

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
SCHOOL DISTRICT 158, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2007, AT
THE ADMINISTRATION CENTER, 18300 GREENBAY AVENUE, LANSING,
ILLINOIS, AT 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Long,
who then led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Secretary Tengstrand called the roll with the following members present:
LaBella, Lancy, Leach, Long, Taylor, and Wood.
Absent: Kern

ROLL CALL

Also present: V. Cottle, D. Handley, P. Schumaker and G. Tengstrand.

Visitors: D. Fortin, C. Heiberger, S. Gaylor, R. Miller, R. Svencner,
M. Williams, L. Blomquist, D. Fazekas, R. Zimbelman, K. Morley,
S. Varye, D. Novak, L. Dykema, D. Hays-Smith, C. Gonzalez, B. Maricich,
J. Carreon.

VISITORS

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve minutes of
July 18, 2007 regular District 158 Board of Education meeting.
Members voting yes: Lancy, Taylor, LaBella, Leach, Long, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

MINUTES
7/18/07

Moved by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve minutes of
closed session of July 18, 2007 regular District 158 Board of Education meeting.
Members voting yes: LaBella, Taylor, Lancy, Leach, Long, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

CLOSED
MINUTES
7/18/07

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve minutes of the
Committee of the Whole meeting of August 7, 2007.
Members voting yes: Lancy, Taylor, LaBella, Leach, Long, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

MINUTES
COMMITTEE
OF THE WHOLE
8/7/07

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve the payment
of bills in the following amounts:

Education Fund Expenditures - \$571,869.86, Total
Tort Immunity Fund Expenditures - \$29,714.03, Total
T. F. Cooperative Fund Expenditures - \$13,759.62, Total
Operations & Maintenance Fund Expenditures - \$211,321.23, Total
Transportation Fund Expenditures - \$11,212.00, Total
Site & Construction/Capital Improvement Fund - \$1,061,260.05, Total
Life Safety Fund Expenditures - \$50,161.66, total
Grand Total - \$1,949,298.45
Members voting yes: Wood, LaBella, Lancy, Leach, Long, and Taylor.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

BILLS

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Secretary Wood read the following correspondence: thank you letters from J. Fuller and S. Fallon, letters of resignation from B. Gruver, B. Walker, Physical Education teachers, M. Vogt, Science teacher at Memorial Junior High School, and M. Keelan, District 158 Physical Education teacher. He also read a letter from M. Myers regarding her family medical leave and a letter from M. Tilitges regarding her parental leave.

CORRESPONDENCE

President Long asked for questions or comments from the audience. Ms. Debbie Novak had a concern regarding the fourth grade enrollment at Coolidge Elementary School. Mrs. Cottle explained that Mr. Schumaker would address enrollment numbers during his report.

COMMENTS/
QUESTIONS

President Long then turned the meeting over to Superintendent Cottle for her portion of the agenda.

Superintendent Cottle briefly commented that registration had gone smoothly at all schools and all classes were still below the recommended class size guidelines, however, enrollment is being closely monitored on a daily basis. She explained that new students were registering daily and she then deferred to Mr. Schumaker who compared enrollment for the 2007-08 school year with past years' enrollment. Mr. Schumaker explained how additional students would be accommodated if enrollment continues to increase.

Mr. Kern entered the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Mrs. Cottle discussed the Wellness Kickoff that would be the theme for the Opening Day Institute and the school year. She also explained that the health posters displayed in the board room would be distributed to each school and would be changed monthly to provide information on various health topics.

Mrs. Cottle then deferred to Mr. Wood, Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee for his report of the meeting held on Tuesday, August 7, 2007. Mr. Wood explained that District #158 Architect, Jim Maciejewski had presented an update on the progress of Phase II of the Memorial Junior High School Expansion Project and also shared a 3D Power Point that incorporated the design for Phase III which will complete the building project.

Mr. Wood reported that the roof at Reavis School is nearing completion and that the punch list for the Oak Glen roof required a new roof top condenser that has now been installed. Mr. Wood also reported that the paving project at Oak Glen is complete, but the district architect is pursuing restitution for a clay drainage tile that was crushed during the excavation of the parking lot. Other items discussed were the on-going concerns with the TRANE warranty on the chiller at Coolidge and that summer maintenance projects were 90% complete.

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Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve minutes of July 12, 2007 T. F. Cooperative Board of Superintendents' meeting.
Members voting yes: Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Lancy, Leach, Long, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

T.F. COOP
MINUTES
7-12-07

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Leach, to go into closed session to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, and to discuss pending litigation.
Members voting yes: Kern, Leach, LaBella, Lancy, Long, Taylor, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

CLOSED
SESSION

President Long declared the regular meeting of the District 158 Board of Education back in open session at 8:34 p.m.

RECONVENE
MEETING

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the resignation of Bonita Gruver, Memorial Junior High School Physical Education and Health Teacher, effective July 23, 2007.
Members voting yes: Lancy, Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Leach, Long, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

RESIGNATION
BONITA
GRUVER

Moved by Ms. Leach, seconded by Mr. Wood, to approve the resignation of Brian Walker, Memorial Junior High School Physical Education and Health Teacher, effective July 23, 2007.
Members voting yes: Leach, Wood, Kern, LaBella, Lancy, Long, and Taylor.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

RESIGNATION
BRIAN WALKER

Moved by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve the resignation of Michelle Vogt, Memorial Junior High School Science Teacher, effective July 27, 2007.
Members voting yes: LaBella, Lancy, Kern, Leach, Long, Taylor, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

RESIGNATION
MICHELLE
VOGT

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded Ms. Leach, to approve the resignation of Michael Keelan, Lansing Elementary School District Physical Education Teacher, effective August 6, 2007.
Members voting yes: Lancy, Leach, Kern, LaBella, Long, Taylor, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

RESIGNATION
MICHAEL
KEELAN

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Moved by Ms. Leach, seconded by Mr. Wood, to approve Family Medical Leave of Lester Crawl Primary Center Teacher, Michelle Myers, effective Friday, October 26, 2007 through January 7, 2008.
Members voting yes: Leach, Wood, Kern, LaBella, Lancy, Long, and Taylor.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

FAMILY
MEDICAL
MICHELLE
MYERS

Moved by Ms. Leach, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve Parental Leave of Oak Glen School Teacher, Michelle Tiltges, effective Friday, October 19, 2007 through August 27, 2009.
Members voting yes: Leach, LaBella, Kern, Lancy, Long, Taylor, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

PARENTAL
LEAVE
MICHELLE
TILTGES

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Leach, to approve an employment contract for Meaghan Sheridan as Memorial Junior High School Reading Strategies Teacher at a salary of \$35,600.
Members voting yes: Kern, Leach, LaBella, Lancy, Long, Taylor, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
MEAGHAN
SHERIDAN

Moved by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve an employment contract for Sarah Kapusta as Memorial Junior High School 7th Grade science teacher at a salary of \$32,500.
Members voting yes: LaBella, Lancy, Kern, Leach, Long, Taylor, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
SARAH
KAPUSTA

Moved by Ms. Leach, seconded by Mr. Wood, to approve an employment contract for Madeline Hill as Lansing Elementary K-5 Physical Education teacher at a salary \$32,500.
Members voting yes: Leach, Wood, Kern, LaBella, Lancy, Long, and Taylor.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
MADELINE
HILL

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve an employment contract for Mary Imran as Memorial Junior High School 6th grade Science teacher at a salary of \$38,200.
Members voting yes: Lancy, Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Leach, Long, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
MARY IMRAN

Moved by Ms. Leach, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve an employment contract for Maleesa Losnedahl as Coolidge Elementary fourth grade teacher at a salary of \$32,500 from August 23, 2007 to June 10, 2008.
Members voting yes: Leach, Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Lancy, Long, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
MALEESA
LOSNEHAHL

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Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve an employment contract for Nicholas Bullock as Memorial Junior High School Physical Education teacher at a salary of \$32,500.

Members voting yes: Taylor, Lancy, Kern, LaBella, Leach, Long, and Wood.

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
NICHOLAS
BULLOCK

Moved by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve employment of Elizabeth Boshears as Lansing School District 158 ESL teacher aide, effective August 23, 2007.

Members voting yes: LaBella, Taylor, Kern, Lancy, Leach, Long, and Wood.

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
ELIZABETH
BOSHEARS

Moved by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve employment of Mary Ann Gagnon as Memorial Junior High School Health Aide, effective August 23, 2007.

Members voting yes: LaBella, Lancy, Kern, Leach, Long, Taylor, and Wood.

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
MARY ANN
GAGNON

Moved by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve employment of Diane Baran as Oak Glen Elementary School playground supervisor, effective August 27, 2007.

Members voting yes: LaBella, Taylor, Kern, Lancy, Leach, Long, and Wood.

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
DIANE BARAN

Moved by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve employment of Angela Dixon as Oak Glen Elementary School playground supervisor, effective August 27, 2007.

Members voting yes: LaBella, Taylor, Kern, Lancy, Leach, Long, and Wood.

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
ANGELA DIXON

Moved by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve employment of James Ferguson as Oak Glen Elementary School playground supervisor, effective August 27, 2007.

Members voting yes: LaBella, Taylor, Kern, Lancy, Leach, Long, and Wood.

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
JAMES
FERGUSON

Moved by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve employment of Michele Kozlowski as Oak Glen Elementary School playground supervisor, effective August 27, 2007.

Members voting yes: LaBella, Kern, Lancy, Leach, Long, Taylor, and Wood.

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
MICHELE
KOSLOWSKI

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Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve employment of Karen McKenzie as Oak Glen Elementary School playground supervisor, effective August 27, 2007.

Members voting yes: Taylor, Lancy, Kern, LaBella, Leach, Long, and Wood.

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
KAREN
McKENZIE

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve employment of Barbara Gaffney as Reavis Elementary School playground supervisor, effective August 27, 2007.

Members voting yes: Kern, Taylor, LaBella, Lancy, Leach, Long, and Wood.

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
BARBARA
GAFFNEY

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve employment of Gennell Robinson as Reavis Elementary School playground supervisor, effective August 27, 2007.

Members voting yes: Taylor, LaBella, Kern, Lancy, Leach, Long, and Wood.

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
GENNELL
ROBINSON

Moved by Ms. Leach, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve employment of Debbie Furmanek as Coolidge Elementary School playground supervisor, effective August 27, 2007.

Members voting yes: Leach, Kern, LaBella, Lancy, Long, Taylor, and Wood.

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
DEBBIE
FURMANEK

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve employment of Tammy Henning as Coolidge Elementary School playground supervisor, effective August 27, 2007.

Members voting yes: Taylor, Lancy, Kern, LaBella, Leach, Long, and Wood.

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
TAMMY
HENNING

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve employment of Cheryl Morrone as Coolidge Elementary School playground supervisor, effective August 27, 2007.

Members voting yes: Lancy, Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Leach, Long, and Wood.

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
CHERYL
MORRONE

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve employment of Pam O'Sullivan as Coolidge Elementary School playground supervisor, effective August 27, 2007.

Members voting yes: Lancy, Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Leach, Long, and Wood.

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
PAM
O'SULLIVAN

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Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve employment of Melanie Swindel as Coolidge Elementary School playground supervisor, effective August 27, 2007.

Members voting yes: Kern, Taylor, LaBella, Lancy, Leach, Long, and Wood.

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
MELANIE
SWINDEL

Superintendent Cottle reminded the Board of the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for September 11, 2007.

BUILDINGS &
GROUNDS

There being no further business before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Kern, to adjourn the regular meeting of the District 158 Board of Education meeting at 8:46 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary