landscaping that consists of bushes and plants to help spruce up the outside of Field Middle School. Member Berkowitz stated the faded sign at Winkelman School has been replaced.

#### *Board Reports*

President Handler reported on the Northfield Township Board President meeting wherein Skip Shine from District 225 shared a projection chart with them.

Member Silver mentioned the upcoming meeting of the Triple III conference held on November 15, 16, and 17, 2012. The District will be presenting at 1:30 PM, Saturday, November 17 at the Hyatt.

Member Crowe-Richards reported on the NSSED meeting during which NSSED discussed their reserves. Because NSSED had to borrow last year from the surrounding schools when revenue payments from the State were late, they would like to have a percentage set aside for future issues. The NSSED board is still deciding on the percentage.

Member Spector reported that he and Superintendent Nicholson attended an ED-Red meeting during which a TRS representative discussed TRS issues and possible solutions being considered.

#### *Policies*

Field Principal Erin Murphy summarized the first read policy *Student Teachers*.

#### *Enrollment*

Superintendent Nicholson summarized student enrollment including the most recent enrollment count at both schools and updated demographic information about students new to the District this school year.

#### *Freedom of Information Act*

Superintendent Nicholson summarized the FOIA request from Scott McWilliams.

### **RECOGNITION OF AUDIENENCE**

None

### **ACTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION OR PERFORMANCE OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES**

None

### **ADJOURN MEETING**

Member Silver made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Crowe-Richards seconded the motion. The motion was passed 6:0. The Board adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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Board President

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Board Secretary

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