

Board of Education  
COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 94  
April 20, 2004 – 7:30 p.m.

Community High School  
326 Joliet Street  
West Chicago, Illinois

5937

**OPENING ACTIVITIES**

1. Call to Order
2. Mrs. Davidson led the Board membership in the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Mrs. Stott read the Mission Statement:  
*Community High School strives to promote and provide growth experiences in Learning, Leadership and Living.*
4. Encouraging Words Quotation –  
Mr. Jensen read the following quotation: "The most universal quality is diversity." — Montaigne
5. Roll Call – Present were:  
Mrs. Davidson, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Nagel, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Stott, and Mrs. Westrom.  
Arrived after roll call: Mr. Reyes (7:33 p.m.)
6. Additions to Agenda –  
Reports and Information: Community Alliance for a Healthy West Chicago  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the addition of the topic shown above to this agenda.  
**MOTION:** Mrs. Westrom  
**SECOND:** Mr. Nagel  
**VOTE:** Unanimous Approval 6-0

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Regular Board of Education Meeting – March 16, 2004  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, as revised at table, and the minutes of the Executive Session of the Regular Meeting held on March 16, 2004.  
**MOTION:** Mrs. Davidson  
**SECOND:** Mrs. Stott  
**VOTE:** Unanimous Approval 6 - 0

2. Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting – April 6, 2004  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting and the minutes of the Executive Session of the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on April 6, 2004.  
**MOTION:** Mrs. Stott  
**SECOND:** Mrs. Davidson  
**VOTE:** Unanimous Approval 6 - 0
  
3. Special Board of Education Meeting – April 12, 2004  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education to discuss diversity held on April 12, 2004.  
**MOTION:** Mrs. Stott  
**SECOND:** Mrs. Westrom  
**ABSTAIN:** Mrs. Davidson  
**VOTE:** Approved 5 - 0, 1 Abstain

**ARRIVAL OF BOARD MEMBER** – Mr. Reyes arrived at 7:33 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. Approve Current Expenditures  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the expenditures from March 11, 2004, to April 14, 2004.  
**MOTION:** Mrs. Stott  
**SECOND:** Mrs. Westrom  
**VOTE:** Unanimous Approval 7 - 0
  
2. Imprest Fund
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Statement of Position
5. Financial Statement
6. Cash Fund
7. Activity Account Fund Balance
8. Quarterly Investment Report

**STUDENT RECOGNITION**

1. Student-of-the-Month – Patrick Virnich (March, 2004)
2. Softball Athlete-of-the-Week – Marissa Mendoza (April 5 - 9, 2004)

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda Items Only)**

None

## REPORTS AND INFORMATION

1. IASB Resolution  
Maria Owens stated that suggested Resolutions need to be submitted to the IASB by June 23, 2004.
2. Special Use Permit – Discussion on this item will be delayed until Mr. Grizaffi's return from the West Chicago Plan Commission Meeting.
3. Update on High Lake – Discussion of this item will be delayed until Mr. Grizaffi's return from the West Chicago Plan Commission Meeting.
4. Summer School  
Dr. Rieck stated that he would like to return to the same reporting process for summer school activity that had been used prior to our renovation, including formal adoption of summer school fees. He stated that, in the future, the Board would be asked to approve summer school fees prior to implementation, and that Mrs. Aronoff will make a formal presentation to the Board in September on the outcome. He referred the Board's attention to the at-table document outlining the course offerings, fees, etc. Discussion items included the rationale behind the courses/levels offered; the inclusion of one-semester required courses such as government or health; the determination of fees; course offerings at College of DuPage; the availability of the Welcome Center during the summer; the West DuPage Community Resource Center; financial assistance; course development; and student attendance requirements.  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the fee structure for Summer School 2004 including in-District and out-of-District tuition, as shown on the at-table document and made a part hereof.  
**MOTION:** Mr. Nagel  
**SECOND:** Mr. Reyes  
**VOTE:** Unanimous Approval 7 - 0
5. Assessing *Excellence* (pp. 64 - 67)  
Dr. Rieck referred the Board to page 64-65 of the document highlighting the creative ideas received from every sector of the school community. The suggestions came from one-to-one or small group interviews with 218 people and teacher focus groups that were later expanded to include students. These ideas can be summarized as:
  - day-to-day issues including attendance, ID/security, and diversity.
  - time issues including length of passing periods, creation of additional meeting time, collective bargaining, school calendar, shorter school day.
  - activities issues including participation in the DVC Conference, student television broadcasts, formation of an art club.
  - personnel issues including the hiring of additional bilingual counselors and social workers; ERIO; and an additional police liaison officer.

Pages 66 and 67 of the document illustrate how resources have been reallocated and/or added to support the District's priorities. The District has responded to its considerable growth by adding teachers; addressed some unique needs, especially in Bilingual and Special Education; and willingly moved to trim \$525,000 from its budget.

6. March Student Attendance and Suspension Report Lee Rieck  
Dr. Rieck reported that attendance is up by about 1.5% over previous years which may be due, in some part, to changes in the calculation thereof. The suspension report reflects a slight increase over the previous year. Questions asked included the effect of in-school and out-of-school suspensions on attendance figures, and the number of repeat suspensions reported in the suspension figures
7. April, 2004 Project Goals Progress Report  
Dr. Rieck directed the Board's attention to this month's report, revised to include the latest updated information.
8. Community Alliance for a Healthy West Chicago –  
Dr. Rieck reported that the Alliance has once again issued an invoice for dues in the amount of \$5,000 for the 2004-05 school year. He reminded the Board of their position in previous years of not paying the dues because this organization only represents West Chicago and the District obtains its emergency services from the City of West Chicago. Dr. Rieck characterized the Alliance as a City of West Chicago "think tank." Discussion included the other entities belonging to the Alliance; the City's increased participation in the person of Michael Guttman, who displayed strong leadership in the COD community center concept; the many contributions of the Alliance including their support of the Welcome Center, the West DuPage Community Resource Center, Character Counts, working with College of DuPage, the concept of a Federally-funded health center located within the City of West Chicago, and their continuing work on an effort to obtain free immunizations through Central DuPage Hospital for underserved families. The consensus of the Board (6-1) was that the District not pay the \$5,000 dues to the Alliance.
9. Board Representative Reports
  - Business/Community Education Partnership – No Report
  - SASSED – Roxanne Westrom reported that the meeting centered on the hiring process for replacing the Director, and assuring a quorum for the next meeting.
  - West Chicago Park District – No Report
  - West Chicago Council of Governments – Dr. Rieck referred the Board to the summary contained in the Update. The impact of removing approximately 160 acres of land should they be purchased by the Forest

Preserve was discussed. The intent of the Forest Preserve District was to leave the land as is, as it only had enough money for the purchase.

- Class Size Committee – Karen Stott reported that the meeting was held this afternoon to look at the conflicts and balances. The committee is monitoring enrollments in two departments.
- Supervision Committee – No Report
- CHS District 94 Educational Foundation – Patricia Davidson reported that the Foundation members are compiling a list of corporations who have an interest in giving and prioritizing the results of the recent needs assessment .
- Wildcat Sports and Activity Council – John Jensen reported that final preparations are being made for the Spring Sports Festival on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The Council has tried to lessen their reliance on the public for funds, except for food. Instead of a brochure, this year's event is summarized in a one-page flyer.
- Negotiations Committee – No Report
- Open Comments – Mrs. Westrom reported that the Band received many unsolicited compliments on their behavior from various sources while on their recent trip to Boston. Mrs. Davidson reported that, while attending a softball game, she received many complaints as to the location of the scoreboard and the proximity of the catcher to the batting cages.

