

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL  
DISTRICT 94  
West Chicago, Illinois

MINUTES of a COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE meeting held on June 3, 2003, at 326 Joliet Street, West Chicago, Illinois, from 7:00 p.m. until 9:53 p.m.

Members Present: Mrs. Patricia K. Davidson, Mr. John P. Jensen, Mr. Rich A. Nagel, Mrs. Maria F. Owens, Mr. Tony Reyes, Mrs. Karen Stott, and Mrs. Roxanne Westrom

Others Present: Mr. Gary Grizaffi – Assistant Superintendent – Business; Mr. John W. Highland – Principal; Dr. Lee Rieck – Superintendent; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Lemon.

1. The Committee-of-the-Whole meeting was called to order by President Owens at 7:00 p.m. Seven (7) Board members were present.

2. Additions to Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

3. Public Participation

No members of the public addressed the Board

4. Consent Agenda Discussion

The Superintendent explained the intent of the consent agenda is to save time on votes once Board members have discussed and understand the items presented for action. He expressed concern about some uncertainty at the last meeting.

It was noted there is no requirement to use this technique. Trading speed for a lack of understanding is not a good exchange.

Mrs. Owens shared that, if the Board desired, items could be voted on individually. They can also be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

There was agreement to leave the consent agenda in place for the next couple of months to determine if a greater comfort level with it develops.

5. Final Report 2002-03 School Goals

A quick overview of the 2002-03 goal report was given by Superintendent Rieck. He noted overall satisfaction with progress made this year.

Good strides were made with the use of the one-hour per week and staff development programs. There is further hope for more work on green space issues – fields and artificial turf at the Stadium.

Less work was done on diversity issues than had been hoped and pleasure was expressed with the progress of the administrative team.

There were no questions on the final goal report and no further action is required.

6. IASA Dues

Payment of IASA and AASA dues for the Superintendent is part of the employment contract.

Questions were raised about the resources provided by these organizations and the Superintendent's view of their helpfulness.

There was agreement to include the item on the consent agenda for June 17<sup>th</sup>.

7. IASB Dues

Dues for IASB are approved annually. Values of the membership were cited – training, publications, fall joint conference and networking.

The dues for 2003-04 will remain the same as they were for 2002-03.

This item will also be forwarded to the consent agenda for action at the regular Board meeting in June.

8. Hall of Honor Recognition Policy 9601

It was shared that the policy on Hall of Honor Recognition had been overlooked when the policy manual was revised.

Proposed policy 9601 is a restatement of the policy that has been in use for several years – with minor modifications.

The policy was followed to reach the recommendation shown later on the agenda.

There was comfort with the proposed policy and first reading action will be taken at the meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

9. Student Discipline Policy

The Student Discipline Policy is given to students and parents annually. The School Code requires it to be updated each year by a Committee of staff, students and parents.

This year the meeting was held in May and agreement was reached to leave the policy unchanged except for dates and names. There was also agreement to develop a policy on hazing to be included in the Board policy book. An initial draft has been developed and is now under review by legal counsel.

Action will be taken on the Student Discipline Policy on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

10. Personnel Report

The proposed personnel report was summarized by the Superintendent. It includes the employment of two program assistants, a leave of absence, and one resignation. In addition, overloads in the Bilingual Department and program assistants for summer duties are proposed.

A question was asked about whether the bilingual overloads were internal or external.

It was shared that further items for personnel action would appear on the agenda in June.

Placement on the consent agenda was affirmed.

11. Hall of Honor Nominee

John Highland proposed Mr. John DeLap as a candidate for the Hall of Honor. Citing his caring, loving and positive role as a counselor and department chair for many years, Mr. Highland noted the committee was unanimous in its recommendation.

Words of affirmation were spoken by some Board members. An inquiry was made about whether the Board actually voted on this recommendation.

It was referred to the consent agenda for action at the next meeting.

12. School Logo

Following the development of a new mission statement, student input was sought on the design of a new logo. Students in computer arts classes were encouraged to develop a logo representing the new mission statement.

The Student Council selected one designed by Jessie Yang. While expressing appreciation and admiration for all the creative designs, the Board also embraced the logo recommended by the students.

Approval for the new logo will be sought on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

13. Departure of Board Member

Mr. Nagel left the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

14. Parking Lottery and Delayed Building Opening Time

Principal Highland reviewed the perpetual concern about limited student parking and the related supervisory problems created by the early arrival of students at school. At the request of students, he suggested revisiting the use of a lottery system to determine parking for seniors. At the same time the opening hour for the building would be moved from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. The lottery would be conducted first and second semester.

Questions were voiced about the rules proposed, enforcement of the provisions, towing, car pooling and car ID's.

It was agreed to act on the proposal for a one year trial to be evaluated at the end of that time period. A more specific proposal will be presented in June.

15. Prevailing Wage

Gary Grizaffi explained the action requested annually on the adoption of the prevailing wage rates. He noted there is little option since the rates are imposed by another governmental entity.

One question was raised about how one ensures compliance with the provision by contractors.

There was agreement to place the proposal before the Board as part of its June consent agenda.

16. Baseball Field Update

Gary Grizaffi reported that the Plan Commission had unanimously approved the proposed baseball field behind the Middle School.

Six issues were addressed: parking, landscaping, a PA system, night time lighting, bleacher size, and bonding.

Discussion ensued about timelines, District 33's reactions, other approvals needed and the return of bid specifications.

The Board will revisit the matter when bids are returned and action to award them is considered.

17. Executive Session

Motion by Mrs. Stott, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, that the Committee-of-the-Whole hold an executive session at 8:15 p.m. for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; establishment of reserves or settlement of claims as provided by local government and governmental employees Tort Immunity Act; and the purchase or lease of real property.

Ayes: Davidson, Jensen, Owens, Reyes, Stott,  
and Westrom

Nays: None Motion carried: 6-0

18. Return to Open Session

Motion by Mrs. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Stott that the Committee-of-the-Whole reconvene in open session at 9:53 p.m.

Ayes: Davidson, Jensen, Nagel, Owens, Reyes,  
Stott, and Westrom

Nays: None Motion carried: 7-0

19. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Stott, that the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting be adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Ayes: Davidson, Jensen, Nagel, Owens, Reyes,  
Stott, and Westrom

Nays: None Motion carried: 7-0

Minutes prepared for Maria F. Owens, by  
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