

Board of Education  
COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 94  
March 16, 2004 – 7:30 p.m.

Community High School  
326 Joliet Street  
West Chicago, Illinois

5928

**OPENING ACTIVITIES**

1. Call to Order
2. Mr. Jensen led the Board membership in the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Mr. Nagel read the Mission Statement:  
*Community High School strives to promote and provide growth experiences in Learning, Leadership and Living.*
4. Encouraging Words Quotation –  
Mrs. Westrom read the following quotation: "Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body." — Richard Steele
5. Roll Call – Present were:  
Mrs. Davidson, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Nagel, Mrs. Owens, Mr. Reyes, Mrs. Stott, and Mrs. Westrom.
6. Additions to Agenda – None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Regular Board of Education Meeting – February 17, 2004  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education and the minutes of the Executive Session of the Regular Meeting held on February 17, 2004.  
**MOTION:** Mrs. Stott  
**SECOND:** Mrs. Davidson  
**VOTE:** Unanimous Approval 7 - 0
2. Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting – March 2, 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 March 2, 2004.  
**MOTION:** Mr. Jensen  
**SECOND:** Mrs. Stott  
**VOTE:** Unanimous Approval 7 - 0

## **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. Approve Current Expenditures

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the expenditures from February 12, 2004, to March 10, 2004.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Stott

**SECOND:** Mrs. Westrom

**VOTE:** Unanimous Approval

2. Imprest Fund
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Statement of Position
5. Financial Statement
6. Cash Fund
7. Activity Account Fund Balance

## **STUDENT RECOGNITION**

1. Student-of-the-Month – Marissa Mendosa (February, 2004)
2. Track Athlete(s)-of-the-Week – Mike Savegnago (February 23-28, 2004)  
Rich Visser (February 28-March 5, 2004)

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda Items Only)**

The Board of Education recognized Mr. Nick Davidson, of the Park District Board, who wished to comment on the Agenda Item relative to the intergovernmental agreement between the Park District and District 94. Mr. Davidson stated that the Park District Board felt it had "exceeded" all expectations as to cooperation with the other pool entities. He also addressed the Park District's position as to the various claims made by District 94 including the pool's lack of profitability, under-utilization; and the lack of cooperation on the part of their pool supervisor. His concerns included the disrespect given to one of their most valued and dedicated employees by the District 94 Board; the percentage of Sharks who live out-of-district (over 40%); the bad behavior of the Sharks, and the sources used by reporters as the basis for newspaper articles.

In response to the above comments, Mr. Grizaffi stated that the District's custodial supervisor took pool utilization counts for weeks at a time about a year ago. Mr. Davidson replied that the numbers have changed since then. Mr. Lezniak, of the West Chicago Sharks, responded that the Sharks have recently tried to attract more in-District participants and that they do not advertise outside of the District. A community parent remarked that she was concerned that the District 94 Board would increase the costs for aquatic programs and decrease the number of aquatic program offerings.

## REPORTS AND INFORMATION

### 2. West Chicago Park District Meeting Report

Mr. Jensen and Mr. Reyes attended the Park District meeting on March 9, 2004 and stated communication between both Boards has broken down as well as communication between the Park District Administrators and the Sharks. They referred the Board members to the handout at table which summarized the Park District's perceptions, including: their overall disappointment and their feeling of being blind-sided by the decision not to renew the Intergovernmental Agreement; lack of communication; the offensive tone of the language in the District 94 Resolution; scheduling community needs for their fall planning guide; "minimized loss" in that not all programs at the high school are profitable; the order of pool use — 1) High School, 2) Park District, 3) outside groups); and to whom an aquatics director would report.

The Board emphatically stated that they were here to also serve the community and would continue to serve and fulfill this role.

Dr. Rieck stated that meetings had been set up between the entities but 2 of 3 were cancelled by others; he had left a message for Dave Thomas regarding the resolution, but did not receive a return call; he then spoke with Mr. Thomas at the Rotary; the Park District has not sent a representative to any of the last 3 Wildcat Feeder Committee meetings; the intent of the Resolution was in no way a reflection on any one person; and that he had met with Randy Julian from USA Swimming regarding pool programming and an aquatics director.

### 1. Carol Stream Park District Presentation

Carol Vogl, representing the Carol Stream Park District, presented the District 94 Board of Education with a Plaque inscribed, "In recognition and thanks for cooperation and contributions leading to the winning of the National Gold Medal for excellence and achievement awarded to the Carol Stream Park District." The plaque will be displayed in the Administration Conference Room.

Also presented was Resolution 02-06 "Recognizing and Thanking the Partner Organizations of the Carol Stream Park District which have contributed to the Carol Stream Park District winning the highest national award for Park and Recreation Management," which will be made a part hereof.

Mrs. Owens expressed the Board's appreciation for this recognition and stated that they looked forward to their continued association.

### 3. Forest Preserve Action

Dr. Rieck referred the Board to a copy of his letter to the Executive Director of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, as well as proposed

Resolution pertaining thereto. After discussion, the Board agreed to execute the Resolution. It was suggested that District 94 attend the next meeting of the Forest Preserve District with other local government representatives including the Mayor, a Township head, and a representative from District 33, where all could speak to this issue.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the Resolutions as presented in the packet (Att. §C - p. 9) and made a part hereof.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Stott

**SECOND:** Mrs. Westrom

**VOTE:** Unanimous Approval 7 - 0

4. Police Department Request

Dr. Rieck referred the Board to the letter in the packet, which will be made a part hereof, from the West Chicago Police Department requesting they be allowed to use the high school building as a medication-dispensing site for residents of West Chicago in the event of a chemical or biological terrorist attack. The Board was in agreement and asked the Administration forward a letter to the Chief of Police authorizing the use of the District's facilities as per the letter of request.

5. Lighting Retrofit Change Order

Gary Grizaffi reviewed his memo contained in the packet and stated that final paperwork would be submitted to the Clean Energy Foundation Grant for reimbursement after completion of the work.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the change order from All Tech Lighting in the amount of \$4,248.36 as proposed in Att. §C – pp. 13 - 17, and made a part hereof.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Davidson

**SECOND:** Mr. Nagel

**VOTE:** Unanimous Approval 7 - 0

6. Assessing Excellence pp. 56-63

In the interest of time, this item was removed from the agenda and will be brought back in April.

7. February 2004 Student Attendance and Suspension Report

Dr. Rieck briefly reviewed the Student Attendance Report for February 2004, and the District 94 Suspension Report. In response to a Board question, Dr. Rieck stated that the increase in attendance was due to policy changes, but the increase in discipline incidents was unlikely due to the same.

8. March 2004 Project Goals Progress Report

Dr. Rieck directed the Board's attention to this month's report, revised to include the latest updated information.

9. Board Representative Reports

- Business/Community Education Partnership – [No Report]
- SASSED – Roxanne Westrom reported that SASSED will do vision/hearing in-house rather than at an outside facility
- West Chicago Park District – [No Report]
- West Chicago Council of Governments – [No Report]
- Class Size Committee – Karen Stott reported that initial numbers had been reviewed and would be looked at again in late April/early March. Concerns expressed at the beginning of the year have been resolved.
- Wildcat Sports and Activity Council – [No Report]
- Supervision Committee – [No Report]
- CHS District 94 Educational Foundation – Mrs. Davidson referred the Board members to the report contained in Dr. Rieck's Update report. Dr. Rieck reported that Gerry Landis resigned from the Foundation Board and Mr. Ruben Pineda had been appointed. He also advised the Board that the District's centennial would occur in the year 2020-2021.
- Sports and Activity Council – John Jensen reported that work continues on the Sports and Activity Festival; fewer dollars are available which will necessitate more donations; and that the Festival will only run on Friday this year.
- Negotiations Committee – [No Report]
- Open Comments – Mr. Jensen stated he would like to extend an open invitation for assistance with the Junior Achievement classes at District 33. He stated it is a National program with a set curriculum, that he has been involved with for some 15 years. It primarily teaches business classes and is in need of additional volunteers.

10. Future Dates

- a. Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting – April 6, 2004 – 7:00 p.m.
- b. Special Board of Education Meeting (Diversity Discussion) – April 12, 2004 – 7:30 p.m.
- c. Regular Board of Education Meeting – April 20, 2004 – 7:30 p.m.

All meetings to be held in the Administrative Conference Room of Community High School, unless otherwise noted.

