

SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46
ELGIN, ILLINOIS
April 23, 2007

CLOSED SESSION

A meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:16 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 355 East Chicago Street, Karen Carney, Joyce Fountain, Dave Mathews, Donna Smith and Ken Kaczynski. Board Member Dale Spencer was not present at roll call (arrived 5:18PM). Board Member Dan Rich was not present at the meeting. Also in attendance were administrators Connie Neale, Patrick Broncato, Barbara Bonner, Karen Fox, Lalo Ponce and John Prince.

- I. Motion by Mr. Mathews, with a second by Ms. Fountain, to enter into Closed Session to discuss Individual Student Disciplinary Matters (Suspensions & Expulsions); Pending or Imminent Litigation/Delgado v. U-46, Alfaro v. U-46; Acquisition or Sale of Real Property; Collective Negotiating Matters Between the School Board and Its Employees; Information Re the Discipline, Performance, Appointment, Employment or Reclassification of an Employee; and Review of Closed Session Minutes. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mrs. Carney, Ms. Fountain, Mr. Mathews, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Kaczynski. No Votes: 0. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.
- II. Individual Student Disciplinary Matters (Suspensions & Expulsions).
- III. Pending or Imminent Litigation.
- IV. Acquisition or Sale of Real Property. There was no discussion on this item.
- V. Collective Negotiating Matters Between the School Board and Its Employees.
- VI. Information re the Discipline, Performance, Appointment, Employment or Reclassification of an Employee.
- B. Principal Announcements. Dr. Neale made the following announcement regarding the appointment of principals. Dr. Neale also provided the letters of recommendation and resumes for each of the individuals. Dr. Neale added that the District has put in place leadership development opportunities for current administrators that allow them to advance in the District as in the case with the appointment of the principal for Lowrie

who has been a teacher in the District for several years.

1. Liberty Elementary. Steve Burger, who is currently the principal at Parkwood, has been appointed as Principal of Liberty Elementary. Through his guidance and his leadership ability, Parkwood has made AYP for the past two years. Dr. Neale is pleased that Mr. Burger, as a strong principal, will be the new leader at Liberty. Liberty has the only ESL program at the elementary level in the District, as well as a large number of special education students which makes for a challenging building to lead and believes that Mr. Burger will step up to the plate.
2. Lowrie Elementary. Kelly O'Brien is the recommended candidate for principalship of Lowrie Elementary. Ms. O'Brien has been with the District for 24 years as a teacher and has recently been one of the instructional coaches in the area of literacy. Dr. Neale stated that Ms. O'Brien will be a good fit for Lowrie School.

Dr. Neale added that this week interviews will begin for the Chief Communications Officer position. She added that the search was nation-wide and has received several good applicants.

VII. Review of Closed Session Minutes. Mr. Broncato indicated that Closed Sessions will be reviewed on May 7 and approved on May 14. After discussion of the process, it was determined that the Minutes will be reviewed at the special meeting on April 30. Mr. Broncato also stated that because of the request to release closed session minutes he has begun to pull the closed session minutes from 1967-1987 to consider for release. There was further discussion on how to handle the possible release of these minutes. Mr. Broncato stated that after review of the minutes a recommendation will be made to the Board, whether or not to release the minutes.

VIII. Motion by Mrs. Carney, with a second by Mr. Mathews, to move to Open Session 6:44 p.m. Upon roll call, yes votes: Mrs. Carney, Ms. Fountain, Mr. Mathews, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Spencer and Mr. Kaczynski. No votes: 0. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Approved this 14th day of May, 2007

President

Secretary