10. Future Dates

- a. Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting – May 4, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room
- b. Board of Education Meeting – May 18, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Committee meeting action and/or other 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 from Committee-of-the-Whole Meetings.”

1. Items Removed from Consent Agenda for Separate Action: None
2. Consent Agenda Action for All items Except those listed in 1. Above.  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve all items on the Consent Agenda which have not been specifically removed for separate action as shown in line 1. immediately above  
**MOTION:** Mrs. Stott  
**SECOND:** Mrs. Westrom  
**VOTE:** Unanimous Approval

**RECOMMENDED ACTION FROM COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE**

**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. §C – pp. 19 - 23).

**CONSENT AGENDA MOTION APPROVAL**

**2. Policy 6015 - Employee Service Awards – (Roll Call)**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve on 1<sup>st</sup> reading Policy 6015 on Employee Service Awards as shown on Att. §C – p. 25).

**CONSENT AGENDA MOTION APPROVAL**

**3. Policy 7408 - Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Highest Honors – (Roll Call)**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve on 1<sup>st</sup> reading Policy 7408 on Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Highest Honors as shown on Att. §C – p. 27).

**CONSENT AGENDA MOTION APPROVAL**

**4. IHSA Membership – (Roll Call)**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the application for membership in IHSA for the 2004-05 school year, as shown on Att, §C – p.29).

**CONSENT AGENDA MOTION APPROVAL**

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Any Item)**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (only if needed)**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education hold a Closed Session at 8:45 p.m. for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; and collective negotiating matters.

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

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education return to open session at 10:16 p.m.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Westrom  
**SECOND:** Mrs. Stott  
**VOTE:** Unanimous Approval 7 - 0

#### **ACTION AFTER RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

1. **Employee Resignation:**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education accept the resignation of George Schock, custodian employee, effective April 27, 2004.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Westrom  
**SECOND:** Mrs. Stott  
**VOTE:** Unanimous Approval 7 - 0

2. **Academic Skills Center:**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education authorize the Administration to advertise and make a recommendation to the Board to hire a math/science teacher to staff the Academic Skills Center for the 2004-05 school year.

**MOTION:** Mr. Jensen  
**SECOND:** Mrs. Davidson  
**VOTE:** Unanimous Approval 7 - 0

3. **Floor Librarian:**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education authorize the Administration to advertise and make a recommendation to the Board to hire a floor librarian for the LRC in addition to the 1.6 FTE certified positions already assigned to the LRC.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Westrom  
**SECOND:** Mrs. Stott  
**VOTE:** Ayes: Westrom, Stott, Reyes, Jensen, Owens, and Davidson  
Nays: Nagel **Motion Carried: 6 - 1**

4. **Technology Assistant:**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education authorize the Administration to advertise and make a recommendation to the Board to hire a technology assistant to be subcontracted to District 34 for no less than three years at a salary not to exceed a District 94 share of \$30,000.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Stott  
**SECOND:** Mrs. Westrom  
**VOTE:** Ayes: Stott, Westrom, Owens  
Nays: Reyes, Jensen, Nagel and Davidson  
**Motion Failed: 3 - 4**

5. **High Lake Sale:**

Mr. Grizaffi advised the Board that 10 packets had been picked up by prospective buyers, that he had held discussion with four of them, and that there will likely be many factors for the Board to consider prior to selecting one, if any.

6. **Special Use Permit:**

Mr. Grizaffi reported the Plan Commission approved the parking plan for the Lincoln School site and forwarded it to the City Council for action in May. He noted that four residents raised questions about the plan. Three of them were supportive. The Commission did stipulate that no competition lights be included in the field project.

7. **Other Matters:**

- Mrs. Owens encouraged members to visit the "bluewildcat.org" website.
- Mr. Nagel asked about same sex classes for bilingual students.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Davidson

**SECOND:** Mrs. Westrom

**VOTE:** Unanimous Approval on Voice Vote

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Maria F. Owens, President

ATTEST:

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Patricia K. Davidson, Secretary