**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:
  6. Valedictorian/Salutatorian Proposal
  9. Lincoln Site Grading Bids
  10. Legal Representation
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:** Mr. Reyes  
**SECOND:** Mrs. Davidson  
**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 (Att. §C – pp. 31 - 32) and at table.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA MOTION APPROVAL**

2. **Policy 8501 – Collection, Maintenance, Inspection and Dissemination of School Student Records – (Roll Call)**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the proposed Policy 8501 on the Collection, Maintenance, Inspection and Dissemination of School Records on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading as shown on Att. §C – pp. 33 - 49.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA MOTION APPROVAL**

3. **Policy 8602, 8602P – Student Fees - Waiver, and Procedures to Accompany Policy Paragraph 8602: Student Fees - Waiver – (Roll Call)**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the proposed Policy 8602 on Student Fees - Waiver, and proposed Policy 8602-P on the Procedures to Accompany Policy 8602: Student Fees - Waiver on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading as shown on Att. §C – pp. 51 - 52.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA MOTION APPROVAL**

4. **Textbook Adoption – (Roll Call)**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the adoption of the textbooks for the 2004-05 school year as presented in Att. C – pp. 53 - 54, and made a part hereof.

**CONSENT AGENDA MOTION APPROVAL**

5. **SRO Report – (Roll Call)**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education receive the SRO Report, make it a part of the record of this meeting, and authorize the Administration to continue planning as prescribed in the Report prior to Board receipt of completed reports for its approval. (Att. §C – pp. 55 - 62).

**CONSENT AGENDA MOTION APPROVAL**

7. **Student Fees – (Roll Call)**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve student fees for 2004-05, as shown on Att. §C – p. 65, and made a part hereof.

**CONSENT AGENDA MOTION APPROVAL**

8. **Special Education Transportation Contract Extension – (Roll Call)**

That the Board of Education approve the contract extension for special education transportation, as shown on Att. §C – pp. 67 - 77 and made a part hereof.

**CONSENT AGENDA MOTION APPROVAL**

6. **Valedictorian/Salutatorian Proposal – (Roll Call)**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the proposal on valedictorian/salutatorian effective with the Class of 2008, as shown on Att. §C – pp. 63 - 64.

**MOTION:** Mr. Jensen

**SECOND:** Mrs. Stott

**VOTE:** Motion Failed 0 - 7

Mr. Nagel expressed some concern as to a lack of differentiation between easy classes/harder classes, suggested the possibility of weighted credits, and seeking other options for narrowing down the number of students. The Board agreed to send the proposal back to Mr. Highland for refinement.

9. **Lincoln Site Grading Bids – (Roll Call)**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education award grading bids for the Lincoln site to **Cooling Landscape** in the amount of \$313,129, as presented at table and made a part hereof.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Davidson

**SECOND:** Mr. Nagel

**VOTE:** Unanimous Approval 7 - 0

Mr. Grizaffi reviewed the handout at table recommending Cooling Landscape. Questions regarding "Project Financial Update" were answered by Mr. Grizaffi.

10. **Legal Representation – (Roll Call)**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education appoint the firm of Sraga and Engler, L.L.C., of Oak Brook, Illinois, as a named legal counsel along with the firm of Scariano, Himes and Petrarca, previously appointed on April 8, 2003, with determination of specialized advice needed from either firm to be made by the Central Office Administration.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Stott

**SECOND:** Mrs. Davidson

**VOTE:** Unanimous Approval 7 - 0

Mr. Nagel and Mr. Reyes shared comments about the meeting the representatives from both law firms.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Student Expulsion

**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 9:54 p.m. for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; collective negotiating matters; the purchase or lease of real property; and student discipline.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Stott

**SECOND:** Mrs. Davidson

**VOTE:** Unanimous Approval 7 - 0



**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education return  
to open session at 10:30 p.m.  
**MOTION:** Mrs. Westrom  
**SECOND:** Mr. Nagel  
**VOTE:** Unanimous Approval 7 - 0

**ACTION AFTER RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

1. Student Expulsion

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education expel  
student #03-04-01 for sixty (60) days or until the end of the school year,  
whichever comes first, for making a false bomb threat against Community  
High School District 94 on March 4, 2004.  
**MOTION:** Mr. Reyes  
**SECOND:** Mr. Nagel  
**VOTE:** Unanimous Approval 7 - 0

**ADJOURNMENT**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Education meeting  
be adjourned at 10:31 p.m.  
**MOTION:** Mr. Reyes  
**SECOND:** Mrs. Stott  
**VOTE:** Voice Vote

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Maria F. Owens, President

ATTEST:

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Patricia K. Davidson, Secretary