

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
SCHOOL DISTRICT 158, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 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.
Absent: None.

ROLL CALL

Also present: V. Cottle, D. Handley, P. Schumaker and G. Tengstrand.

Visitors: R. Zimbelman, K. Morley, R. Svenener, R. Miller, S. Juracka,
C. Heiberger, J. Trevino, M. Williams, L. Blomquist, B. Maricich,
D. Kostopoulos, P. Czapkowicz, M. Bogner, D. Fazekas.

VISITORS

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve minutes of
July 16, 2008 regular District 158 Board of Education meeting.
Members voting yes: Lancy, Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Long, Sufie, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

MINUTES
7/16/08

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve minutes of the
closed session of July 16, 2008 regular District 158 Board of Education meeting.
Members voting yes: Kern, Taylor, LaBella, Lancy, Long, Sufie, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

CLOSED
SESSION
7/16/08

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve minutes of the
Building and Grounds Committee of the Whole meeting of August 5, 2008.
Members voting yes: Taylor, Lancy, Kern, LaBella, Long, Sufie, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

BUILDING &
GROUNDS
COM. OF THE
WHOLE
8/5/08

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve minutes of the
closed session of the Building and Grounds Committee of the Whole meeting of
August 5, 2008.
Members voting yes: Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Lancy, Long, Sufie, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

CLOSED
BLDG. & GRDS.
COM. OF THE
WHOLE
8/5/08

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve the payment
of bills in the following amounts:
Education Fund Expenditures - \$673,408.54, Total
T. F. Cooperative Fund Expenditures - \$14,510.36, Total
Operations & Maintenance Fund Expenditures - \$74,382.95, Total
Transportation Fund Expenditures - \$18,028.44, Total
Capital Projects Fund Expenditures - \$781,822.67, Total
Tort Liability Fund Expenditures - \$14,105.10, Total

BILLS

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Grand Total - \$1,576,258.06

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

Secretary Wood read the following correspondence: thank you letters from B. Kelly Family, letters of resignation from J. Garcia, Literature teacher Memorial Junior High School, R. Beymer, District 158 School Nurse, P. Schneider, LRC Aide, Memorial Junior High School, L. DenHartog and L. Louisville, Playground Supervisors, Reavis School; a letter from K. Forsyth regarding her Family Medical Leave and a letter of retirement from V. Cottle.

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.

Superintendent Cottle deferred to Mr. Juracka for his presentation of the summer school program at Coolidge Elementary School. Mr. Juracka thanked the Board for offering the program and shared a power point presentation of the activities held.

Mrs. Cottle briefly commented that registration had gone smoothly at all schools and stated that the discount offered increased enrollment during registration. Mr. Schumaker reported that classes were still below the recommended class size guidelines, however, enrollment is being closely monitored on a daily basis. He explained that new students were registering daily and then compared enrollment for the 2008-09 school year with past years' enrollment. Mr. Schumaker also explained how additional students would be accommodated if enrollment continues to increase.

Mrs. Cottle invited board members to attend the open houses scheduled as follows: Memorial Junior High School, September 3, 2008; Reavis Elementary, September 4, 2008; Oak Glen Elementary, September 11; Coolidge Elementary, September 18; and Lester Crawl Primary Center, September 25; all open houses will be from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Cottle then deferred to Mr. Wood for his report on the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Whole meeting. Mr. Wood reported that the summer maintenance projects went well and are 80% completed with the remaining work to be completed before school begins. Also discussed were specifications for the scissor lift to be purchased for the maintenance department, and the progress of Phase III with the project completion date of March 23, 2009 still on target. Mr. Wood also reported that Mr. Handley presented his report on the tentative 2008/09 District 158 Budget stating that the tentative budget will be placed on file at the Administrative Center for 30 days beginning August 14, 2008.

