

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
SCHOOL DISTRICT 158, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 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: Kern, Lancy, Leach, Long, Taylor, and Wood.
Members absent: LaBella.
Also present: V. Cottle, D. Handley, P. Schumaker and G. Tengstrand.

ROLL CALL

Visitors: Steve Juracka, Rick Miller, Nedra Vasili, Mr. & Mrs. and Robert Reynolds, Sophie Gaylor, A. Ferguson, Kim Crosby, Carmine and Carla Bucci, Robert Zimbelman, Cecilia Heiberger, James Ferguson, Kim Morley, Robert Svencner, Linda Blomquist, Marie and Carla Magdaleno, Chas, Barb, Erica and Jessica Maricich, Tina Brown, Kim and Jose Plesha-Sanchez, Margaret Williams, Paul Czaphowicz, Bindy and Avi Patel, Joe and Kathleen Dolinar, Rosalina Cervantes, Dana Mullen, Joyce Buie, Debra Fazekas, Jenny Mikel, Angellica Grandpre, and Sally Reynolds.

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve minutes of October 17, 2007 regular District 158 Board of Education meeting.
Members voting yes: Lancy, Taylor, Kern, Leach, Long, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

MINUTES
10-17-2007

Moved by Ms. Leach, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve minutes of November 5, 2007 Policy Committee meeting.
Members voting yes: Leach, Kern, Lancy, Long, Taylor, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

MINUTES
POLICY
11-5-07

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve minutes of November 13, 2007 Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Whole meeting.
Members voting yes: Lancy, Taylor, Kern, Leach, Long, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

MINUTES
BUILDINGS AND
GROUNDS
11-13-07

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve the payment of bills in the following amounts:
Education Fund Expenditures - \$1,194,351.82, Total
Tort Immunity Fund Expenditures - \$25,598.27, Total
T. F. Cooperative Fund Expenditures - \$44,621.00, Total
Special Education Fund Expenditures - \$39,568.98, Total
Operations & Maintenance Fund Expenditures - \$505,094.24, Total
Transportation Fund Expenditures - \$92,837.06, Total
Site & Construction/Capital Improvement Fund Expenditures - 1,011,817.64, Total
Life Safety Fund Expenditures - \$170,697.00, Total
Grand Total - \$3,084,586.01

BILLS

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Wood read the following correspondence: letters of thanks from Robin Robbins, Reavis School, Toni DeLaurentis, and Michelle Tilitges, Oak Glen School.

Correspondence

President Long asked for questions or comments from the audience. There were none.

Mrs. Cottle proudly announced that 28 District 158 students had achieved the top score on one or more of the Illinois Standards Achievement Tests (ISAT). Mrs. Cottle then read the students' names and the subject they had received the top score in Reading, Mathematics or Science as President Long presented individual certificates of achievement in honor of each student's accomplishments. The students honored were: Antonio Brown, Mikaela Brown, Micaela Bucci, Brittany Buie, Cameron Crosby, Kevin Dolinar, Melaina Ferguson, Anahielly Gonzalez, Angellica Grandpre, Veronica Harris, Sarah Hoekstra, Rebecca Huizenga, Benjamin Jones, Kelly KIELTYKA, Daniel Magdaleno, Erica Maricich, Jessica Maricich, Michael Martinez, Brandon Moore, Riley Parsons, Avi Patel, Robert Reynolds, Nicholas Sanchez-Plesha, Darcy Smith, Tyra Taylor, David Watts and Kyle Zigterman. The students then shook hands with Mrs. Cottle and Board members and enjoyed a congratulations applause from everyone in attendance. Mrs. Cottle also thanked all of the parents for their support.

PRESENTATION
ISAT TOP SCORE
RECIPIENTS

Mrs. Cottle then deferred to Mr. Handley for his report on the Serious Safety Hazard Determination. Mr. Handley reported that using the IDOT Guidelines for Safety Hazard Determination the area in consideration does not qualify for bus services. Mr. Handley then answered questions from the Board.

Mrs. Cottle also announced a variety of projects and activities taking place in all District 158's schools during American Education Week, including appreciation breakfasts and luncheons hosted by the Lansing Education Association, and visitation by parents, guardians, and grandparents and the Celebrity Read-In. The theme is: "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility."

AMERICAN ED.
WEEK

Mrs. Cottle then reviewed the "Evening of Thanks" Dinner that was hosted by the Lansing Park District Foundatin honoring volunteers in Lansing. District 158 was proud to honor Carrie Seymour, Oak Glen School; Lori Crosby, Coolidge School; Barb Gaffney, Reavis School; and Steve Morris, Memorial Junior High School. Mrs. Cottle commended the fine work these four individuals have done for our schools.

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Mrs. Cottle then deferred to Ms. Leach for her report on the Policy Committee meeting. Ms. Leach discussed the four policy changes mandated by Federal and State Legislation. She also discussed the academic standards for extra-curricular activities which will be reviewed by the Memorial Junior High School faculty and brought back to the committee for discussion in January.

Mrs. Cottle then deferred to Mr. Wood for his report on the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Whole meeting. Mr. Wood updated the Board on the progress of Phase II and reported that the project continues to be ahead of schedule. He also discussed the carpet delay for the LRC and also the installation of the furniture. Mr. Wood then updated the Board on Phase III progress explaining that a Pre-Bid meeting is scheduled with the bids being opened on December 7, 2007. He also explained that several bid packages would contain provisions for alternate bids that will allow the most flexibility in realizing our goals for the project. Mr. Wood updated the Board on the Serious Safety Hazard Determination recently completed by Mr. Handley, and Homeless Dispute Hearing Resolution, extra curricular activities eligibility and the district enrichment program.

BUILDINGS AND
GROUNDS

Mrs. Cottle deferred to Mr. Handley, who explained to the board the Life Safety Extensions of Time and Statements of Completion. There being no questions it was moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve application for Health/Life Safety Extensions of Time and Statements of Completion.
Members voting yes: Wood, Taylor, Kern, Lancy, Leach, and Long.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

LIFE SAFETY
EXTENSIONS

Mr. Handley made a few brief remarks regarding the estimated tax levy and the final 2007 Tax Levy which will be approved at the regular December Board meeting. President Long asked for questions from the Board. There being no questions, it was moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Ms. Leach, to approve the estimated 2007 Tax Levy.
Members voting yes: Lancy, Leach, Kern, Long, Taylor, and Wood.
Members voting no: None
Motion carried.
Mr. LaBella entered the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

TAX LEVY

Mr. Schumaker reviewed the self-evaluation of the LRC's in accordance with the Links for Learning and the requirements of the FY08 School Library Grant. This grant is administered by the Secretary of State.

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve submission of FY08 Application for School Library Grants.
Members voting yes: Wood, Taylor, Kern, Lancy, Leach, and Long.
Members abstaining: LaBella
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

FY08 SCHOOL
LIBRARY GRANT

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Moved by Ms. Leach, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve minutes of September 13, 2007 T.F. Cooperative Board of Superintendents meeting, approve the July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 T.F. Cooperative Budget, and adopt the 2007-2008 Budget Resolution.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

T.F. COOP
MINUTES &
BUDGET

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve minutes of October 11, 2007 Cooperative Superintendents' meeting.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

T.F. COOP
MINUTES
10-11-07

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve the Employment contract for Michelle Orlando as Reavis Elementary Kindergarten Teacher at a prorated salary of \$25,278.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
MICHELLE
ORLANDO

Mrs. Cottle informed the Board of a recent meeting held with the Lansing Police Department regarding moving the pedestrian crossing from School Street to Ward Street. The Village plans to install a stop light at School Street. The crossing will be returned to School Street once this is completed.

MISCELLANEOUS

President Long questioned class sizes at Memorial Junior High School. Mr. Zimbelman stated that classes are between 28 and 31 and continue to be manageable.

Ms. Leach thanked Mrs. Cottle for attending the open house at the Lansing Youth Center.

Mr. Taylor questioned the stolen property on the Memorial Junior High School job site. Mrs. Cottle informed the Board that security has been heightened and the contractor is responsible for all materials until installation is completed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to adjourn the regular meeting of the District 158 Board of Education at 7:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

President

Secretary

