

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
SCHOOL DISTRICT 158, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2007, AT
THE ADMINISTRATION CENTER, 18300 GREENBAY AVENUE, LANSING,
ILLINOIS, AT 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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, LaBella, Lancy, Leach, Long, Taylor and Wood.
Absent: None.
Also present: V. Cottle, D. Handley, P. Schumaker and G. Tengstrand.

ROLL CALL

Visitors: Dave Fortin, Cecilia Heiberger, Steve Juracka, Rick Miller, Kim
Morley, Jim Janssen, Margaret Williams, Sophie Gaylor, Monica Schumaker,
Linda Blomquist, Debra Fazekas, Robert Zimbelman, Dana and Tom Mullen,
Cindy Hosapple, Barb Maricich, Paul Czapkowicz, Janice Nowak, Sue Cinde,
and Sally Reynolds.

VISITORS

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve minutes of the
September 19, 2007 Public Hearing.
Members voting yes: Lancy, Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Leach, Long, and Wood.
Member voting no: None.
Motion carried.

PUBLIC
HEARING

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded Mr. LaBella, to approve minutes of the
September 19, 2007 regular District 158 Board of Education meeting.
Members voting yes: Taylor, LaBella, Kern, Lancy, Leach, Long, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

MINUTES
9/17/07

Moved by Ms. Leach, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve minutes of the
closed session of September 19, 2007 regular District 158 Board of Education
meeting.
Members voting yes: Leach, LaBella, Kern, Lancy, Long, Taylor, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

CLOSED
SESSION
9/17/07

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve minutes of the
Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Whole meeting of October 9, 2007.
Members voting yes: Lancy, Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Leach, Long, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

MINUTES
BUILDINGS
& GROUNDS

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve the payment
of bills in the following amounts:
Education Fund Expenditures - \$1,078,469.99, Total
Tort Immunity Fund Expenditures - \$13,875.38, Total
T. F. Cooperative Fund Expenditures - \$44,179.42, Total
Special Education Fund Expenditures - \$165,431.02, Total
Operations & Maintenance Fund Expenditures - \$69,440.50, Total

BILLS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
SCHOOL DISTRICT 158, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2007 – page two

Transportation Fund Expenditures - \$17,831.45, Total
Site & Construction/Capital Improvement Fund - \$921,842.97, Total
Life Safety Fund Expenditures - \$18,843.30, total
Grand Total - \$2,329,914.03
Members voting yes: Kern, LaBella, Lancy, Leach, Long, Taylor, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

Secretary Wood read the following correspondence: letters of resignation from Dianna Baran, Playground Supervisor at Oak Glen School and letter of resignation from Gennell Robinson, Playground Supervisor at Reavis School.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

COMMENTS/
QUESTIONS

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

Mrs. Cottle deferred to Mr. Schumaker who discussed enrollment figures to date. He explained that although enrollment continues to increase across the district, all classes have remained stable except for Kindergarten and that in order to address the larger number of students an additional Kindergarten classroom at Reavis would need to be opened. Mr. Schumaker then entertained questions from the Board. The Board members were in agreement to add an additional classroom at Reavis School beginning October 22, 2007.

ENROLLMENT

Mrs. Cottle discussed the fitness class that Ms. Bridget Anderson, Oak Glen Teacher, is holding after school on Tuesday and Thursdays for approximately 150 students from Kindergarten through fifth grade.

Mrs. Cottle informed the Board that to continue with our wellness theme this year, Working Well, an agency affiliated with St. Margaret Mercy Hospital, will be offering flu shots for our staff on November 8, 2007. The cost of the shot will be \$18.00 and will be given at the Administration Center.

Mrs. Cottle then deferred to Mr. Wood for his Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Whole report.

Mr. Wood informed the Board that bids were received on October 5 for the Memorial Junior High School asbestos abatement and building demolition. It was the recommendation of the committee award the contract for asbestos abatement to the low bidder, Valor Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$129,985.00 and building demolition to JM Wrecking, Inc. in the amount of \$194,000.00. The committee also recommends that the low bid contract be awarded to Frank Cooney Company, for \$40,584.20 received on October 9 for Learning Resource Center Furnishings. The committee was also updated on the progress of Phase II of the Memorial Junior High

COMMITTEE
OF THE
WHOLE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
SCHOOL DISTRICT 158, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2007 – page three

School Expansion Project. The project continues to be ahead of schedule. Mr. Wood also updated the Board on Phase III progress. Other items discussed were the need for a lift for window cleaning, changing of lights and maintaining the HVAC systems on Memorial's new roof and also discussed were the specifications for a new maintenance truck.

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve award of contract for Memorial Junior High School Learning Resource Center Furnishings to Frank Cooney Company in the amount of \$40,584.20.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

CONTRACT
LEARNING
RESOURCE
CENTER

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve award of contract for Memorial Junior High School Asbestos Abatement to Valor Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$129,985.00.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

CONTRACT
ASBESTOS
ABATEMENT

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve award of contract for Memorial Junior High School Building Demolition to JM Wrecking, Inc. in the amount of \$194,000.00.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

CONTRACT
BUILDING
DEMOLITION

Mrs. Cottle then deferred to Mr. Handley and Mr. Schumaker for their reports on the Illinois School Report Card and the review of each schools' school improvement plan.

SCHOOL
REPORT CARDS

Mr. Handley discussed the school district finances as reported on the Illinois State Report Card and explained that the information is based on the 2006-2007 school year.

Mr. Schumaker reviewed the 2007 District School Report Card with regard to low income, mobility, attendance ratios and total enrollment as well as average teaching experience. Mr. Schumaker also presented a Power Point slide show reviewing student performance on the 2006-07 ISAT test. Historical trends and NCLB demographic subgroup performances were reviewed, as well as steps being taken this year to improve student learning as outlined in each schools' improvement plan. Mr. Schumaker was pleased to report that every school made Adequate Yearly Progress with the exception of the special needs subgroup at Memorial Junior High School.

ISAT RESULTS

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Ms. Leach, to approve School Improvement Plans for the 2007/08 school year for all five schools.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

SCHOOL
IMPROVEMENT
PLANS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
SCHOOL DISTRICT 158, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2007 – page four

Mrs. Cottle deferred to Mr. Handley who introduced Mr. Janssen from Walter Schultz Insurance Agency. Mr. Janssen reported on the District employee benefit plan then entertained questions from the Board.

REVIEW OF
HEALTH/DENTAL
EMPLOYEE
BENEFIT PLAN

Moved by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve renewal of Health/Dental Employee Benefit Plan for 2007-2008.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve employment of Elisabeth Hendricks as Coolidge Elementary School paraprofessional effective October 9, 2007.

EMPLOYMENT
ELISABETH
HENDRICKS

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Kern to approve the resignation of Dianna Lyn Baran, as Oak Glen Elementary School playground supervisor effective September 3, 2007

RESIGNATION
DIANNA BARAN

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve the resignation of Gennell Robinson, as Reavis School playground supervisor effective September 21, 2007.

RESIGNATION
GENNELL
ROBINSON

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Cottle asked the Board if they preferred to change the November Board Meeting due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. It was then moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Kern, to change the November Regular Board Meeting from Wednesday, November 21, 2007 to the second Wednesday of the month (November 14, 2007) for November 2007.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Cottle explained the Silent Reflection and Student Prayer Act moment of silence that is mandated. She commented on how this new mandate is being implemented at each school.

Mrs. Cottle asked the Policy Committee members if they would prefer to meet on November 5, 2007 or November 7, 2007. After a short discussion, it was decided to meet on November 5, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
SCHOOL DISTRICT 158, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2007 – page five

There being no further business before the Board, it was moved
by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Kern, to adjourn the regular meeting of
the District 158 Board of Education meeting at 8:24 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary