COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 218  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Working Meeting  
March 9, 2017

The working Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m.

**Board of Education:** Mr. Kosowski (President)-arrived late at 6:25pm, Mr. Heuser (Vice-President), Mrs. Burmeister (Secretary), Mr. Stokas, Mrs. Kats

**Absent:** Mr. Holmes, Mr. Harris

**Others Present:** Dr. Ty Harting (Superintendent), Dr. Sue Feeney (Asst. Supt), Dr. Josh Barron (Asst. Supt), Mrs. Ilsa Richardella (Business Manager), Mr. Mike Stillman (District Attorney), Mrs. Karen Hill (Secretary to the Board)

**Public Attendance:** 9

**Grading Scale Discussion**
Dr. Feeney distributed a grading scale comparison document. Administration is advocating adjusting the current grading scale to ensure students have the best opportunities to access post-secondary institutions, as well as to be in better alignment with our feeder schools and other high school districts. Next week administration will request the board to take formal action and change the grading scale to A=90-100, B=80-89, C=70-79, D=60-69, F=59 & below effective for the 2017-18 school year.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Bid #1465, Richards High School Performing Arts Center Addition and Remodeling**
Dr. Harting communicated the bids came in significantly higher than anticipated. The lowest bid was $17,711,000 and the highest bid was $19,492,500. Lou Noto from DLA noted a few errors on their part include the lack of research with the current bidding climate, scope creeping and overall the budget for this size building was not adequate. He provided options for decreasing the cost with cutting some areas of the design.

Discussion continued among board members. Mr. Stillman’s legal recommendation is to reject all bids and instruct various committees and architects to re-caucus.

Mr. Heuser moved, seconded by Mr. Stokas to reject all bids for bid #1465. Roll call vote indicated:  
**Ayes:** Kosowski, Heuser, Burmeister, Kats, Stokas  
**Nays:**

**Strategic Plan Website/CHSD 218 App**
Tim Prost navigated through the CHSD 218 website, highlighting the Strategic Plan section. He also communicated the district now has their own app available for all android and iPhones users to download.

**Formative Assessment**
Dr. Barron, Dr. Feeney and Mr. Prost reviewed the walkthrough process and demonstrated ways formative assessment is being used within the classroom.
At 7:02 p.m. Mrs. Burmeister moved, seconded by Mrs. Kats to go into closed session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation and/or performance of specific employees, discussion on pending or probable litigation on behalf of the public body, discussion on collective negotiation matters and discussion on student disciplinary case. Roll call vote indicated:
Ayes: Stokas, Burmeister, Kosowski, Kats, Heuser
Nays:

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:53 p.m. Mr. Heuser moved, seconded by Mrs. Kats to reconvene into Open Session. Roll call vote indicated:
Ayes: Heuser, Kats, Kosowski, Stokas, Burmeister
Nays:

Mr. Heuser moved, seconded by Mrs. Kats to approve the recommended ruling by the hearing officer for Student I.D. 1980594 as presented. Roll call vote indicated:
Ayes: Kosowski, Heuser, Burmeister, Kats, Stokas
Nays:

Board Member Comments/Dialogue
The board appreciated the departmental presentations last year and requested an update and/or highlights from each department in the future.

At 7:55 p.m. Mr. Heuser moved, seconded by Mrs. Kats to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:
Ayes: Stokas, Kosowski, Heuser, Burmeister, Kats
Nays:

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education