

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
SCHOOL DISTRICT 158, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 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, C. Taylor and R. Wood. Absent: P. Leach.

ROLL CALL

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

Visitors: Dave Fortin, Steve Juracka, Rick Miller, Rachel Hersom, Toni DeGairue, Margaret Williams, Sally Reynolds, Debra Fazekas, Barb Maricich, Kim Morley, Linda Blomquist, Robert Zimbelman, Robert Svencner.

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

MINUTES
12-19-2007

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the payment of bills in the following amounts:
Education Fund Expenditures - \$1,182,827.26, Total
Tort Immunity Fund Expenditures - \$13,765.32, Total
T. F. Cooperative Fund Expenditures - \$43,998.99, Total
Operations & Maintenance Fund Expenditures - \$84,231.87, Total
Transportation Fund Expenditures - \$45,047.08, Total
Site & Construction/Capital Improvement Fund Expenditures - \$883,325.96
Grand Total - \$2,253,196.48
Members voting yes: Kern, Taylor, LaBella, Lancy, Long, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion Carried.

BILLS

Secretary Wood read the following correspondence: thank you from Sharon Morris; Family Medical Leave request from Cheryl Barbaro, Oak Glen Teacher; Letter of resignation from Patricia Leach, Lansing School District 158 Board Member.

CORRESPONDENCE

President Long asked for questions or comments from the audience.

Rachel Hersom addressed the Board regarding the safety and discipline of children at Memorial Junior High School. President Long encouraged her to meet with the Principal and if further assistance was needed to telephone the Superintendent. Mrs. Cottle also advised her to contact the Principal and that she would be available for further assistance if needed.

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

Mrs. Cottle discussed the successful transition of the seventh grade students and teachers to their new community. She also commented that all students were enjoying the new LRC and that block subjects and Special Education classrooms were also moved to their new locations. She informed the Board that teachers came in voluntarily over winter break to get their classrooms reading and complemented the faculty, administrators and maintenance crew on the successful move.

Mrs. Cottle deferred to Mr. Schumaker for his report on the District Improvement Plan. Mr. Schumaker updated the Board on the state required revision to the District Improvement Plan based on the district's students with disabilities ISAT scores.

DISTRICT
IMPROVEMENT
PLAN

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve submission of the revised District Improvement Plan.
Members voting yes: Lancy, Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Long, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve the Memorial Junior High School eighth grade class trip.
Members voting yes: Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Lancy, Long, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

EIGHTH GRADE
CLASS TRIP

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve minutes of the December 13, 2007 T.F. Cooperative Board of Superintendents meeting.
Members voting yes: Wood, Kern, LaBella, Lancy, Long, and Taylor.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

MINUTES
COOPERATIVE
12-13-07

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve Family Medical Leave of Oak Glen School Teacher, Cheryl Barbaro effective January 25, 2008 through June 10, 2008.
Members voting yes: Lancy, Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Long, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

FAMILY MEDICAL

Mrs. Cottle discussed the District science fairs. The Memorial Junior High School science fair will be held on February 2, 2008. The elementary school science fair will be held at Coolidge School on February 9, 2008. Mrs. Cottle also discussed the collaboration with Memorial Junior High School and the district elementary schools to provide for the continuation of the Area Science Fair.

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Moved by Mr. Taylor seconded by Mr. Kern, to go into closed session to conduct the semiannual review of closed session minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 (SILCS 120/2[C][21]), to address pending litigation and to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.
Members voting yes: Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Lancy, Long, 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 9:02 p.m.

RECONVENE
MEETING

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to maintain the closed session minutes of January 17, 2007, February 21, 2007, March 21, 2007, April 18, 2007, and May 15, 2007, as well as the closed session minutes as per the attached list, as closed to the public.
Members voting yes: Lancy, Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Long, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

Mrs. Cottle reminded the board of the upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for February 12, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

The Board directed Mrs. Cottle to publicly announce the vacancy and request that interested parties submit letters of intent no later than February 6, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. The Board agreed that interviews will be held February 12, 2008.

Mrs. Cottle informed the Board that Mr. Stookey was home and doing very well. He is making progress with his speech as well as hand and arm coordination.

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 9:16 p.m.
Members voting yes: Kern, Taylor, LaBella, Lancy, Long, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary