

Special Board of Education  
COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 94  
June 1, 2004 – 7:00 p.m.

Community High School  
326 Joliet Street  
West Chicago, Illinois

1. Call to Order  
Mrs. Maria Owens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call – Present were:  
Mr. Nagel, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Stott and Mrs. Westrom  
  
Members Absent: Mrs. Davidson, Mr. Jensen and Mr. Reyes  
  
Others Present: Ms. Kimberly Brafford, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Gary Grizaffi, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Mr. Chris Petrarca, Attorney; Dr. Lee Rieck, Superintendent; and one unidentified member of the public.
3. Public Input on Call of Meeting (Real Estate, Discussion Items, Personnel Matters and New Business)  
There was no input from the public.
4. Mrs. Davidson entered the meeting at 7:02 p.m. and Mr. Jensen arrived at 7:03 p.m.
5. Without all Board members present to discuss the real estate transaction, Mrs. Owens opted to move ahead to the Discussion Items on the agenda.

European History Tour

It was explained that these tours are not sponsored by the District but permission has been granted to advertise them in the school per school policy. A copy of the policy was presented for the Board's information. In the past the Board has occasionally granted permission to advertise; however, the new policy grants approval authority to the superintendent. The Board agreed to have the superintendent follow the policy guidelines and ask the sponsors to comply with the provisions of the policy. Therefore, no further action is required by the Board.

State Officials and Ethics Act

This item was carried over from the previous meeting. Lee Rieck pointed out again that information from three law firms all recommend adhering closely to the law itself. It is on that basis that the law was crafted. Several issues were raised by Mr. Nagel. They included the following:

- the definition of personal time and the inclusion of sick leave.
- the definition of "political activities."
- the exclusion of such entities as the Foundation, Booster Clubs, etc..
- the use of the full Board as the Ethics Commission.
- striking any reference to "party affiliation".

It was agreed that the superintendent would look at these concerns and try to address them prior to presenting them for the approval of the Board at the upcoming meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### IASB Membership

Approving membership in the IASB is an annual event. This year the proposed total cost for membership is \$4,704. Several questions arose as to the manner in which the cost of membership is calculated. Other questions related to the value of being a member of the organization given the cost. There was agreement to take action on the membership at the regular meeting Consent agenda in June.

#### Welcome Center Agreement

Lee Rieck pointed out that this agreement had been technically approved when the Board staffed the District for next year at its March meeting. The agreement provides a paper trail for the staffing matter. Mr. Norm Kane will become director of the Center and District 33 will provide a half time teacher who is Hispanic to relate more directly to newly arrived clients. One question related to the extent to which the Welcome Center is keeping records that would document its worth to students with regard to later success and achievement in the School. Further discussion centered on how the Board can more fully recognize the work of the Welcome Center and honor some of the students who are enrolled there. One possibility for a Student of the Month at the Welcome Center was suggested. There was agreement to include the Agreement as a part of the Consent agenda for June 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### Bids

Gary Grizaffi presented bids on the climbing wall for the physical education program. Most of the project will be funded by the grant from General Mills but the remainder (about \$7,000) must be budgeted by the District for next year. Some questions were raised about other districts using similar walls, the kind and substance of the construction, safety aspects of the location of the wall and its location in the Field House. It was agreed to take it off the Consent agenda since the other bids must be discussed separately on June 15<sup>th</sup> because they have not yet been received.

Discussions are underway on student transportation bids but no actual bids have been received to date. Questions were asked about doubling extracurricular

activity runs to save money. A check will be made with Athletic Director Stone on this matter.

The food service bid will be a renewal with Arbor. This prompted inquiries about the satisfaction with the service, comparable cost and student input into the selection. This, too, will be on the docket for discussion on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### District Goals for 2004-05

The superintendent noted that goals are usually approved in April for the following year. The seven goals set forth here represent tasks that are already or will be underway next year. As such they reflect the actual issues with which the District will be wrestling in the coming months. It was pointed out that some of the goals are continuation whereas others are new. There were no questions and the Board agreed to placement of the proposed goals on the Consent agenda.

#### Personnel Reports

Kim Brafford noted the personnel report remains just as it is in the agenda packet. She highlighted the resignation of social worker Alcala – the one for whom the position reduction had been approved last month. Because of the need for a full-time social worker and one who speaks Spanish, it was recommended that the position be restored to full-time. There was no objection to that. The report will be forwarded to the Consent agenda for the regular June meeting.

6. Motion to Move to Closed Session

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education hold a closed session at 7:53 p.m. for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and for

the purchase or lease of real property.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Davidson

**SECOND:** Mrs. Westrom

**VOTE:** Unanimous vote, 6-0

7. Mr. Reyes entered the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

8. Motion to Move to Open Session

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education return to Open Session at 10:54 p.m.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Davidson

**SECOND:** Mrs. Stott

**VOTE:** Unanimous vote, 7-0

9. Action after Return to Open Session

**Resolution Conditionally Accepting Offer to Purchase Real Property and Authorizing Contract Negotiations**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the

attached resolution conditionally accepting an offer from Creekside Partners to purchase real property and authorizing contract negotiations.

**MOTION:** Mr. Reyes  
**SECOND:** Mrs. Westrom  
**VOTE:** Unanimous vote, 7-0

**Resolution on High Lake**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the attached Resolution on High Lake.

**MOTION:** Mr. Nagel  
**SECOND:** Mr. Reyes  
**VOTE:** Ayes: Mr. Nagel, Mr. Reyes, Mrs. Westrom, Mr. Jensen, Mrs. Owens and Mrs. Davidson  
Nays: Mrs. Stott

10. **Adjournment**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

**MOTION:** Mr. Reyes  
**SECOND:** Mrs. Davidson  
**VOTE:** Unanimous vote, 7-0

Minutes prepared for Patricia K. Davidson,  
by Lee E. Rieck, Recording Secretary

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Maria F. Owens, President

ATTEST:

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Patricia K. Davidson  
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