BUILDINGS
AND GROUNDS
REPORT

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Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Lancy, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Administration and Jacobs, Machiejewski and Associates Architects to award the alternate bid #1 for EXCAVATION, BACKFILLING, HAULING, GRADING to Witech Co., Inc. in the amount of \$25,455.00.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

ALTERNATE
BID PKG. #3
EXCAVATION
BACKFILLING,
HAULING
GRADING

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Kern, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Administration and Jacobs, Machiejewski and Associates Architects to award alternate bid #2 for PAVING to American Asphalt, in the amount of \$55,899.60.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

ALTERNATE
BID PKG. #4
PAVING

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Sufie, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Administration and Jacobs, Machiejewski and Associates Architects to award alternate bid #3 for POURED-IN-PLACE CONCRETE to Concrete by Wagner, in the amount of \$13,015.00.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried

ALTERNATE
BID PKG. #5
POURED-IN-
PLACE
CONCRETE

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve minutes of July 10, 2008 T.F. Cooperative Board of Superintendents' meeting.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

T.F. COOP.
MINUTES
7/10/08

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the Memorial Junior High School Band and Choir Spring Tour as presented.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

MJHS
BAND &
CHOIR TOUR

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Kern, to go into closed session to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.

Members voting yes: Taylor, Kern, 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 8:38 p.m.

RECONVENE
MEETING

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Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve with regret the retirement of Veronda Cottle as Lansing School District #158 Superintendent of Schools effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.
Members voting yes: Wood, Lancy, Kern, LaBella, Long, Sufie, and Taylor.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

RETIREMENT
VERONDA
COTTLE

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve an employment contract for Mary Baltrus as Lansing School District 158 district nurse effective August 25, 2008.
Members voting yes: Wood, Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Lancy, Long, and Sufie.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
MARY
BALTRUS

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the resignation of Janice Garica Nuzzo as Memorial Junior High School seventh grade literature teacher effective July 14, 2008.
Members voting yes: Wood, Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Lancy, Long, and Sufie.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

RESIGNATION
JANICE GARCIA

Moved Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve the resignation of Peggy Schneider as Memorial Junior High School LRC aide effective July 24, 2008.
Members voting yes: Wood, Lancy, Kern, LaBella, Long, Sufie, and Taylor.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

RESIGNATION
PEGGY
SCHNEIDER

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve Family Medical Leave of Oak Glen Elementary School Teacher, Kimberly Forsyth, effective November 3, 2008 through January 16, 2009.
Members voting yes: Wood, Kern, LaBella, Lancy, Long, Sufie, and Taylor.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

FAMILY
MEDICAL
KIMBERLY
FORSYTH

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve an employment contract for Brittany Van Hecke as Memorial Junior High School Language Arts Teacher at a salary of \$33,250.
Members voting yes: Kern, Taylor, LaBella, Lancy, Long, Sufie, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
BRITTANY
VAN HECKE

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve an employment contract for Linda Rayappan as Memorial Junior High School Mission Math Teacher at a salary of \$33,250.
Members voting yes: Taylor, Lancy, Kern, LaBella, Long, Sufie, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
LINDA
RAYAPPAN

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Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve an employment contract for Heather Caudill as District 158 Memorial Junior High School Mission Literacy Teacher at a salary of \$34,250.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
HEATHER
CAUDILL

No action taken on the employment of Amy Pleasant as District 158 Paraprofessional.

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the resignation of Robin Beymer as Lansing School District 158 District Nurse, effective July 16, 2008.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

RESIGNATION
ROBIN BEYMER

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve the resignation of Reavis Elementary School Playground Supervisor, Lisa DenHartog, effective immediately.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

RESIGNATION
LISA
DEN HARTOG

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Long, to approve the resignation of Reavis Elementary School Playground Supervisor, Latoya Louisville, effective immediately.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

RESIGNATION
LATOYA
LOUISVILLE

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve an employment contract for Sandra Pietruszka as Coolidge Elementary School nurse effective August 25, 2008.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
SANDRA
PIETRUSZKA

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve employment of Michelle Newcomb as Oak Glen Elementary School Playground Supervisor, effective August 27, 2008.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
MICHELLE
NEWCOMB

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Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded Mr. Lancy, to approve employment of Laura Bernas as Oak Glen Elementary School Playground Supervisor, effective August 27, 2008.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
LAURA BERNAS

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve employment of Julie James as Coolidge Elementary School Playground Supervisor, effective August 27, 2008.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
JULIE JAMES

Superintendent Cottle reminded the Board of the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for September 9, 2008.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. LaBella suggested that all Principals go back to their buildings and let their teachers know how much Mrs. Cottle has always supported them.

There being no further business before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to adjourn the regular meeting of the District 158 Board of Education meeting at 8:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary