

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT 94
West Chicago, Illinois

MINUTES of a COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE meeting held on May 6, 2003 at 326 Joliet Street, West Chicago, Illinois, from 7:01 p.m. until 10:45 p.m.

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

Others Present: Ms. Kim Brafford – Director of Human Resources; Mr. Gary Grizaffi – Assistant Superintendent – Business; Dr. Lee Rieck, Superintendent; Ms. Sue Junkroski - Teacher; Mr. Dan Johnson - Teacher; Mr. Bill Brown - Parent; Mr. Steve Lesniak - Parent; and several students.

1. The Committee-of-the-Whole meeting was called to order by President Owens at 7:01 p.m. Six (6) Board members were present.

2. Additions to Agenda

Dr. Rieck recommended adding external substitute teacher pay rates and an ambulance service charge to the Agenda.

3. Public Participation

There were no comments from the public.

4. Sharks Presentation

Dan Johnson, speaking on behalf of the Sharks, recounted the early days of the Sharks, meetings with Dr. Kamm, the success of the High School swim team at the State and Regional levels, and the survival of the Sharks and Park District until four years ago.

It was explained how pool hours have been reduced, the swim program is treated differently than other High School sports, the number of participants will be declining and how the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Park District leads to underusage of the pool and failure to accommodate all those interested in the program. Materials were provided on pool hours and costs and Park District brochures.

Two recommendations were advanced: (1) treat the swim program the same as other athletic programs, and (2) begin steps to revise the IGA.

Questions were asked about Saturday meet times, the off-season program, blending programs with the Sharks, summer coaches, charges per hour, and the capacity of the pool.

The Board deferred discussion until later.

5. Memorandum of Agreement - Association Days

The rationale behind the proposed Memorandum of Agreement with the Association on the use of Association days was explained. The Agreement would permit use of the total number of days provided for the contract term. Some years there could be fewer used while in other years more days could be used as long as the total for the contract was not exceeded.

A question was raised regarding the length of term for Regional and State officeholders.

It was suggested language be added to ensure there was no expectation that days could be rolled over from one contract to another.

There was agreement to place the item on the consent agenda for May 20th.

6. 2003-2004 School Calendar

Lee Rieck explained the rationale for fine-tuning the calendar yet again. Contributing factors included moving the Prom date, conflicts with District 33 transportation on early dismissals, PSAE testing, compliance with State requirements on the five-hour days, and the spring parent conferences.

In response to these factors, it was recommended that: early dismissals be standardized at 12:50 p.m., the five school improvement days allowed by the State be used, students be sent home after PSAE testing, and one and one-half hours be reduced from the spring parent conferences.

A question was asked about spring parent conferences, moving the Prom date, and safety of students over the Prom weekend.

The Board was comfortable acting on this proposal at its regular meeting in May.

7. IASB Resolutions

Maria Owens shared that IASB annually seeks resolutions from member districts to take to the General Assembly. She noted the Board had not prepared any during her tenure on the Board.

A question was asked about the kinds of resolutions that could be submitted.

There were no suggestions advanced for the development of resolutions.

8. Board Meeting Calendar through 2004-05

An extended Board meeting date schedule was presented to run throughout the tenure of this Board and to accommodate planning for student calendars.

There was no discussion and agreement was achieved to take action on these dates at the upcoming May meeting.

9. Community Alliance for a Healthy West Chicago - Membership Fee

The Superintendent explained the history and role of the Community Alliance for a Healthy West Chicago. He shared that the District has not paid membership dues, but has continued to be a participant in the Alliance. Other Alliance members include the City, District 33, and Park District, the Library, the Police Department, Central DuPage Hospital, ACCESS DuPage, Breaking Free, and the Fire Protection District.

Questions were asked about the goals of the organization and for what purpose the fees were used.

The Board decided to schedule it for a vote at the next meeting of the Board of Education.

10. Personnel Report

Kim Brafford highlighted the Personnel Report. She noted three appointments, one resignation, three team leaders in Special Education, and nine retirements. Including those who had announced their retirement earlier, fifteen people will take advantage of the early retirement incentive option approved earlier this year.

Ms. Brafford also shared she may have one or more additional appointments for the May 20th meeting. It was agreed to forward the Personnel Report to that meeting.

11. External Substitute Teacher Pay Rates

A proposal was shared to increase the daily pay rate for external substitute teachers by \$5 at each level. The proposed increase is designed to keep the District competitive.

Questions were posed regarding the definition of "days", the availability of substitute teachers and the likely cost impact of the increases.

There were no objections to placing the recommendation on the May 20th agenda.

12. Ambulance Service

A recommendation was received from John Highland to institute a charge for providing ambulance service at home football games. The request had been received from the West Chicago Fire Protection District.

The cost for services for five (5) home games would be \$1,280.

The proposal was forwarded to the consent agenda for action on May 20th.

13. Executive Session

Motion by Mrs. Stott, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, that the Committee-of-the-Whole hold an executive session at 8:06 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 selection of a person to fill a public office.

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

Nays: None Motion carried: 6-0

14. Return to Open Session

Motion by Mr. Nagel, seconded by Mrs. Westrom, that the Committee-of-the-Whole reconvene in open session at 10:34 p.m.

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

Nays: None Motion carried: 6-0

15. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Stott, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, that the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting be adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

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

Nays: None Motion Carried: 6-0

Minutes prepared for Maria F. Owens, by
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Maria F. Owens

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