

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 158, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010, 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: Bonifazi, Kern, LaBella, Long, Sufie, and Wood.  
Members absent: Taylor.  
Also present: C. Heiberger, P. Schumaker and G. Tengstrand.

ROLL CALL

David Lesak, Robert Svencner, Kim Morley, Linda Blomquist, David Allie, Nicole Robinson, Robert Zimbelman, Robert Meyer, Linda Ehlebracht, Rick Miller, Margaret Williams, Sally Reynolds, Melanie Woods-Simmons, Sharon Morris, Paul Czaphowicz, Dona Hays-Smith, Kristen Buehler, Nancy Hoeksema, Carol Wachala, Michael Wachala, Rick Seymour.

VISITORS

Moved by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Sufie, to approve the revised agenda as presented.  
Members voting yes: LaBella, Sufie, Bonifazi, Kern, Long, Taylor, and Wood.  
Members voting no: None.  
Motion carried.

REVISED AGENDA

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve minutes of the February 17, 2010 regular District 158 Board of Education meeting.  
Members voting yes: Kern, Sufie, LaBella, and Wood.  
Members voting no: None.  
Motion carried.

MINUTES  
2-17-2010

Mr. Taylor entered the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Moved by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Wood, to approve minutes of the closed session of February 17, 2010 regular District 158 Board of Education meeting.  
Members voting yes: LaBella, Wood, Kern, Long, Sufie, and Taylor.  
Abstain: Bonifazi.  
Member voting no: None.  
Motion carried.

CLOSED MINUTES  
2-17-2010

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Sufie, to approve minutes of the March 9, 2010 Curriculum Committee Meeting.  
Members voting yes: Wood, Sufie, Bonifazi, Kern, LaBella, Long and Taylor.  
Members voting no: None.  
Motion carried.

CURRICULUM  
MEETING  
3-9-2010

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Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve minutes of March 11, 2010 Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Whole meeting. Members voting yes: Kern, LaBella, Bonifazi, Long, Sufie, Taylor, and Wood. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

BUILDINGS AND  
GROUNDS  
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3-11-2010

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Wood, to approve the payment of bills in the following amounts:

BILLS

Education Fund Expenditures - \$1,244,449.46, Total  
T. F. Cooperative Fund Expenditures - \$38,722.20, Total  
Special Education Fund Expenditures - \$91,592.80, Total  
Operations & Maintenance Expenditures - \$113,489.11, Total  
Transportation Fund Expenditures - \$107,634.13, Total  
Capital Projects Fund Expenditures - \$30,654.75, Total  
Tort Liability Fund Expenditures - \$24,231.78, Total  
Life Safety Fund Expenditures - \$3,110.28  
Grand Total - \$1,653,884.51  
Members voting yes: Kern, Wood, Bonifazi, LaBella, Long, Sufie, and Taylor.  
Members voting no: None.  
Motion carried.

Secretary Wood read the following correspondence: letters of resignation from Olivia Cendejas, Memorial Junior High School seventh grade teacher; Debra Fazekas, Director of Special Education; Stephanie Newman, Lester Crawl Primary Center paraprofessional; and Robert Zimbelman, Principal, Memorial Junior High School; parental leave for Katie Larson, Oak Glen third grade teacher; and thank you letters from Jennifer Costa, Reavis School Special Education Teacher and Amy DelGatto, Coolidge School kindergarten teacher.

CORRESPONDENCE

President Long asked for questions or comments from the audience. Mr. Rick Seymour and Mrs. Sally Reynolds addressed the Board regarding the success of the Lansing Roundball Classic 2010 which was held in February at Memorial Junior High School. A check for \$2,361.18 was presented at the February Village Board Meeting and donated to the Lansing Food Pantry. Mr. Seymour thanked everyone in the community and schools for their hard work to make this event successful. Mr. Seymour and Mrs. Reynolds presented the Board with medals.

COMMENTS/  
QUESTIONS

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

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Mrs. Heiberger deferred to Mr. Allie, Band Director, Memorial Junior High School to discuss plans for the IGSMa District Organization Band and Choir Contest to be held at Memorial Junior High School on March 20, 2010. Mr. Allie reported that all measures have been taken to secure the safety of the children and the building

IGSMa  
PRESENTATION  
BY MR. ALLIE

Mrs. Heiberger then deferred to Mrs. Morley-Hogan who updated the board on the Area Science Fair held on Saturday, February 27, 2010. Mrs. Morley-Hogan thanked the co-chairs Kathy Podgorski, Allison Robilotta and the judges who helped make the day successful. Mrs. Morley-Hogan congratulated the 11 District 158 students out of 15 who won Best of Fair.

AREA SCIENCE  
FAIR UPDATE

Mrs. Heiberger then deferred to Mr. Svencner who reported on Memorial Junior High School boys and girls volleyball teams. Mr. Svencner reported that the eighth grade girls will play Saturday, March 20, 2010 at the State Tournament in Mendota. The seventh grade girls lost in the State Tournament to Coal City, 25-20, 25-11. Both girls teams were Regional and Sectional champions. Mr. Svencner also reported that the boys volleyball teams have performed admirably. The seventh grade boys took second place in the SSJHSA Tournament with the eighth grade boys taking third place.

VOLLEYBALL  
UPDATE

Mrs. Heiberger reported that there have been technical problems with the parent portals. Mr. Schumaker and Mr. Lesak have been working with the contracted company and the system is currently up and running. We will continue to monitor the system to insure that our parent's have access.

Mrs. Heiberger then deferred to Mr. Bonifazi, Curriculum Committee Chairman. Mr. Bonifazi commended the enthusiasm and thoroughness of the presentations by the teachers. Mr. Bonifazi then deferred to Mr. Schumaker. Mr. Schumaker reported that teachers from the Social Studies department presented Glencoe's American Journey Textbook Series for Grades 6-8 to the committee. Time Life will continually provide updates free of charge in order to keep the series current. Mr. Schumaker also reported on the Scott Foresman Reading Street Series for grades K-5. He stated that a pilot of the program has been in progress in grades K, 1, 3 and 4 since January and that teachers from the pilot group gave positive reports to the committee.

CURRICULUM  
COMMITTEE

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Moved by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve the adoption of Glencoe's American Journey Textbook Series for Grades 6-8 at Memorial Junior High School.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion Carried.

ADOPTION  
SOCIAL STUDIES

Moved by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Bonifazi, to approve the adoption of Scott Foresman Reading Street Series for Grades K-5.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

ADOPTION  
READING SERIES

Mrs. Heiberger then deferred to Mr. Wood for his report on the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Whole meeting. Mr. Wood updated the Board on the specifications and schedule for electrical upgrades to Lester Crawl Primary Center. The bid openings will occur on April 8, 2010 and the bids will be reviewed at the April 14, 2010 Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting for consideration at the April 21, Board Meeting. Mr. Wood also updated the board on the continuing discussion of strategic planning to address the district's building needs. Mr. Wood also discussed the district's need to upgrade the lawn mowing equipment. Mr. Wood addressed the district's need to add one additional special education classroom to accommodate the increase in special education students needs. Mr. Wood informed the board that our special education enrollment indicates the need to keep the paraprofessionals in place and also the reading program paraprofessionals as they are an integral part of the districts reading instruction. A discussion was also held regarding a memorial plaque in honor of Mr. Carl Lancy. The presentation of the memorial plaque will take place at the Spring Concert scheduled for May 20, 2010 at Memorial Junior High School.

BUILDINGS AND  
GROUNDS

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve the JMA Architectural services contract for Lester Crawl Primary Center electrical upgrades.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

CONTRACT  
LESTER CRAWL  
ELECTRICAL  
UPGRADES

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve the JMA Architectural services contracts for Lansing Elementary School District #158 strategic planning for renovations of K-5 facilities.

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

Members voting no: Sufie.

Motion carried.

CONTRACT  
K-5 FACILITIES  
RENOVATIONS

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Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve minutes of the February 11, 2010 T.F. Cooperative Board of Superintendents meeting. Members voting yes: Kern, Taylor, Bonifazi, LaBella, Long, Sufie, and Wood. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

T.F. COOPERATIVE  
MINUTES  
2-11-2010

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, Bonifazi, Kern, Long, Sufie, and Wood. Member 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 8:48 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Sufie, to approve the resignation of Olivia Cendejas, Memorial Junior High School Seventh Grade Teacher, effective June 16, 2010. Members voting yes: Wood, Sufie, Bonifazi, Kern, LaBella, Long, and Taylor. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION  
OLIVIA CENDEJAS

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Bonifazi, to approve the resignation of Debra Fazekas, Lansing Elementary School District Special Education Director effective June 30, 2010. Members voting yes: Taylor, Bonifazi, Kern, LaBella, Long, Sufie, and Wood. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION  
DEBRA FAZEKAS

Moved by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Sufie, to approve the resignation of Robert Zimbelman, Memorial Junior High School Principal, effective June 30, 2010. Members voting yes: LaBella, Sufie, Bonifazi, Kern, Long, Taylor, and Wood. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION  
ROBERT  
ZIMBELMAN

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the resignation of Stephanie Newman, special education paraprofessional, effective June 16, 2010. Members voting yes: Kern, Taylor, Bonifazi, LaBella, Long, Sufie and Wood. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION  
STEPHANIE  
NEWMAN

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Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Sufie, to approve the resolution authorizing Dismissal and Non-renewal of Non Final Year Probationary Teachers, effective June 16, 2010.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION  
DISMISSAL AND  
NON-RENEWAL  
OF NON FINAL  
YEAR TEACHERS

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Bonifazi, to approve the Family Medical Leave of Oak Glen Elementary School third grade teacher Katie Larson effective August 30<sup>th</sup> through October 29, 2010.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

FAMILY MEDICAL  
LEAVE  
KATIE LARSON

Mrs. Heiberger reminded the Board of the Spelling Bee at Oak Glen School to be held on March 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Heiberger also reminded the Board of the April 8, 2010, bid opening at 11:00 a.m. and the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Whole meeting on April 14, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Heiberger informed the Board that Mr. Handley would be returning on April 12, 2010.

MISCELLANEOUS

There being no further business before the board it was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Sufie to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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President

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Secretary