COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 218
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Marco Corsi, President
           Tom Kosowski, Vice-President
           Randy Heuser
           Donald Pratl
           Johnny Holmes
           Dr. John Byrne, Superintendent
           Dr. Ty Harting, Asst. Supt., Human Resources
           Mrs. Karen Hill, Secretary to the Board

ABSENT: Karen Burmeister, Secretary,
         Larry Harris

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: 31

At 7:09 p.m. Mr. Holmes moved, seconded by Mr. Kosowski to go into Closed Session to discuss Closed Meeting Minutes. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Heuser, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Corsi, Dr. Pratl, and Mr. Kosowski voting aye.

Closed Session

At 7:18 p.m. Mr. Kosowski moved, seconded by Mr. Holmes to come out of Closed Session. The motion carried with Mr. Corsi, Dr. Pratl, Mr. Kosowski, Mr. Holmes and Mr. Heuser voting aye.

Mr. Kosowski moved, seconded by Mr. Harris to approve the Consent Agenda items with the removal of the Closed Minutes (1/14/15, 1/20/15, 2/2/15, 2/4/15, and 2/5/15) to be discussed during Executive Session. The motion carried on roll call with Dr. Pratl, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Heuser, Mr. Corsi, and Mr. Kosowski voting aye.

RESOLUTIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

HAROLD L. RICHARDS HIGH SCHOOL
HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL COACH HALL OF FAME

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

Whereas, Richards High School teacher Brian Wujcik recently won selection to the Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame; and,
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Whereas, coach Wujcik earned this recognition with many noteworthy achievements including a career record of 448-319-4 (.581 win percentage), 10 conference championships, and two IHSA regional championships; and,

Whereas, coach Wujcik's teams have produced 110 all-conference players, 67 all-area first-team players, and nine all-state players; and,

Whereas, more than 80 graduates from Richards have played college baseball during coach Wujcik's tenure; and,

Whereas, coach Wujcik's contributions to the baseball program also include organizing the donation of materials and constructing the baseball stadium, widely considered one of the finest in the region, with Richards players and parents.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Education and Administration of Community High School District 218, in an effort to support and acknowledge professional excellence, offer sincerest congratulations to Brian Wujcik for his achievements and induction into the Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame, which have brought much honor to himself, his family, Richards High School, and Community High School District 218.

Adopted this 17th day of February 2015, by order of the Board of Education of Community High School District 218.

ALAN B. SHEPARD HIGH SCHOOL
ILLINOIS MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION ALL-STATE

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

Whereas, Shepard High School senior Larry Lesniak won selection to the Illinois Music Educators Association All-State Choir; and.

Whereas, Larry earned this honor through a highly competitive audition process in ILMEA District 1, which included more than 2,000 students from more than 70 schools in Chicago and the western and southern suburbs; and,

Whereas, Larry received the opportunity to perform with the All-State Choir at the Illinois Music Educators Association Festival last month.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Education and Administration of Community High School District 218, in an effort to support and acknowledge musical excellence, offer sincerest congratulations to Larry Lesniak for his achievement, which has brought much honor to himself, his family, Shepard High School and Community High School District 218.

Adopted this 17th day of February 2015, by order of the Board of Education of Community High School District 218.

Mr. Kosowski moved, seconded by Mrs. Holmes to approve the Commendations as presented. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Kosowski, Dr. Prati, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Corsi, and Mr. Heuser voting aye.
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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS
There were no comments from the public related to agenda item.

BOARD MEMBERS’ OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO THE PUBLIC
No comments were made.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
Approval of Consent Agenda continued and included the following:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Special Meeting  January 14, 2015
Board Meeting  January 20, 2015
Special Meeting  February 2, 2015
Special Meeting  February 4, 2015
Special Meeting  February 5, 2015

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS
CHSD 218
The following disbursements were presented for approval: District 218: $1,422,101.55; December Payroll, $4,479,516.37; and a Grand Total of $5,901,617.92.

MACS PAYABLES
Moraine Area Career System
Educational Total - $1,565.85

PERSONNEL LIST 2015-#2
The Personnel List consisted of four certified retirement, one certified leave of absences, six classified appointments, two classified retirement and one classified resignation. In addition, the spring stipends for Eisenhower, Richards and Shepard were presented for approval.

FINANCIAL REPORT
The financial report as of January 31, 2015 was presented to the Board of Education for their review.

Dr. Prati questioned the local tax timeline; Mr. Daley noted we are running ahead of schedule.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT
A technology report along with a recap of the technology expenses throughout the district was presented to the Board of Education for their review. No comments

STUDENT FEE REPORT
A report showing student fee comparisons with other high school districts was presented. Mr. Daley noted we typically report this in April, but presenting in February this year. Comparatively we are doing well with surrounding districts.
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STUDENT ENROLLMENT REPORT
The district student enrollment report was presented to the Board for their information review. The total district enrollment as of January 31, 2015 was 5,402 students. The individual building totals were Eisenhower, 1,699; Richards, 1,674; Shepard, 1,786; Delta Learning Center, 88; and Summit, 68 students. The Outplacement for ABS, 32; DDE, 29; and HLR, 26 was also included.

DIRECTOR OF SECURITY MONTHLY REPORT
A summary of incidents that occurred at each of the buildings was presented to the Board for their information and review.

BUSINESS MANAGER’S UPDATE
Mr. Daley submitted an update for the Board’s review and information. Issues presented included the following:
- A budget resolution
- A resolution abating a portion of the working cash fund
- Student fee report
- Tax rate objection motion
- Day Care provider
- Property taxes
- Stop arm camera system update

BUILDING MAINTENANCE REPORT
A report outlining the current projects at all of the buildings was presented to the Board for their information and review.

RICHARDS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER UPDATE
A report outlining the cost estimate and project schedule for the Schematic Design and Design Development of the Performing Arts Center addition and Interior Remodeling project at Richards.

Members from the DLA architect company presented a PowerPoint presentation about the Harold L. Richards Performing Arts Center design. The main function behind the scheme is to re-organize the building while adding 6 additional classrooms. The Board has concerns of the cost (approximately $27 million) and depth of the design development stage at this time; therefore the plans need to be put on hold until further direction from the Board and/or Superintendent.

Mr. Holmes moved, seconded by Mr. Kosowski to put the development stages of the Performing Arts Center on hold. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Holmes, Mr. Kosowski, and Mr. Corsi voting aye. Dr. Prati and Mr. Heuser voted nay.

ILLINOIS SEAL OF BILITERACY
In August 2013, Public Act 98-0590 was signed into law, providing for the establishment of the Illinois Seal of Biliteracy. According to this law, “The State Seal of Biliteracy certifies attainment of a high level of proficiency, sufficient for meaningful use in college and a career, by a graduating public high school pupil in one or more languages in addition to English”.

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Dr. Coffman was absent, Dr. Byrne presented on her behalf; this is just an informational item, but the district may request approval in the months to come. It is a certification/seal that would be added to a student’s diploma provided they meet the requirements of the law.

**MID-YEAR PROGRESS REPORT ON STUDENT WITHDRAWALS**
With the first semester completed, a status report was generated on student withdrawals for the first half of the 2014-2015 school year, indicating reasons why students left District 218. They vary from aging out, to dropping out, and to transferring out. Erroneous number data consist of students who enroll and then do not attend day 1 for various reasons.

**MID-YEAR PROGRESS REPORT ON ALEKS**
A mid-year progress report on ALEKS was presented.

**REPORT OF 9TH, 10TH AND 11TH GRADE 1ST SEMESTER EXAMS**
This report provides a comparison of this year’s common semester exam grades to the previous years’ exams for courses where common unit assessments have been in place for more than one year.

Dr. Gavin reported 71% of our courses had a “C” or higher, which we are pleased and celebrate the progress. We will continue to look for improvements to increase student achievement, such as introducing the new grant funded Saturday morning program (92 students attended week 1 & 79 student’s attended week 2.) Dr. Pratl confirmed with Dr. Gavin this is more of a comprehensive report.

**REPORT ON FIRST SEMESTER COURSE FAILURES**
This report compares the first semester failure rate of the 2014-2015 school year with that of last year. Dr. Gavin noted in light of the district grading policy implemented last year, the 2013-14 data served as a benchmark in our analysis of failures. It is encouraging to see that the number of failures has decreased at two schools.

**DAYCARE FACILITIES**
Sandbox School of Early Care and Education has been providing childcare service to the Community High School District 218 staff at the Administration Center facility since August of 2001. A solicitation in the form of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was submitted to various local childcare providers, including Sandbox, to initiate a new three-year agreement for childcare service at this location. Two responses were received, one from Sandbox and one from Penny Lane Schools.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS**
There were no committee reports.

**MOTION TO APPROVE TO SETTLE THE 2007 AND 2008 TAX RATE OBJECTION**
In November 2013, tax rate objections for tax years 2007 through 2010 were filed against the district. It is the recommendation the Board of Education authorizes the School Board attorney to settle 2007 and 2008 tax rate objection cases at a rate of .005.

Mr. Daley explained there has been very few years that we have not received a tax rate objection for a period of 2-4 year span. Discussion continued among board members, this is a process that happens in a number of surrounding districts as well.
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Mr. Heuser moved, seconded by Mr. Kosowski to approve to settle the 2007 & 2008 tax rate objection motion as presented. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Kosowski, Mr. Corsi, Mr. Holmes, and Mr. Heuser voting aye. Dr. Prati voted nay.

RESOLUTION ABATING A PORTION OF THE WORKING CASH
As part of the financing of the Board approved Capital Improvement Plan, the District sold Working Cash Bonds. The bonds were sold in the amount of $9,604,682 in November 2014 and $7,380,000 was received and placed in the Working Cash Fund.

Mrs. Kosowski moved, seconded by Mr. Corsi to pass the resolution to abate $7,380,000 of the Working Cash Fund into the Construction Fund (O&M Fund). The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Holmes, Mr. Kosowski, Mr. Corsi, Dr. Prati, and Mr. Heuser voting aye.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A PERSON TO PREPARE THE TENTATIVE BUDGET
A Resolution stating that Joseph Daley, Business Manager, be appointed to prepare a tentative budget for Community High School District 218 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 was presented to the Board for their review and approval.

Mrs. Heuser moved, seconded by Mr. Kosowski to approve the Resolution as presented appointing Mr. Joseph Daley to prepare the budget for the 2015-2016 school year. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Holmes, Mr. Kosowski, Mr. Corsi, Dr. Prati, and Mr. Heuser voting aye.

RENEWAL OF FOOD SERVICE AGREEMENT
Under the terms of existing USDA legislation, the district's contract for the management of food services is limited to one year with options to renew for up to four additional one-year periods. The original term of the district's contract was August 1, 2012, through July 31, 2013. This request is for the third renewal that would extend that agreement through July 31, 2016, covering the 2015-16 school year and summer school of 2016.

Mrs. Richardella's recommendation is to extend the contract, since we continue to be pleased with the service and value. We are bound by the 3% increase; however we will be going out to bid next school year.

Mr. Kosowski moved, seconded by Dr. Prati to approve the service contract renewal for Chartwells Dining Service for August 1, 2015 – July 31, 2016. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Corsi, Mr. Kosowski, Mr. Harris, and Dr. Prati voting aye. Mr. Heuser voted nay.

PRESS POLICY UPDATES
The following policies were presented as first reading with suggested revisions and additions as recommended by PRESS.

- 2:140 Communications To and From the Board; Rewritten
- 2:140-E Guidance for Board Member Communications, Including Email Use; Rewritten (As a safe guard, the recommendation is to blind carbon copy board members when there are group discussions via email as a safe guard.)
- 4:120 Food Services –Rewritten
- 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity & Minority Recruitment
- 5:220 Substitute Teachers
- 6:280 Grading and Promotion
- 6:300 Graduation Requirements
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➢ 7:50 School Admissions & Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
➢ 7:100 Health, Eye & Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
➢ 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students

These will be brought to the March Board meeting as a second reading and approval.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
Dr. Pratl commented it is a great honor for coach Wujcik to be selected into the Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame considering he has never won a state championship.

At 8:30 p.m. Mr. Kosowski moved, seconded by Mr. Holmes to go into Closed Session to discuss employment of a specific employee, probable litigation and closed session minutes. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Heuser, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Corsi, Dr. Pratl, and Mr. Kosowski voting aye.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:39 p.m. Mr. Kosowski moved, seconded by Mr. Holmes to come out of Closed Session. The motion carried with Mr. Corsi, Dr. Pratl, Mr. Kosowski, Mr. Holmes and Mr. Heuser voting aye.

Mr. Kosowski moved, seconded by Mr. Holmes to table the Closed Session minutes (1/14/15, 1/20/15, 2/2/15, 2/4/15 & 2/5/15) until the March board meeting. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Corsi, Mr. Heuser, Mr. Kosowski, Mr. Harris, and Dr. Pratl voting aye.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
Dr. Pratl questioned if the district would be closing school later this week due to weather conditions, the district is not anticipating a school closure at this time.

At 9:41 p.m. Mr. Kosowski moved, seconded by Mr. Heuser to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with Mr. Heuser, Mr. Kosowski, Dr. Pratl, Mr. Holmes and Mr. Corsi voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education