

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
SCHOOL DISTRICT 158, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2008, 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, LaBella, Lancy, Long, Sufie, Taylor and Wood. Members absent: None. Also present: V. Cottle, D. Handley, P. Schumaker and G. Tengstrand.

ROLL CALL

Visitors: Dave Fortin, Linda Blomquist, Rick Miller, Kim Morley, Barb DeYoung, Cliff, Angela, Sara, Samantha and Nate Gawlinski, Bob Svencner, Kathy Brunke, Kay Horvath, Robert Zimbelman, Ceal Heiberger, Sara Henke, Steve Juracka, Paul Czapkowicz, Kevin, Tommy, Emily, Haley, and Chelsea Henning, Malessa, Maya, Erik, and Carol Losnedahl, Margaret Mundee, David Kotsiopoulos, Alijandra Vito, Omar and Mayra Tlatelpa, Barbara. Mricich, Burkeen Family, David Soto, Olivia Carrizabl, Carla Bucci, Micaela Bucci, Magaret Williams, Maya, Manuel III, Manuel IV, Cabbera, Elena Dudack, Debra Facekas, Jamie Trevino, Lisa and Michael Dempsey, Monic Casillas, David Taylor, Gwen Wachowski, Julie and Michael Sumpter, Penny Mikerl, Sally Reynolds.

VISITORS

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve minutes of October 15, 2008 regular District 158 Board of Education meeting. Members voting yes: Lancy, Kern, LaBella, Long, Sufie, Taylor and Wood. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

MINUTES
10-15-08

Moved by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve minutes of November 11, 2008 Committee of the Whole meeting. Members voting yes: LaBella, Lancy, Kern, Long, Sufie, Taylor, and Wood. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE OF
THE WHOLE
11-11-08

Moved by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve minutes of November 11, 2008 Committee of the Whole meeting closed session. Members voting yes: LaBella, Taylor, Kern, Lancy, Long, Sufie, and Wood. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE OF
THE WHOLE
CLOSED SESSION
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Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve the payment of bills in the following amounts:

BILLS

Education Fund Expenditures - \$1,578,402.44, Total
T. F. Cooperative Fund Expenditures - \$71,458.46, Total
Special Education Fund Expenditures – \$169,678.82, Total
Operations & Maintenance Fund Expenditures - \$547,719.22, Total
Transportation Fund Expenditures - \$213,075.31, Total
Capital Projects Fund Expenditures –\$994,403.44, Total
Tort Liability Fund Expenditures - \$25,512.65, Total
Life Safety Fund Expenditures - \$169,120.00, Total
Grand Total - \$3,769,370.34

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Wood read the following correspondence: letter of Resignation from Phil Rainford, Memorial Junior High School, Special Education Teacher.

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 in alphabetical order were: Micaela Bucci, Joshua Burkeen, Manuel Cabrera, Olivia Carrizales, Jacqueline Casillas, Brandon Day, Thomas Dempsey, Fritzi Flores, Sara Gawlinski, Haley Henning, Chloe Kausal, Ian Kocher, Stephany Leon, Maya Losnedahl, Erica Maricich, Brandon Moore, Hannah Pruett, Alayna Shafer, Simona Stancov, Ajike Sumpter, Tyra Taylor, Mayra Tlatelpa, Gwendolyn Wachowski, Taylor Ward, Jade Woodard, 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 also announced the recognition of Exxon Mobile Educational Alliance grant received for the past three years from Greg Smith.

Mrs. Cottle discussed 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

AMERICAN
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WEEK

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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.”

Mrs. Cottle then reviewed the “Evening of Thanks” Dinner that was hosted by the Lansing Park District Foundation honoring volunteers in Lansing. She commented that District 158 was proud to honor Carrie Steinweg, Oak Glen School; Donna Gill, Coolidge School; Dawn Gertonson, Reavis School; and Lorraine Boucher, Memorial Junior High School as well as our very own Jerry Kern for his 37 years of dedicated service to Lansing School District 158. Mrs. Cottle congratulated School Board President, Suzanne Long on being chosen to receive the Athena Award for outstanding public service to the Lansing Community. Mrs. Cottle commended the fine work all these individuals have done for our schools.

EVENING OF
THANKS

Mrs. Cottle then deferred to Mr. Sufie and Mr. Schumaker for a report on Policy changes. Mr. Schumaker reported that the recommended changes are mandated by Federal and State Legislation. Mr. Sufie reiterated that the changes added detail to policy and are for the advantage of all children.

POLICY

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve the Application for Health/Life Safety Extensions.
Members voting yes: Wood, LaBella, Kern, Lancy, Long, Sufie, and Taylor.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR
HEALTH/LIFE
SAFETY
EXTENSIONS

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the estimated 2008 Tax Levy.
Members voting yes: Lancy, Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Long, Sufie, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

ESTIMATED
2008 TAX LEVY

Mr. Schumaker reviewed the self-evaluation of the LRC’s in accordance with the Links for Learning and the requirements of the FY09 School Library Grant. This grant in the amount of \$1,821 is administered by the Secretary of State.

FY09 SCHOOL
LIBRARY GRANT

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve the submission of FY09 Application for School Library Grant.
Members voting yes: Wood, Kern, LaBella, Lancy, Long, Sufie, and Taylor.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve minutes of October 9, 2008 T.F. Cooperative Board of Superintendents' meeting.
Members voting yes: Taylor, Lancy, Kern, LaBella, Long, Sufie, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

T.F. COOPERATIVE
MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to go into closed session to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.
Members voting yes: Kern, Taylor, LaBella, Lancy, Long, Sufie, 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 9:33 p.m.

RECONVENE
MEETING

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve the resignation of Memorial Junior High School., Special Education Math Teacher, Philip Rainford, effective October 14, 2008.
Members voting yes: Taylor, Kern, Long, and Sufie.
Members voting no: Lancy, LaBella, and Wood.
Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the employment contract for Brenda Ray as Coolidge Elementary School Interpreter at a prorated salary of \$23,865.
Members voting yes: Lancy, Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Long, Sufie, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
BRENDA RAY

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the Employment contract for Debra Lambeth as Memorial Junior High School Special Education Math Teacher at a pro-rated salary of \$29,266 from November 17, 2008 to June 5, 2009.
Members voting yes: Kern, Taylor, LaBella, Lancy, Long, Sufie, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
DEBRA LAMBETH

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve employment of Kathy Sylvester, as Oak Glen playground supervisor effective November 3, 2008.
Members voting yes: Lancy, Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Long, Sufie, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.

EMPLOYMENT
KATHY
SYLVESTER

Motion carried.

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Mrs. Cottle briefly commented on the asphalt project being completed on MISCELLANEOUS Ward Street and the possible removal of two trees on the west side of the new Memorial Junior High School parking lot.

Mrs. Cottle reminded the board of the upcoming Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for December 1, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Kern announced that it is gratifying to honor the children and their accomplishments.

Mr. Taylor asked for information regarding the Health/Life Safety Extensions for Lester Crawl School.

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 9:45 p.m.
Members voting yes: Kern, Taylor, LaBella, Lancy, Leach, Long, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary