

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT 158, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 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: J. Kern, J. LaBella, C. Lancy, S. Long, J. Sufie, and R. Wood. Absent: C. Taylor. Also present: V. Cottle, D. Handley, P. Schumaker and G. Tengstrand.

ROLL CALL

Visitors: Judi Caddick, Rob Zimbelman, Paul Czapkowicz, Dave Kostopoulos.

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Sufie, to approve minutes of June 18, 2008 regular District 158 Board of Education meeting. Members voting yes: Lancy, Sufie, Kern, LaBella, Long, and Wood. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

MINUTES
6-18-08

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve minutes of closed session of June 18, 2008 regular District 158 Board of Education meeting. Members voting yes: Kern, LaBella, Lancy, Long, Sufie, and Wood. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

CLOSED
MINUTES
6-18-08

Moved by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Wood, to approve minutes of the July 8, 2008 District 158 Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting. Members voting yes: LaBella, Wood, Kern, Lancy, Long, and Sufie. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

BUILDINGS
AND
GROUNDS
7-8-08

Mr. Taylor entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sufie, to approve the payment of bills in the following amounts:
Education Fund Expenditures - \$580,109.61, Total
Tort Immunity Fund Expenditures - \$188,075.44, Total
T. F. Cooperative Fund Expenditures - \$14,134.81, Total
Operations & Maintenance Fund Expenditures - \$75,296.51, Total
Transportation Fund Expenditures - \$51,300.11, Total
Site & Construction/Capital Improvement Fund - \$754,570.17, Total
Grand Total - \$1,663,486.65
Members voting yes: Kern, Sufie, LaBella, Long, Long, Taylor, and Wood,
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

BILLS

Secretary Wood read the following correspondence: Letters of resignation from Matthew Wallek, Physical Education Teacher, Memorial Junior High School; Tracey Kaplan, Mathematics Teacher, Memorial Junior High School; and Heather Heilman, Nurse, Coolidge Elementary School; and thank you letters from Nancy VandenBerg, Monica Schumaker and Dave Fortin.

CORRESPONDENCE

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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 for his report on the summer school programs. Mr. Schumaker recapped the enrollment for the summer school stating that 175 students were enrolled in the K-5 program and 45 were enrolled at Memorial Junior High School. He stated that the enrichment programs for both summer schools were also very well attended. He commended the teachers for their work and thanked the Board for providing the programs for the students.

SUMMER
SCHOOL
UPDATE

Mrs. Cottle informed the Board that Preferred Meal Systems, Inc. conducted taste tests with student representatives attending summer school. She said that the students filled out surveys indicating the foods they enjoyed the most and she stated that it was an informative and successful experience for all participants.

Mrs. Cottle then deferred to Mr. Sufie for his report on the second reading and adoption of the recommended changes to the District Policy Manual. Mr. Sufie entertained questions from the Board. It was moved by Mr. Sufie, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the second reading and adoption of recommended changes to District Policy Manual.

DISTRICT
POLICY
MANUAL

Members voting yes: Sufie, Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Lancy, Long, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

Mrs. Cottle discussed the residency letters that were mailed to all parents and the press release that addresses fall registration which will be conducted Tuesday and Wednesday, August 12 and 13 for K-5 students at each elementary building and Tuesday, August 12 for 6th grade students, Wednesday, August 13 for 7th grade students, and Thursday, August 14 for 8th grade students at Memorial Junior High School.

Mrs. Cottle then deferred to Mr. Wood for the Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting report. Mr. Wood reviewed the progress of Phase III of the Memorial Junior High School Expansion Project. Other topics discussed were a meeting with Mayor Podgorski and Village Engineer, Jeff Pinter to discuss the Ward Street repaving project; the bid process for the hot lunch program; progress for the 10 Year Life Safety Surveys; district maintenance and custodial needs and services provided by IASB.

BUILDINGS
AND
GROUNDS
REPORT

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Mr. Handley reviewed the bidding process to award the contract for the 2008/09 School Meal Services.

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Kern to award the contract for 2008/09 School Meal Services to Preferred Meal Systems, Inc. SCHOOL MEAL SERVICES
Members voting yes: Wood, Kern, LaBella, Long, Sufie, and Wood.
Members abstaining: Lancy
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

Mr. Handley discussed breakfast and lunch prices for the 2008-09 school year. He referred to a survey of prices charged by area school districts and suggested prices of \$2.00 lunch and .40 reduced lunch and at Reavis School \$1.25 breakfast and .30 reduced breakfast. Mr. Handley then entertained questions from the Board.

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve the 2008/09 Free, Reduced, and Paid Lunch and Breakfast Prices as presented. BREAKFAST LUNCH PRICES
Members voting yes: Wood, LaBella, Kern, Lancy, Long, Sufie, and Taylor.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Wood, to set District 158 substitute teacher pay for 2008/09 school year at \$100.00 per day. SUBSTITUTE PER DIEM
Members voting yes: LaBella, Wood, Kern, Lancy, Long, Sufie, and Taylor.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Taylor to set student book fees for the 2008/09 school year as \$60.00 per student with a cap of \$180.00 for three or more students at registration; and \$75.00 and a cap of \$210.00 for three or more students after registration. BOOK FEES
Members voting yes: LaBella, Taylor, Kern, Lancy, Long, Sufie, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve the District Handbook for 2008/09 school year. DISTRICT HANDBOOK
Members voting yes: Taylor, LaBella, Kern, Lancy, Long, Sufie, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sufie, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve the Memorial Junior High School Parent/Student Handbook for 2008/09 school year. MJHS HANDBOOK
Members voting yes: Sufie, Kern, LaBella, Lancy, Long, Taylor, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve minutes of the June 11, 2008 T.F. Cooperative Board of Superintendents meeting.
Members voting yes: Kern, LaBella, Lancy, Long, Sufie, Taylor, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

MINUTES
T.F. COOP

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve the lease agreement for ECHO Joint Agreement for two CD classrooms at \$11,500 per classroom for the 2008/09 school year.
Members voting yes: Taylor, LaBella, Kern, Lancy, Long, Sufie, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

ECHO
CLASSROOM
LEASE

Moved by Mr. Wood, 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 to conduct the semiannual review of closed session minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 (SILCS 120/2[C][21]).
Members voting yes: Wood, LaBella, Kern, 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 9:08 p.m.

RECONVENE
MEETING

Moved by Mr. Sufie, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve the resignation of Heather Heilman as Coolidge Elementary School Nurse effective June 24, 2008.
Members voting yes: Sufie, Lancy, Kern, LaBella, Long, Taylor, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

RESIGNATION
HEATHER
HEILMAN

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the resignation of Tracey Kaplan as Memorial Junior High School Math teacher effective June 26, 2008.
Members voting yes: Lancy, Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Long, Sufie, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

RESIGNATION
TRACEY
KAPLAN

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve the resignation of Matthew Wallek as Memorial Junior High School Physical Education teacher effective June 30, 2008.
Members voting yes: Taylor, LaBella, Kern, Lancy, Long, Sufie, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

RESIGNATION
MATTHEW
WALLEK

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Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve an employment contract for Melanie Summers as Coolidge Elementary 2nd Grade Teacher at a salary of \$33,250.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
MELANIE
SUMMERS

Moved by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve an employment contract for Melissa Obszanski as Coolidge Elementary School 3rd Grade Teacher at a salary of \$33,250.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
MELISSA
OBSZANSKI

Moved by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve an employment contract for Lindita Hasko as Memorial Junior High School 7th Grade Science Teacher at a salary of \$33,250.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
LINDITA
HASKO

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve an employment contract for Tejal Patel as an ESL Teacher District Wide at a salary of \$33,250.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
TEJAL PATEL

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve an employment contract for Sheri Demy as a teacher at Oak Glen Elementary School at a salary of \$33,250.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
SHERI DEMY

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Long, to approve an employment contract for LaDarrah McKenzie as Memorial Junior High School Reading Special Education Teacher at a salary of \$33,250.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
LaDARRAH
McKENZIE

Moved by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve an employment contract for Gus Padraza as Memorial Junior High School Physical Education Teacher at a salary of 38,000.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
GUS PADRAZA

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Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve employment of Linda Ehlebracht as Assistant Principal/Teacher at Lester Crawl Primary Center. Members voting yes: Kern, Lancy, Long, and Wood. Members voting no: LaBella, Sufie, and Taylor. Motion carried.

REASSIGNMENT
LINDA
EHLEBRACHT

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Kern, to maintain the closed session minutes of January 16, 2008, February 20, 2008, March 11, 2008, March 19, 2008, April 16, 2008, and May 21, 2008 as well as the closed session minutes as per the attached list, as closed to the public. Members voting yes: Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Lancy, Long, Sufie, and Wood. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

CLOSED
SESSION

Mr. Wood discussed with the Board the need for new and/or used equipment for the maintenance and custodial departments. He also discussed the additional items that will need to be bid in order to complete the Memorial Junior High School Expansion Project. It was the consensus of the Board to bid the appropriate items and purchase the necessary maintenance equipment at the best price.

Mrs. Cottle informed the Board the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Whole and a Budget Review meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

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 9:26 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary