

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
SCHOOL DISTRICT 158, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2009, 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: none
Also present: V. Cottle, D. Handley, P. Schumaker and G. Tengstrand.

ROLL CALL

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve minutes of the January 21, 2009 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
1-21-09

Moved by Mr. Sufie, seconded by Mr. Lancy to approve minutes of the closed session of January 21, 2009 regular District 158 Board of Education meeting. Members voting yes: Sufie, Kern, Lancy, LaBella, Long, Taylor, and Wood. Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

CLOSED
SESSION
1-21-09

Moved by Mr. Sufie, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve minutes of the February 2, 2009 Special Committee of the Whole meeting. Members voting yes: Sufie, Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Lancy, Long, and Wood. Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

SPECIAL
COM. OF THE
WHOLE
2-2-09

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sufie, to approve minutes of the closed session of February 2, 2009 Special Committee of the Whole meeting. Members voting yes: Kern, Sufie, LaBella, Lancy, Long, Taylor, and Wood. Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

SPECIAL COM.
OF THE WHOLE
CLOSED
SESSION
2-2-09

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve minutes of the February 17, 2009 Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Whole meeting. Members voting yes: Lancy, Wood, Kern, LaBella, Long, and Taylor. Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

BUILDING &
GROUNDS
COM. OF THE
WHOLE
2-17-09

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the payment of bills in the following amounts:
Education Fund Expenditures - \$1,055,783.71, Total
T.F. Cooperative Fund Expenditures - \$56,270.28, Total
Special Education Fund - \$179,623.61, Total
Operations & Maintenance Fund Expenditures - \$108,835.36, Total
Transportation Fund Expenditures - \$99,185.74, Total
Capital Projects Expenditures - \$545,201.39

BILLS

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Tort Liability Fund Expenditures - \$21,602.82, Total

Grand Total - \$2,066,502.91

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

Secretary Wood read the following correspondence: resignation letter from George Apostolakis, Reavis Custodian; Retirement Letters from Barbara DeYoung, Toni DeLaurentis, and Bonnie Watson; and Parental Leave for Dawn Kostopolous.

CORRESPONDENCE

President Long asked for questions or comments from the audience. There were none.

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

Mrs. Cottle reported on the Superintendent's Advisory Committee Meeting held January 26, 2009. Items discussed with the committee included a update on the Memorial Junior High School Expansion project and plans being made for the Dedication Ceremony and the Family Learning Celebration to be held on April 2, 2009. She explained that the committee also heard reports from Memorial Junior High School Assistant Principals, Linda Blomquist and Coolidge Elementary Assistant Principal, Dave Kostopoulos who reported on the discipline plans in place at all three elementary schools. Other topics discussed were the Memorial Junior High School Science Fair and the combined elementary science fair. Mrs. Cottle thanked the board members for serving as judges at both of these successful events and announced that the Area Science Fair will be held on February 28, 2009 at Memorial Junior High School. The 50th Anniversary of the Lansing Area Science Fair will be celebrated this year. Mrs. Cottle also reported on the elementary spelling bee which was held on February 5, 2009 and also on the Beginning Band Concert held on February 11, 2009.

Mrs. Cottle then deferred to Mr. Wood for his report on the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 17, 2009. Mr. Wood reported that the committee reviewed the progress of Phase III of the Memorial Junior High School Expansion Project completed per each bid package and stated that we are within three weeks of the targeted substantial completion date. Mr. Wood also reported the bids received for the track/playground paving at Memorial Junior High School were reviewed and that it was the consensus of the Committee to recommend Matthew Paving be awarded the contract as the lowest qualified bidder. Mr. Wood explained that four proposals were received for the landscaping planned for the front of Memorial Junior High School as part of Phase III of the expansion project. The committee agreed that more information was needed and that this item should be tabled. Mr. Wood also reported on the recommended approach for the Ten Year Life Safety work. He explained how this process could be used as a strategic planning tool for future building improvements and a district wide survey could be conducted to solicit feedback.

BUILDINGS &
GROUNDS
COMMITTEE
OF THE WHOLE

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Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Kern, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Administration and Jacobs, Maciejewski and Associates Architects to award the bid for Memorial Junior High School Phase III track/playground paving to the lowest qualified bidder, Matthew Paving, in the amount of \$126,355.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

MJHS
PHASE III
TRACK/
PLAYGROUND

The contract for Memorial Junior High School Phase III landscaping was tabled for further information.

Mrs. Cottle deferred to Mr. Schumaker who reported on plans for the 2008-2009 Summer School Program.

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve Summer School for the 2008-2009 school year.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

SUMMER
SCHOOL
2008/09

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve minutes of January 15, 2009 T.F. Cooperative Board of Superintendents' meeting.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

T.F. COOP.
MINUTES
1-15-09

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

Members voting yes: Taylor, 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 8:57 p.m.

RECONVENE
MEETING

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve the resignation of Reavis Elementary custodian, George Apostolakis, effective Friday, February 27, 2009.

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

RESIGNATION
GEORGE
APOSTOLAKIS

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve the retirement of Barbara DeYoung as Oak Glen Elementary School second grade teacher, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

RETIREMENT
BARBARA
DE YOUNG

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Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve the retirement of Toni DeLaurentis as Oak Glen Elementary School fourth grade teacher, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

RETIREMENT
TONI
DE LAURENTIS

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded begrudgingly by Mr. Sufie, to approve the Retirement of Bonnie Watson as Reavis Elementary School second grade teacher, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

RETIREMENT
BONNIE WATSON

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve Parental Leave for Coolidge Elementary School fifth grade teacher Dawn Kostopoulos, effective May 26, 2009 through January 21, 2010.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

PARENTAL
LEAVE
DAWN
KOSTOPOULOS

Moved by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve an employment Contract for Cecilia Heiberger as Associate Superintendent for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
ASSOCIATE
SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Kern commented on the enthusiasm of the parents and staff at the Spelling Bee.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Cottle stated that the date for the next Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Whole meeting is March 12, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Cottle also informed the Board that the Curriculum Meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

Mrs. Cottle congratulated Mrs. Heiberger on her appointment followed by a round of applause from the audience and board members.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to adjourn the regular meeting of District 158 Board of Education at 9:07 p.m.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary