

**MINUTES** of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 9 held in the Board Conference Room at the Board of Education Administrative Offices, 1947 Adams Street, Granite City, Illinois, on March 12, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: WALT WHITAKER, BEVERLEY SCROGGINS, JERRY McKECHAN, CAROLYN YATES, MEGHAN DAILY, RON DILLARD, AND RALPH BURNETT.

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: HARRY A. BRIGGS, PH.D., SKIP BIRDSONG, DR. DENNIS BURNETT, LYNETTE BURNETT, BRAD EAVENSON, DOROTHY FALTER, CINDY GAGICH, JIM GREENWALD, DON HARRIS, MARGARET HARRIS, GLORIA HARRISON, PAULA HUBBARD, DAVID KEEL, DEBRA KIBORT, NANCY LEVAULT, TERRY MITCHELL, TIM MORAN, LIZ NIEPERT, KRISTEN NOVACICH, JIM PARKER, TOM SCHOOLEY, LISA SMITH, RON STERN, ZACK SUHRE, MARY VOSS, BARBARA VRABEC, CURT WATTERS, LORI WILSON, AND BARBARA BILBREY.

OTHERS PRESENT: OFFICER BURFORD, LINDSAY BURNETT, SAMANTHA DENNIS, RONNIE DURBIN, SHELBY GLENDENING, KATHY HAGNAUER, KRISTINA HOELSCHER, DOUG INGRAM, MATT JONES, AND KEN VOSS.

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Board President, Ralph Burnett. Roll was called. All members were present and a quorum was declared. President Burnett asked those present to stand for the reciting of the *Pledge of Allegiance* followed by the *Invocation*. He stated that citizens or parents with children in attendance, who did not wish to participate in the *Invocation*, could wait outside the Board Conference Room until after the Board moved to Item IV, *Public Comment*. In the absence of Rev. Larry Cook of the Freedom Worship Center, Don Harris offered the *Invocation*.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**PRESENTATION ON BUS TRANSPORTATION** - A presentation was given by Don Harris, Director of Academic Accountability/Assessment, on bus transportation (morning pick-up and afternoon drop-off times) for elementary (K-4), intermediate (5-6); junior high (7-8); and high school (9-12) for the 2013-2014 school year. Information was distributed to the Board Members, a copy of which is attached and made part of the official minutes of the meeting, and was reviewed by Mr. Harris. He stated that the administration has been working with the union in regard to the re-organization plan, including the reconfiguration of attendance centers, and that they have been very cooperative. Board Members were advised that there is a proposal to cut transportation reimbursement even further and an additional proposal that would require students to live two miles rather than the current 1.5 miles from school to qualify for transportation, unless the route has been designated as hazardous. It was noted that additional information will be provided to the Board in Friday's Update and a recommendation will be brought back to the Board in the near future in regard to this issue. Superintendent Briggs commented that the district is moving in the right direction and, hopefully, will have all of this resolved in a short period of time.

3. **MINUTES** (192 & a-d) Motion by Member McKechan, seconded by Member Scroggins, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held on February 26, 2013 as presented on 192 & a-d. Members voting—Whitaker, “abstain”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Yates, “aye”, Daily, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA** (193-194) Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member McKechan, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the items listed on the *Consent Agenda* as follows:  
**BILL LIST** (193 & a-aj) To approve the bill list on 193 & a-aj and authorize the payment of all items.

**REQUESTS FROM VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS** (194) To approve Requests “a” and “b” as outlined on 194.

**TRIP REQUEST/ARCHER SUMMER DUALS** (194) Granted permission to allow GCHS Coach, George Kirgan, to take a group of ten wrestlers to the Archer Summer Duals in Lawrenceville, Georgia, on June 6-10, 2013 as outlined on 194 at no cost to the district, except for the use of the district’s shuttle van.

**LIBRARY PROGRAM GRANT** (194) To accept the FY2013 School District Library Program Grant award in the amount of \$4,833.00 as outlined on 194. Members voting—Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Yates, “aye”, Daily, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

5. **RETIREMENTS** (195) Motion by Member Scroggins, seconded by Member McKechan, upon the recommendation of the administration, to accept the following retirements:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
L. Rebecca Cooper	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade/Mitchell	Retirement	Conclusion of 2012-2013 School Year
Joyce Curran	English/Grigsby	Retirement	Conclusion of 2012-2013 School Year

Members voting—McKechan, “aye”; Yates, “aye”, Daily, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

It was noted that these retirements are in addition to the those that were figured into the cost reduction proposal.

6. **LEAVES OF ABSENCE** (195) Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Daily, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following leaves of absence:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Elaine Streicher	Cafeteria/Wilson	Medical	3/7/2013 – 5/31/2013
Gary Harris	Custodian/Frohardt	Medical	1/30/2013 – 4/29/2013

Members voting—Yates, “aye”, Daily, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

7. **EXTENSION TO A LEAVE OF ABSENCE** (195) Motion by Member Yates, seconded by Member Daily, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following extension to a leave of absence:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Danny Bone	Custodian/Mitchell	Medical	3/11/2013 – 5/20/2013

Members voting—Daily, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Yates, “aye, and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

8. **VOLUNTEER** (195a) Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Burnett, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve Tessa Gavilsky as a volunteer for the Girls’ Soccer Program at the high school for the 2012-2013 school year. Members voting—Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Yates, “aye, Daily, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

9. **CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES** (195a) Motion by Member Scroggins, seconded by Member McKechan, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following individuals as certified and classified substitutes for the 2012-2013 school year:

<u>CERTIFIED</u>		<u>CLASSIFIED</u>	
Steven Graham	Amy Steen	Alexis Hooper	Christine Kraemer

Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Yates, “aye, Daily, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

10. **ADMINISTRATIVE SALARY SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2013-2014** (195b) Motion by Member Daily, seconded by Member Yates, to approve salary schedule adjustments for the 2013-2014 school year, which includes adding the Principal and Assistant Principal at the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center (intermediate) to Category 5 and Category 6 respectively. Members voting—Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Yates, “aye, Daily, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

11. **EMPLOYMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF/DIRECTOR OF FINANCE** (195c-d) This item was held for discussion in executive session.

12. **2013-2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR** (196 & a) Superintendent Briggs called attention to the proposed 2013-2014 school calendar on 196 & a and noted the following key points:

- ✓ County Institute is not held this year. We have moved the allowed date to the start of the year so that additional time can be spent on professional development.
- ✓ Veteran’s Day is observed on the actual federal holiday.
- ✓ Winter Break is longer due to the New Year holiday falling later in the week.
- ✓ Spring Break follows a traditional schedule including the day after Easter.
- ✓ For those 12 month bargaining groups, the Pulaski Day holiday which was waived is observed on the day prior to Thanksgiving.
- ✓ The first day of school is required to be a full attendance day.
- ✓ The last day of school will be a half day with the district using accumulated professional development hours during the afternoon.
- ✓ There are only five emergency days built into the calendar.

- ✓ In order to end the semester at Winter Break, there is little flexibility in the start date.
  - ✓ In order to save \$4,000 in over-time costs, graduation has been moved back to Friday evening. In 2014 the event falls on the Friday of Memorial Day weekend which offers some positive and negative scenarios for staff and parents.
- He stated that all bargaining units are in agreement with this calendar.

Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Yates, to adopt the 2013-2014 school calendar as follows:

August 5 – 6	District Registration (1 – 8 PM each day)
August 12-14	Teacher Institute – Staff Reports
August 15	First Day of Pupil Attendance – FULL DAY
September 2	NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
October 11	End of First Grading Period
<b>October 14</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day</b>
<b>November 11</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL - Veteran’s Day</b>
<b>November 25</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher Conferences (evening schedule)</b>
<b>November 26</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher Conferences (day schedule)</b>
<b>November 27-29</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Holiday</b>
December 20	Last Day of Student Attendance before Winter Break, End of First Semester/Second Grading Period
Dec. 23 – Jan. 3	<b>NO SCHOOL – Winter Break</b>
<b>January 6</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL – Teacher’s Institute</b>
January 7	Students Return From Winter Break, Begin Second Semester
January 20	NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Holiday
February 17	NO SCHOOL – President’s Day Holiday
March 3 - 14	ISAT Testing – Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
<b>April 14 – April 21</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL– Spring Break</b>
April 22	Students and Staff return from Spring Break
April 23 - 24	PSAE Testing, Grade 11, GCHS
May 7 - 8	PSAE Make-Up Testing, Grade 11, GCHS
May 21	Last Day of School (if no emergency days are used) Educational Development Day – Early Dismissal
May 23 (Friday)	Graduation
May 30	Last Day of School (if emergency days used)

Final Report Cards for students in Grade 1- 12 are mailed at the end of the year (Kindergarten children receive their report cards on the last full day of school).  
Members voting—Yates, “aye, Daily, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

13. **RESOLUTION ABATING AND TRANSFERRING FIVE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE WORKING CASH FUND TO THE EDUCATIONAL FUND** (197 & a-b) Motion by Member Burnett, seconded by Member Daily, to adopt the Resolution Abating and Transferring Five Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars from the Working Cash Fund to the Educational Fund as presented on 197a-b and authorize the necessary signatures. Members voting—Daily, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Yates, “aye, and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
14. **CLOSING OF CONVENIENCE ACCOUNT/GRANITE CITY COMMUNITY GIFTED COUNCIL** (198) Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Scroggins, to approve the closing of the Granite City Community Gifted Council (GCCGC) convenience account as outlined on 198. Members voting—Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Yates, “aye, Daily, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
15. **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE** (198) Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Daily, to approve the renewal of the contract with NSN Employer Services as the district’s unemployment insurance cost service provider for IASB members for the 2013-2014 school year as outlined on 198. Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Yates, “aye, Daily, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
16. **REPORTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**  
**Committee Reports** – There were no committee reports.  
  
**Freedom of Information Act Report** (199) It was reported that there have been no requests under the Freedom of Information Act during the period February 22 through March 7, 2013.  
  
**Expulsion** (199) This item was held for discussion in executive session.
17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Daily, to go into executive session for the exceptions noted under 5 ILCS 120/2 Open Meetings:
  - The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body;
  - Student disciplinary matters;
  - Collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives; and
  - Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed...is probable or imminent.Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Yates, “aye, Daily, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

The Board was called into executive session at 5:30 p.m.

Executive session closed and the meeting resumed at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Yates, to close executive session and resume the public meeting. Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Yates, “aye, Daily, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

18. **EMPLOYMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF** (195c-d) Motion by Member Burnett, seconded by Member Yates, to employ Dr. David Keel as the Director of Finance for the 2013-2014 school year. Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “Dr. Keel, I wish you the very best, I vote no”; Yates, “aye, Daily, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
19. **EXPULSION** (199) Motion by Member Scroggins, seconded by Member Yates, to expel one Granite City High School student, named under separate cover, for infractions of the student “Code of Conduct” for one calendar year from the date of the Board of Education meeting (March 12, 2013). Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Yates, “aye, Daily, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES/FEBRUARY 26, 2013** (201) Motion by Member Scroggins, seconded by Member Daily, to approve the executive minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held on February 26, 2013 as presented. Members voting—Whitaker, “abstain”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Yates, “aye, Daily, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
21. **SETTING THE AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 12, 2013 MEETING** – There were no items.
22. **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Scroggins, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Yates, “aye, Daily, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

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President

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Secretary