

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT 158, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 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, C. Lancy, S. Long, J. Sufie, C. Taylor, and R. Wood. Absent: J. LaBella. Also present: C. Heiberger, D. Handley, P. Schumaker and G. Tengstrand.

ROLL CALL

Visitors: Dave Fortin, Robert Svencner, Linda Ehlebracht, Rick Miller, Nicole Robinson, Robert Meyer, Robert Zimbelman, Barb Maricich, David Kostopoulos, Sharon Morris, Karen Kern, Paul Czapkowicz, Linda Blomquist, Margaret Williams, Sally Reynolds.

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2009 regular District 158 Board of Education meeting. Members voting yes: Lancy, Kern, Long, Sufie, Taylor, and Wood. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

MINUTES
7/15/09

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Long, to approve the minutes of the closed session of July 15, 2009 regular District 158 Board of Education meeting. Members voting yes: Taylor, Long, Kern, Lancy, Sufie and Wood. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

CLOSED
MINUTES
6/17/09

Moved by Mr. Sufie, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve the minutes of the special Committee of the Whole meeting of August 11, 2009. Members voting yes: Sufie, Lancy, Kern, Long, Taylor, and Wood. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE
OF THE
WHOLE
MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the payment of bills in the following amounts:
Education Fund Expenditures - \$882,407.41, Total
T. F. Cooperative Fund Expenditures - \$12,410.30, Total
Operations & Maintenance Fund Expenditures - \$87,356.65, Total
Transportation Fund Expenditures - \$28,162.35, Total
Capital Projects Fund Expenditures - \$126,057.44, Total
Tort Liability Fund Expenditures - \$26,240.04
Grand Total - \$1,162,634.19
Members voting yes: Kern, Taylor, Lancy, Long, Sufie, and Wood.
Members voting no: None.
Motion carried.

BILLS

Secretary Wood read the following correspondence: Thank you letter from The Brunke Family, letters of retirement from Karen Rentfro, Third Grade Teacher Coolidge School, Linda Faron, Educational Diagnostician, Sharon Thatcher, Second Grade Teacher, Coolidge School, resignation letters from Steve Juracka, Assistant Principal, Memorial Junior High School; Karen Zurawicz, Library Aide, Memorial Junior High School and thank you letter from Jean Wood.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

COMMENTS/
QUESTIONS

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

Mrs. Heiberger briefly commented that registration had gone smoothly at all Schools. She also stated that the message sent to all parents using the School Messenger had an affect on the 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 2009-10 school year with past years' enrollment. Mr. Schumaker also explained how additional students would be accommodated if enrollment continues to increase.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Heiberger invited board members to attend the Open Houses scheduled as follows: Memorial Junior High School, September 8; Coolidge Elementary, September 9; Reavis Elementary, September 10; Oak Glen Elementary, September 15; and Lester Crawl Primary Center, September 24; all Open Houses will be from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Heiberger also invited the board members to the August 28 luncheons which will be held at all buildings. She also discussed that the summer maintenance projects were being completed and that the buildings would be ready for the beginning of school.

Mr. Wood discussed the expansion of the security camera system to cover Phase III of the Memorial Junior High School Expansion Project. He also reported that there was discussion regarding the security camera systems in place at other district schools. Mr. Wood discussed the need for a storage building at Memorial Junior High School to house sports equipment. Mr. Wood also reported that Mr. Handley presented his report on the tentative 2009/10 District 158 Budget stating that the tentative budget will be placed on file at the Administrative Center for 30 days beginning August 15, 2009.

COMMITTEE
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WHOLE
MEETING
REPORT

Moved by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve minutes of the July 9, 2009 T.F. Cooperative Board of Superintendents' meeting. Members voting yes: Long, Kern, Lancy, Sufie, Taylor, and Wood. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

T.F. COOP
MINUTES
7/9/09

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, Lancy, Long, Sufie, and Wood. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

CLOSED
SESSION

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President Long declared the regular meeting of the District 158 Board of Education back in open session at 8:03 p.m.

RECONVENE
MEETING

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the retirement of Karen Rentfro, as Coolidge Elementary School Third Grade Teacher, effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

RETIREMENT
KAREN
RENTFRO

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve the retirement of Linda Faron, as Lansing School District 158 Educational Diagnostician, effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

RETIREMENT
LINDA
FARON

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the retirement of Sharon Thatcher, as Coolidge Elementary School Second Grade Teacher, effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

RETIREMENT
SHARON
THATCHER

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve the resignation of Steve Juracka as Memorial Junior High School Assistant Principal, effective August 7, 2009.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

RESIGNATION
STEVE
JURACKA

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve the resignation of Karen Zurawicz as Memorial Junior High School Library Aide, effective August 14, 2009.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

RESIGNATION
KAREN
ZURAWICZ

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve an employment contract for Robert Meyer, as Assistant Principal, Memorial Junior High School, effective July 1, 2009.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
ROBERT
MEYER

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve an employment contract for Megan Markby as Oak Glen Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher at a salary of \$38,775 effective August 27, 2009.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
MEGAN
MARKBY

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Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Long, to approve an employment contract for Julie Lain as Oak Glen Elementary School Fifth Grade Teacher at a salary of \$38,175 effective August 27, 2009.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
JULIE LAIN

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve an employment contract for Matt Cieplucha as Reavis Elementary School Fourth Grade Teacher at a salary of \$38,175 effective August 27, 2009.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
MATT
CIEPLUCHA

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Long, to approve an employment contract for Kelly Ryan as Memorial Junior High School Reading Strategies Teacher at a salary of \$34,649 effective August 27, 2009.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
KELLY RYAN

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve an employment contract for Tamara Balciunas as Elementary Specials Teacher/MJHS RTI Coach at a salary of \$34,649 effective August 27, 2009.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
TAMARA
BALCIUNAS

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve an employment contract for Laura Laughlin as Coolidge Elementary School Fifth Grade Special Education Teacher at a salary of \$41,299 effective August 27, 2009.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
LAURA
LAUGHLIN

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Kern, to approve an employment contract for Ebony Jones as Memorial Junior High School Physical Education Teacher at a salary of \$34,649 effective August 27, 2009.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
EBONY JONES

Moved by Mr. Sufie, seconded by Mrs. Long, to approve an employment contract for Tom Reeb as Memorial Junior High School Civics Teacher at a salary of \$37,399 effective August 27, 2009.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
TOM REEB

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Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Sufie, to approve an employment contract for Elizabeth Keene as Lansing School District 158 Speech/Language Pathologist at a salary of \$38,175 effective August 27, 2009.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
ELIZABETH
KEEN

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve an employment contract for Carmen Griffith as Coolidge Elementary School Nurse effective August 27, 2009.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
CARMEN
GRIFFITH

Moved by Mr. Lancy, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the employment of Sally Farrantello as Oak Glen Elementary School Paraprofessional effective August 27, 2009.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
SALLY
FIRRANTELO

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve the employment of Morgan Smith as Memorial Junior High School Paraprofessional effective August 27, 2009.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
MORGAN
SMITH

Moved by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the employment of Amanda Haddad as Coolidge Elementary School Paraprofessional effective August 27, 2009.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
AMANDA
HADDAD

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Long, to approve the employment of Elizabeth Stanger as Oak Glen Elementary School Paraprofessional effective August 27, 2009.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
ELIZABETH
STANGER

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Sufie, to approve the employment of Daniel Bultema as Lansing Elementary School District #158 custodian effective August 13, 2009.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
DANIEL
BULTEMA

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Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Long, to approve the employment of Edward Nipp as Lansing Elementary School District #158 custodian effective August 13, 2009.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
EDWARD
NIPP

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lancy, to approve the employment of Debra Orlando as Lansing Elementary School District #158 custodian effective August 13, 2009.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
DEBRA
ORLANDO

Moved by Mr. Sufie, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the employment of Maria Soto as Lansing Elementary School District #158 custodian effective August 13, 2009.

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

Members voting no: None.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT
MARIA SOTO

Mrs. Heiberger reminded the board of the 6:30 p.m. reception for new teachers at the September 16, 2009 regular board meeting. Mrs. Heiberger also reminded the board of the Chamber Golf Outing.

Mrs. Long announced that Gail Tengstrand has been nominated for the Illinois School Board Association Holly Jacks Award. The award will be given at the School Board Conference in November.

There being no further business 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 meeting at 8:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary