

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 158, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 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, and Taylor.  
Absent: Wood  
Also present: V. Cottle, D. Handley, P. Schumaker and G. Tengstrand.

ROLL CALL

Visitors: Dave Fortin, Linda Blomquist, Kim Morley, Bob Svencner, Denise  
Buehler, Kristen Buehler, Sarah Kapusta, Ouida Jones, Nick Bullock, Steve Juracka,  
Ceal Heiberger, Dina Herich, Mary Imran, Judi Caddick, Maleesa Losnedahl, Jack,  
Laurie, and John Crosby, Sophie Gaylor, Margaret Williams, Carol Losnedahl,  
Pamela Jetric, Dana Muller, Cynthia Holsapple, Sheri and Kent Farlow,  
Maureen Zupan, Cathy Kravtz, Sue and Mike Sinde, Sheila Stricklin,  
Mimi Jerken, Michelle Frazier, Barb Maricich, Laura LaBella, Christina Gonzalez,  
Dona Hays-Smith, Sally Reynolds.

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve minutes of  
August 15, 2007 regular District 158 Board of Education meeting.  
Members voting yes: Kern, Lancy, LaBella, Leach, Long, and Taylor.  
Members voting no: None.  
Motion carried.

MINUTES  
8/15/07

Moved by Ms. Leach, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve minutes of  
closed session of August 15, 2007 regular District 158 Board of Education meeting.  
Members voting yes: Leach, Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Lancy, and Long.  
Members voting no: None.  
Motion carried.

CLOSED  
SESSION

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve minutes of  
September 11, 2007 Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Whole meeting.  
Members voting yes: Lancy, Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Leach, and Long.  
Members voting no: None.  
Motion carried.

MINUTES  
COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
WHOLE

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve the payment  
of bills in the following amounts:  
Education Fund Expenditures - \$1,421,728.62, Total  
Tort Immunity Fund Expenditures - \$21,570.86, Total  
T. F. Cooperative Fund Expenditures - \$36,673.91, Total  
Operations & Maintenance Fund Expenditures - \$99,417.41, Total  
Transportation Fund Expenditures - \$12,674.20, Total  
Site & Construction/Capital Improvement Fund - \$813,245.63, Total  
Life Safety Fund Expenditures - \$98,567.50, total  
Grand Total - \$2,503,878.13  
Members voting yes: Lancy, LaBella, Kern, Leach, Long, and Taylor.  
Members voting no: None.  
Motion carried.

BILLS

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Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to appoint Mr. Taylor  
Secretary pro-tem.  
Members voting yes: Kern, LaBella, Lancy, Leach, Long, and Taylor.  
Members voting no: None.  
Motion carried.

SECRETARY  
PRO-TEM

Secretary Taylor read the following correspondence: thank you letter  
from Lansing Education Association. He also read a letter from Jennifer  
Borman regarding her family medical leave.

CORRESPONDENCE

President Long asked for questions or comments from the audience.  
Mrs. Laurie Crosby, Mrs. Dana Mullins, Mr. Kent Farlow, and Ms. Sue Sinde  
addressed the Board expressing their concerns regarding transportation for  
students living in the neighborhood south of Ridge Road and east of Wentworth  
Avenue. A request was made for a Serious Safety Hazard Determination.

COMMENTS/  
QUESTIONS

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

Mrs. Cottle deferred to Mr. Handley who asked if the board members  
Had any further questions on the 2007-08 Budget hearing, there being none it  
was moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the 2007/08  
School District 158 Budget and adopt the 2007/08 Budget Resolution.  
Members voting yes: Lancy, Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Leach, and Long.  
Members voting no: None.  
Motion carried.

BUDGET/  
RESOLUTION

Mrs. Cottle deferred to Mr. Schumaker who discussed the sixth  
day enrollment for the 2007-2008 school year. Mr. Schumaker reviewed  
enrollment trends from 2001 until the present and answered questions from the  
Board. He commented that enrollment continues to increase across the district and  
in order to address the larger number of students enrolling at the Kindergarten level,  
an additional classroom may be needed at Reavis.

STAFFING 07/08

Mrs. Cottle reported that the Open Houses at all schools were  
well attended and that the Lester Crawl Open House will be held  
September 20 at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Cottle thanked the principals, staff members,  
maintenance crew, and custodians for their hard work preparing for Open Houses  
at all schools.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Cottle then deferred to Mr. Handley who discussed the possibility  
of using the services of Mr. Roger Wood, President of Receivables Management  
Incorporated to collect unpaid book fees. Mr. Handley then answered questions  
from the Board. It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to retain  
services of Receivables Management Incorporated for the purpose of collecting  
debt related to outstanding book fees.  
Members voting yes: Taylor, LaBella, Kern, Lancy, Leach and Long.  
Members voting no: None.  
Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve 2007/08 Application for Recognition of Schools to the Illinois State Board of Education. Members voting yes: LaBella, Kern, Lancy, Leach, Long, and Taylor. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

APPLICATION  
FOR  
RECOGNITION  
OF SCHOOLS

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to go into closed session to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and pending litigation. Members voting yes: Kern, LaBella, Lancy, Leach, Long, and Taylor. 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 9:16 p.m.

RECONVENE  
MEETING

Moved by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve the employment contract for Kim Kasl as District 158 Memorial Junior High School Special Education Teacher at a salary of \$39,800, effective August 23, 2007. Members voting yes: LaBella, Kern, Lancy, Leach, Long, and Taylor. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT  
KIM KASL

Moved by Mr. Taylor seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve the employment contract for Kristen Buehler as Lansing School District 158 ESL Teacher at a salary of \$32,500, effective August 23, 2007. Members voting yes: Taylor, Lancy, Kern, LaBella, Leach, and Long. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT  
KRISTEN  
BUEHLER

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Leach, to approve the employment contract for Laura LaBella as Oak Glen fourth grade teacher at a pro-rated salary of \$25,278 from October 22, 2007 to June 10, 2008. Members voting yes: Kern, Leach, LaBella, Lancy, Long, and Taylor. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT  
LAURA  
LaBELLA

Moved by Ms. Leach, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve Family Medical Leave of Coolidge Elementary School Teacher, Jenny Borman, effective January 28, 2008 through February 29, 2008. Members voting yes: Leach, LaBella, Kern, Lancy, Long, and Taylor. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

FAMILY  
MEDICAL  
JENNY  
BORMAN

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve employment of Susan Trembecki as District 158 paraprofessional, effective August 23, 2007. Members voting yes: Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Lancy, Leach, and Long. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT  
SUSAN  
TREMBECKI

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Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve employment of Angela Pappas as District 158 paraprofessional, effective August 23, 2007.  
Members voting yes: Taylor, LaBella, Kern, Lancy, Leach, and Long.  
Members voting no: None.  
Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT  
ANGELA  
PAPPAS

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve employment of Lisa DenHartog as Reavis Elementary School playground supervisor, effective August 27, 2007.  
Members voting yes: Kern, Taylor, LaBella, Lancy, Leach, and Long.  
Members voting no: None.  
Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT  
LISA  
DenHARTOG

Moved by Ms. Leach, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve employment of Kimberly Smith as Reavis Elementary School playground supervisor, effective August 27, 2007.  
Members voting yes: Leach, LaBella, Kern, Lancy, Long, and Taylor.  
Members voting no: None.  
Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT  
KIMBERLY  
SMITH

Moved by Ms. Leach, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve employment of Mary Wright as Reavis Elementary School noon hour clerk/playground supervisor, effective August 30, 2007.  
Members voting yes: Leach, Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Lancy, and Long.  
Members voting no: None.  
Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT  
MARY WRIGHT

The Board authorized the Administration to conduct a Serious Safety Hazardous Determination for the area South of Ridge Road and East of Wentworth Avenue.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Cottle then informed the Board of the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Whole Meetings that are scheduled for October 9, November 13 and December 11, 2007. All three meetings will be held at 5:00 p.m. on these dates.

There being no further business before the Board, it was moved by Ms. Leach, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to adjourn the regular meeting of the District 158 Board of Education meeting at 9:21 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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President

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Secretary