

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

ROLL CALL

Visitors: Dave Fortin, Rick Miller, Linda Ehlebracht, Margaret Williams, Ceal Heiberger, Paul Czaphowicz, David Kostopoulos, Kim Morley, Robert Svencner, Linda Blomquist, Robert Zimbelman, Jamie Trevino, Barbara Maricich, and Debra Fazekas.

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve minutes of the February 18, 2009 regular District 158 Board of Education meeting. Members voting yes: Lancy, Kern, LaBella, Long, Sufie, and Wood. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

MINUTES
2-18-09

Moved by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve minutes of closed session of the February 18, 2009 District 158 Board of Education meeting. Members voting yes: LaBella, Lancy, Kern, Long, Sufie, and Wood. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

CLOSED
MINUTES
2-18-09

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Sufie, to approve minutes of the March 4, 2009 Curriculum Committee meeting. Members voting yes: Lancy, Sufie, Kern, LaBella, Long, and Wood. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

CURRICULUM
COMMITTEE
MEETING
3-4-09

Moved by Mr. Sufie, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve minutes of the March 12, 2009 Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Whole meeting. Members voting yes: Sufie, Lancy, Kern, LaBella, Long, and Wood. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

BUILDINGS &
GROUNDS
COMMITTEE
OF THE WHOLE
3-12-09

Mr. Taylor entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve the payment of bills in the following amounts:
Education Fund Expenditures - \$1,175,896.47, Total
T. F. Cooperative Fund Expenditures - \$54,439.29 Total
Operations & Maintenance Fund Expenditures - \$217,005.00, Total
Transportation Fund Expenditures - \$111,278.20, Total
Capital Projects Fund Expenditures - \$708,956.27

BILLS

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Tort Liability Fund Expenditures - \$20,137.60

Grand Total - \$2,287,712.82

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

Secretary Wood read the following correspondence: thank you letter from the Thornton Fractional Cooperative, letter of resignation from Mary Imran, science teacher, Memorial Junior High School. 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 announced that Reavis Elementary School was recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education as a 2008 Illinois Spotlight School. She explained that the Spotlight award recognizes high poverty schools where academic performance is closing the achievement gap. Mrs. Cottle and President Long then presented the award to Mrs. Williams, Reavis Elementary School Principal who then received congratulations from the Board and audience. MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Cottle congratulated the students who received the Best of Fair awards at the Area Science Fair. Mrs. Cottle also thanked the Board Members for judging. Mr. Wood commented on the wide range of students who received Best of Fair. Mr. Sufie was also taken back with the students and their presentations. Mr. Taylor, a finalist judge was amazed with the knowledge the students showed and also how much involvement was exhibited by the administrators and staff.

Mrs. Cottle briefed the Board on the April 2, 2009 Dedication of Memorial Junior High School starting at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Family Learning Celebration at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Cottle then deferred to Mr. Lancy, Chairman of the Curriculum Committee for his report on the March 4, 2009 Curriculum Committee Meeting. Mr. Lancy began with an overview of the proposal for Memorial Junior High School to add computer labs in the three grade level communities. He also explained how teachers would use the additional computers. Mr. Lancy then deferred to Mr. Schumaker who reviewed changes being considered for the district's elementary reading support services. Mr. Schumaker explained that the support services could be expanded to reach more of our students and paired/shared teaching between classroom and reading teachers would integrate support services with the Four Block curriculum. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

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Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the technology purchase for additional computer labs at Memorial Junior High School in the amount of \$42,354.00.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

TECHNOLOGY
PURCHASE FOR
MJHS

Mrs. Cottle then deferred to Mr. Wood, Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee for his report on the meeting held on March 12, 2009. Mr. Wood reported on the progress of Phase III of the Memorial Junior High School Expansion Project. Mr. Wood also reported that the Committee reviewed the revised landscaping design which incorporated several suggestions to reduce the cost of the original design.

BUILDINGS AND
GROUNDS COM.
OF THE WHOLE
REPORT

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Kern, to award the contract for Memorial Junior High School Phase III landscaping to Dutch Valley Landscaping, in the amount of \$43,000.00

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

MJHS
LANDSCAPING
CONTRACT

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve the amendment to Preferred Meal Systems, Inc. contract to include national summer school breakfast program.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

AMENDMENT
SUMMER SCHOOL
BREAKFAST
PROGRAM

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sufie, to approve the minutes of February 12, 2009 T.F. Cooperative Board of Superintendents meeting.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

T.F. COOPERATIVE
MINUTES
2-12-09

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve the minutes of March 12, 2009 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. COOPERATIVE
MINUTES
3-12-09

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to Ratify Notice of Dismissal and Non renewal of Non Final Year Probationary Teachers Resolution approved by the T. F. Cooperative Board of Superintendents at their regular Meeting on March 12, 2009

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

T.F. COOPERATIVE
RESOLUTION
DISMISSAL AND
NON RENEWAL OF
NON FINAL YR.
PROBATIONARY
TEACHERS

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Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to ratify Notice of Dismissal of Educational Support Personnel Resolution approved by the T. F. Cooperative Board of Superintendents at their regular meeting on March 12, 2009.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

T.F. COOPERATIVE
RESOLUTION
NOTICE OF
DISMISSAL OF ED.
SUPPORT
PERSONNEL

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

Members voting yes: Kern, Taylor, 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 8:31 p.m.

RECONVENE
MEETING

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve the resignation of Mary Imran, Memorial Junior High School Science Teacher, effective June 12, 2009.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

RESIGNATION
MARY IMRAN

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve a resolution authorizing Dismissal and Non Renewal of Non Final Year Probationary Teachers, effective June 12, 2009.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION
DISMISSAL
AND NON
RENEWAL OF
NON FINAL YR.
PROBATIONARY
TEACHERS

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. LaBella to approve a resolution authorizing Notice of Dismissal of Educational Support Personnel, effective June 12, 2009.

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

Member voting no: None.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION
NOTICE OF
DISMISSAL
OF ED. SUPPORT
PERSONNEL

Mrs. Cottle explained the need to change the Regular April School Board Meeting from the scheduled date of April 15, 2009 which falls during Spring break to April 29, 2009

DATE CHANGE
REGULAR BOARD
MEETING

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Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to change the Regular School Board meeting from Wednesday, April 15, 2009 to Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Members voting yes: Wood, Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Lancy, Long, and Sufie.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

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 the District 158 Board of Education at 8:36 p.m.
Members voting yes: Wood, Taylor, Kern, LaBella, Lancy, Long, and Sufie.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary