

Board of Education
DISTRICT OFFICE
January 20, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
Conference Room
157 W. Washington Street
West Chicago, Illinois

OPENING ACTIVITIES

1. Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Jacob Urban led the Board and meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Ruben Campos read the Mission Statement:
“Community High School strives to promote and provide growth experiences in Learning, Leadership and Living.”
4. Roll Call – Present were: Mr. Saake, Mr. Campos, Ms. Doremus, Mr. Gunderson, Mr. Kotche, Mr. Nagel and Ms. Yackey
5. Additions to the Agenda:
Superintendent Evaluation Discussion – Closed Session
MOTION: Mr. Campos
SECOND: Mr. Kotche
VOTE: Unanimous Approval on Voice Vote 7 - 0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

1. Good News of the District
Natalie Wagner was recognized for being chosen by competitive audition to the Illinois Music Educators Association and the Illinois Music Educators All-State Honor Choir.
2. Student Recognition:
The following students were recognized:
 - Evelyn Almonte – Student of the Month
 - Namrata Patel – PeaceBuilder of the Month
3. Superintendent’s Report:
Student Report
Jacob Urban reported to the Board on student activities.
Dr. Domeracki updated the Board on the following items:
 - There had been three FOIA requests.
 - A review of closed session minutes would be conducted prior to February’s board meeting.
 - The Joint Board meeting would be held on January 26th.
 - “Go Wildcats” was being displayed on the West Chicago McDonald’s outdoor sign.
 - Progress is being made with the PERA program.
 - Dr. Domeracki said he was exploring topics for the summer Administrator’s Academy.

- The Chicago Public School system had announced they would not participate in the PARCC Assessment.
 - The February 17th Board meeting would be held at the high school to accommodate the Voice of Democracy awards.
 - An alternative to the traditional end of the year brunch was being discussed due to Commons being used during construction.
4. Director of Business Services Report
Mr. Cole stated he had begun compiling a list of summer projects for 2015 and 2016, and that work on the 2016 Budget has begun.
5. Director of Human Resources Report
Mr. Blatchley updated the Board on the progress of the PERA joint committee. He stated that the committee has begun using framework which District 501 used.
Mr. Blatchley reported that negotiations with support staff could be initiated by either side by March 15th.
6. Principal's Report
Dr. Cheng reported on the following:
- Student attendance was tracking nicely with past data.
 - Course selection was currently underway for incoming freshmen.
 - Testing schedules are being developed. The ACT will be administered March 3rd, and may require a school calendar change.
 - Recommended textbooks for 2015-2016 are at the District Office and will be on display for 21 days.
7. Committee Reports:
There were no reports.
8. Future Dates
- a. Joint Boards of Education Meeting – January 26, 2014
 - b. Monthly Board of Education Meeting – February 17, 2015 – Community High School
 - c. Monthly Board of Education Meeting – March 17, 2015 – District Office
9. Open Comment
The review of closed session minutes was confirmed for 6:30 p.m. February 17th.

CONSENT AGENDA (Roll Call)

Action items considered routine and/or which have been previously discussed by the Board will be enacted under one roll call motion unless removed for separate action upon Board request. They are enumerated under the heading "Recommended Action".

Items Removed from Consent Agenda for Separate Action:
Approval of December 16, 2014 Minutes
Approval of Financials

1. **Approval of Minutes — (Att. §C – pp. 1 - 6)**

Board of Education Meeting –

December 16, 2014

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board of Education

approve the minutes of the meeting of December 16, 2014, as listed above.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board of Education approve

for filing of the above minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Campos

SECOND: Mr. Nagel

VOTE: Ayes: Campos, Doremus, Saake

Nays: None

Abstain: Gunderson, Kotche, Nagel, Yackey

Motion Carried: 3 – 0, 4 Abstain

2. **Approval of Financials — (Att. §A – pp. 1 – 49)**

a. Approve Current Expenditures

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board of Education approve

the expenditures from December 12, 2014 to January 14, 2015.

b. Imprest Fund Statement

c. Treasurer's Report

d. Statement of Position/Financial Report

e. Statement of Revenue/Expenditures YTD Ending December 31, 2014

f. 3-Year Budget/Actual Report

g. Grant Reports

h. Petty Cash Fund

i. Student Activity Account Fund Balance

j. Quarterly Financial Report (Oct, Jan, Apr, July ONLY)

k. New Vendors Monthly Report

MOTION: Mr. Kotche

SECOND: Mr. Gunderson

VOTE: Unanimous Approval on Roll Call Vote 7 – 0

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Personnel Reports – (Roll Call)**

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board of Education approve

the Personnel and Supplemental Contract reports as presented in the packet and at table.

(Att. §D – pp. 1 – 1).

MOTION: Mr. Kotche

SECOND: Ms. Yackey

VOTE: Unanimous Approval on Roll Call Vote 7 – 0

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board of Education approve

the retirement of Lynn Knutson, Administrative Assistant to the Principal, effective January 23, 2015; and

that the Board of Education accept the following resignations:

Jakub Piotrowski, Program Assistant/Special Education Division, effective January 16, 2015; and

Leny Escobedo, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Support Services, effective January 30, 2015.

MOTION: Mr. Campos
SECOND: Mr. Gunderson
VOTE: Unanimous Approval on Roll Call Vote 7 – 0

2. **Textbook Display for the 2015-2016 School Year – (Roll Call)**

Each year the Board receives a comprehensive report on textbooks needed for purchase for the coming school year. Attached is that proposal from Principal Cheng. It includes a listing of new textbooks, a spreadsheet on textbooks, and a rationale for new textbooks. The proposed textbooks will be available at the meeting and must be placed on display for public viewing for 21 days before they can be formally adopted by the Board. This is according to Policy ¶7202.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education authorize the Administration to advise the public via website that textbooks recommended for adoption will be on display for 21 days as shown on Att. §B - pp. 8 - 19.

MOTION: Mr. Kotche
SECOND: Ms. Yackey
VOTE: Unanimous Approval on Roll Call Vote 7 – 0

3. **Award Contract 2015 Renovation Project – (Roll Call)**

This is the second phase of the capital master plan. Nine contractors submitted bids with the low bidder being Lite Construction, Inc. from Montgomery, Illinois. The bid price is \$1,877,000 and has been reviewed by DLA architects. DLA is also recommending Lite and done several jobs with them in the past. Construction will commence the last day of school in June. Funding will come primarily out of the High Lake account.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education approve the award of the construction contract for the 2015 renovation project to Lite Construction, Inc. of Montgomery, Illinois in the amount of \$1,877,000 as shown on Att. §B - pp. 20 - 23.

MOTION: Mr. Campos
SECOND: Ms. Doremus
VOTE: Unanimous Approval on Roll Call Vote 7 – 0

4. **Employment of Legal Counsel – (Roll Call)**

As a result of the dissolution of Sraga Hauser, LLC, there is a need to pass a motion to continue to use Engler, Baasten & Sraga for student-related matters.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education approve employment of Engler, Baasten & Sraga, as additional legal counsel for matters related to the provision of Special Education services and student-related Section 504 matters(Att. §B - pp. 24 – 25).

MOTION: Ms. Doremus
SECOND: Mr. Kotche
VOTE: Unanimous Approval on Roll Call Vote 7 – 0

5. **Amended 2014-2015 School Calendar – (Roll Call)**

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education approve the Amended 2014-2015 School Calendar as shown on Att. §B - pp. 26 - 26, and made a part hereof, extending the school year by two (2) days because of the use of Emergency Days on January 7 & 8, 2015 due to inclement weather.

MOTION: Mr. Kotche

SECOND: Ms. Yackey

VOTE: Unanimous Approval on Roll Call Vote 7 – 0

6. **Adopt Lease Amendment – (Roll Call)**

An amendment to the Kerr-McGee parking lot lease was developed in order to allow the Chamber to use said parking lot for Railroad Days 2015 as previously reported.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education approve the amendment to a lease agreement between the City of West Chicago and Community High School District 94 as shown on Att. §B - pp. 27 - 29.

MOTION: Mr. Kotche

SECOND: Ms. Yackey

VOTE: Unanimous Approval on Roll Call Vote 7 – 0

OLD BUSINESS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education hold a Closed Session at 7:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and collective negotiation matters.

MOTION: Mr. Campos

SECOND: Ms. Yackey

VOTE: Unanimous Approval on Roll Call Vote 7 – 0

ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

MOTION: Ms. Doremus

SECOND: Mr. Gunderson

VOTE: Unanimous Approval on Voice Vote 7 - 0

ATTEST:

Gary R. Saake, President

Ruben Campos, Secretary