

Board of Education
COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 94
5/7/2013 – 7:00 p.m.

Community High School
326 Joliet Street
West Chicago, Illinois

7436

OPENING ACTIVITIES

1. Call to Order at 7:27 p.m.
2. Missey Wilhelm 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. Campos, Ms. Doremus, Mr. Gunderson, Mr. Kotche, Mr. Nagel, Mr. Saake and Ms. Yackey.
5. Additions to Agenda:

Mr. Saake requested the following additions:

- a. Board Retreat
- b. Committee Assignments
- c. Negotiations for Closed Session

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board of

Education approve the addition of the topics.

MOTION: Mr. Campos

SECOND: Mr. Kotche

VOTE: Unanimous Approval on Voice Vote 7 - 0

STUDENT/SCHOOL RECOGNITION

1. Presentation of Certificate from the League of Women
Missey Wilhelm, Vice President of Voter Services with the League of Women Voters of Illinois and Wheaton, presented a certificate to Lisa Willuweit to thank the Humanities Division and students for their participation in the recent mock election. Ms. Willuweit thanked Ms. Wilhelm and introduced several students who had participated in the mock election as student election judges.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

1. Policy Series 8000 (Att. §B - pp. 1 - 98)
Mr. Ponce stated that this Policy Series would be brought to the May 21, 2013 Board meeting as a report.
2. Director of Business Services Report

Mr. Cole reported that a sewer backup had occurred in the foods kitchen and that some sinks could not be used. He said that a plumbing firm had been called in but was unable to correct the problem. Mr. Cole said that work would be done over the upcoming weekend to determine the cause of the problem. He said that the foods kitchen would be able to get through to the end of the school year.

3. Principal's Report

Dr. Cheng shared an article with the Board from Education Week titled "States' Online Testing Problems Raise Common-Core Concerns". He said that the article outlined technical failures and interruptions of recent online testing in a number of states. Disruptions of testing were reported across Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota and Oklahoma which included slow loading times of test questions, students being closed out of testing in mid-answer, and some students were unable to log in to the tests. Dr. Cheng reported that Indiana's state legislature had passed and sent to the governor a bill that would "pause" common-core implementation. He said that educators are concerned about the implementation and assessment of common core standards. He said the issue of online assessment will be complex. Dr. Cheng stated he would attend a principal's county-wide meeting and the topic of discussion would be the PARRC assessments and preparation districts are making.

Mr. Nagel asked if Dr. Cheng would put together a map of all the assessments. Dr. Cheng said he would provide this.

4. Assistant Superintendent's Report

Dr. Chambers stated that things are very busy in Human Resources. She said that Open Enrollment for insurance would run through May 24th and that she would provide data to the Board in June. Dr. Chambers said there were a number of recommendations on the Personnel Report, and that a recommendation for the Assistant Principal position would be brought to the next Board meeting.

Dr. Chambers said she would like to do the last part of her report to the Board in closed session.

5. Future Dates

- a. Finance Committee Meeting – May 15, 2013
- b. Regularly Scheduled Board of Education Meeting – May 21, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
- c. Regularly Scheduled Board of Education Meeting – June 4, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

6. Board Retreat

Mr. Saake said that the Board retreat had been held last year in August during several evenings and asked if the Board desired to have another retreat this year. He said it seemed like a good idea with Dr. Domeracki coming on board.

Mr. Gunderson and Mr. Saake said they would like the Retreat to be held earlier, but Mr. Gunderson said there was usually only one Board meeting in July. Mr. Campos said he would like to wait to hold the Retreat until after Dr. Domeracki had started and Mr. Nagel said he would also like to give Dr. Domeracki until September or December to learn the District before the Retreat was held. Mr. Saake said the Board had expressed a desire to move forward on having other ways of working on items other than at the Board table. Mr. Saake asked Dr. Domeracki what his thoughts were on the timeline for the Board Retreat. Dr. Domeracki responded that he was open to any suggestions, but that he would not have an institutional understanding if the Retreat were held earlier and would be more of a recipient of the conversation. He said that he would be comfortable any time with topics such as Board organization and Board committee structures.

Mr. Saake asked the Board if it would be appropriate to have one session of the Retreat to discuss Board self-evaluation and Board structure, and then hold another session later. Several Board members agreed with this suggestion. Mr. Saake asked that Board members send dates that would work for the Retreat. Ms. Doremus and Ms. Yackey both said they would be on vacation at the end of July.

Mr. Saake said an item for the Retreat would be to assess what Committees the Board would like to have. He said he would like to roll over existing committees, with the exception of Ms. Yackey. He also asked that Mr. Kotche be assigned to the Finance Committee and that he would step back from that Committee. Mr. Nagel mentioned that Mr. Molinaro had been on the Negotiation Committee and Mr. Saake said he would like to discuss the assignment of that Committee in closed session.

Open Comment – Board Members - None

NEW BUSINESS

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 - 3).

MOTION: Mr. Kotche

SECOND: Mr. Campos

VOTE: Unanimous Approval on Roll Call Vote 7 - 0

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education accept the resignation of Emerita Garcia, Personal Care Assistant in the Special Education Division, effective May 2, 2013; and the resignations of Meghan Mullaney, Program Assistant in the Special Education Division and Rachel Weiss, Staff Nurse, effective at the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year as shown on (Att. §D - pp. 1 - 3).

MOTION: Mr. Kotche

SECOND: Mr. Gunderson

VOTE: Unanimous Approval on Roll Call Vote 7 - 0

2. **Board Policy Series ¶7000 – (Roll Call)**

Board Policy Series ¶7000 has been thoroughly reviewed by members of the Board of Education and was approved at 1st Reading at the January 24, 2012 Board of Education Meeting.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education approve on 2nd Reading Policy Series ¶7000, Organization of Instruction, as shown on (Att. §B - pp. 99 - 173).

MOTION: Mr. Kotche

SECOND: Mr. Gunderson

VOTE: Ayes: Campos, Doremus, Gunderson, Kotche, Saake
Nays: None
Abstain: Nagel, Yackey
Motion Carried: 5 – 0, 2 Abstain

3. **Amended 2012-2013 School Calendar – (Roll Call)**

Administration is recommending that the 2012-2013 School Calendar be amended to reflect the interrupted school day on April 10, 2013, due to loss of power to half of the school. Administration is also recommending the 2012-2013 School Calendar be amended to reflect the interrupted school day on April 18, 2013, due to heavy storms and street closures.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education approve the amended 2012-2013 school calendar as shown on (Att. §B - pp. 174 - 174).

MOTION: Mr. Campos

SECOND: Mr. Kotche

VOTE: Unanimous Approval on Roll Call Vote 7 - 0

4. **Revisions to 2013-2014 School Calendar – (Roll Call)**

Administration is recommending corrections/additions to the school calendar. The date of Parent Open House has been added as September 19, 2013; Homecoming week has been added in the description portion of the calendar, as well as 12:00 p.m. dismissal for students on October 4, 2013; the Half Day School Improvement in December was moved from December 6 to December 20, 2013. The time for Prom early dismissal was added to April 25, 2014; and the dates of the first two Institute Days were corrected in the description portion of the calendar from August 21 & 22 to August 19 & 20, 2013.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education approve the recommended revisions to the 2013-2014 school calendar as shown on (Att. §B - pp. 175 - 175).

MOTION: Mr. Gunderson

SECOND: Mr. Kotche

VOTE: Unanimous Approval on Roll Call Vote 7 - 0

5. **Girls' and Boys' Swimming Cooperative Team Agreement – (Roll Call)**
Community High School District 94 and Batavia High School are requesting approval of a new cooperative team sponsorship for Girls' and Boys' Swimming and Diving programs for school years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015. Members of our conference have been polled and do not object to the formation of our new cooperative agreement.
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education approve the formation of a cooperative team sponsorship for Girls' and Boys' Swimming and Diving programs for school years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 as shown on (Att. §B - pp. 176 - 179).
MOTION: Mr. Gunderson
SECOND: Mr. Kotche
VOTE: Unanimous Approval on Roll Call Vote 7 - 0

6. **Confidential Staff Salary Ranges and Salary Increases**
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education approve the recommendations for confidential support and supervisory positions for the 2013-2014 school year as shown on (Att. §D - pp. 4 – 8).
MOTION: Mr. Gunderson
SECOND: Mr. Kotche
VOTE: Unanimous Approval on Roll Call Vote 7 - 0

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education approve a salary increase for confidential support and supervisory employees whose wages are within the established salary ranges in the amount of 2.75% and a salary longevity bonus, as defined in the WCHSSSA Contractual Agreement, for confidential support and supervisory employees whose wages are in excess of the established salary ranges in the amount of 2.75% for the 2013-2014 school year.
MOTION: Mr. Kotche
SECOND: Mr. Gunderson
VOTE: Unanimous Approval on Roll Call Vote 7 - 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION (only if needed)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education hold a Closed Session at 8:10 p.m. for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and collective negotiating matters.
MOTION: Mr. Campos
SECOND: Mr. Kotche
VOTE: Unanimous Approval on Roll Call Vote 7 - 0

ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education meeting
be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Campos

SECOND: Mr. Gunderson

VOTE: Unanimous Approval on Voice Vote 7 - 0

Gary Saake, President

ATTEST:

Ruben Campos, Secretary