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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:  Tom Kosowski, Vice-President
          Karen Burmeister, Secretary
          Randy Heuser
          Donald Pratl
          Johnny Holmes
          Larry Harris (arrived late 7:09 p.m.)

          Dr. John Byrne, Superintendent
          Dr. Ty Harting, Asst. Supt., Human Resources
          Mrs. Karen Hill, Secretary to the Board

ABSENT:  Marco Corsi, President

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:  56

Mr. Kosowski introduced the newly elected Board of Education members in the audience, Mrs. Carol Kats & Mr. Robert Stokas.

Mr. Kosowski asked if anyone wanted to remove any of the agenda items from Consent. Dr. Pratl requested to remove 12a. Personnel List #2015-4 to Closed Session for discussion.

RESOLUTIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

HAROLD L. RICHARDS HIGH SCHOOL
SPEECH TEAM

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

Whereas, the speech team from Richards High School recently completed an outstanding season; and,

Whereas, under the leadership of head coach Sean Harrigan, speech team won the Thornridge tournament, placed second at the Aurora and South Suburban Conference tournaments, and third at the Lyons/Argo and Santaburg-Oaklaus tournaments; and,

Whereas, the Richards speech team took third place at the IHSA regional, advancing to sectionals in 9 categories; and,

Whereas, from the sectional, students Caroline Azem and Jason Mallo, Peter Forberg, and Roxanne advanced to the IHSA state finals; and,
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Whereas, Caroline Azem and Jason Mallo placed fifth in Humorous Duet Acting and Roxanne Segina took sixth in Informative Speaking at the IHSA state finals.

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 academic and artistic excellence, offer sincerest congratulations to head coach Sean Harrigan, all the assistant coaches, and speech team on their achievements, which have brought much honor to themselves, their families, Richards High School, and Community High School District 218.

Adopted this 20th day of April 2015 by order of the Board of Education of Community High School District 218.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL
SHOW CHOIR RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
Whereas, under the direction of Tina Jacklin, show choir from Eisenhower High School has enjoyed another outstanding competitive season; and

Whereas, Express won Grand Champion, the top overall prize, at the Manteno Main Event for the second straight year; and,

Whereas, Express won the special awards for Best Vocals and Best Choreography at Manteno; and,

Whereas, Deanna Stewart won Best Female Soloist at the Manteno Main Event and the Crete-Monee Spectacular; and,

Whereas, Rafael Wilson won Best Male Soloist in a Show at the Burlington Chocolate City Showcase.

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 choral director Tina Jacklin, choreographer Victor Rodriguez, and Express on their achievements, which have brought much honor to themselves, their families, Eisenhower High School, and Community High School District 218.

Adopted this 20th day of April 2015 by order of the Board of Education of Community High School District 218.

ALAN B. SHEPARD HIGH SCHOOL
ZACH HAUSER RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
Whereas, Zach Hauser, a senior at Shepard High School, recently participated in the annual Moraine Valley Community College High School Art Exhibit; and,

Whereas, judges selected Zach’s artwork for the Moraine Valley Award, one of the three top honors at the show; and,

Whereas, the MVCC exhibit draws submissions from many area high schools and thus Zach won the Moraine Valley Award in competition with hundreds of other students.
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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 artistic excellence, offer
sincerest congratulations to Zach Hauser on his achievement, which has brought much
honor to himself, his family, Shepard High School and Community High School District 218.

Adopted this 20th day of April 2015, by order of the Board of Education of Community High
School District 218.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL
BEN AGUILAR
RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
Whereas, Ben Aguilar, a senior at Eisenhower High School, recently participated in the
annual Moraine Valley Community College High School Art Exhibit; and,

Whereas, judges selected Ben’s artwork for the Best of Show Award, the prize for the piece
considering the finest at the exhibit; and,

Whereas, the MVCC exhibit draws submissions from many area high schools and thus Ben
won the Best of Show Award in competition with hundreds of other students.

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 artistic excellence, offer
sincerest congratulations to Ben Aguilar on his achievement, which has brought much
honor to himself, his family, Eisenhower High School and Community High School District 218.

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SUMMIT LEARNING CENTER
FAIRDALE
RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
Whereas, students and staff from Summit Learning Center recently went to extraordinary
lengths to assist the victims of the tornado near Fairdale, Illinois; and,

Whereas, using wash cloths donated by staff members, students Gissel Madero, Jeremy
Godlewski, Antonio Ocasio, Emerald Furlong, Nate’ Faulkner, and Tasha Pinkston created
personal care kits with shampoo, soap, toothpaste, and other essentials; and,

Whereas, staff member Paula Aggelopoulos arranged for the DoubleTree Hotel in Alsip to
donate many of the toiletries, Sewing Club sponsors Sue Szajek and Donna Scott
coordinated efforts to create the personal care kits, and Rob Soucek and Sue Szajek then
delivered the kits to the Fairdale area for distribution.

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 service to others, offer
sincere thanks to Summit students and staff for their efforts, which have brought much
honor to themselves, their families, Summit Learning Center, and Community High School
District 218.
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HAROLD L. RICHARDS HIGH SCHOOL
GROUP INTERPRETATION

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

Whereas, both the Contest Play and Group Interpretation productions from Richards High
School enjoyed tremendous success this year; and,

Whereas, the Contest Play, “dark play or stories for boys, “directed by teachers Michael
Badger and Jon Nebor, won the Illinois High School Association sectional title; and,

Whereas, the cast of “dark play or stories for boys” then won second place at the Illinois High
School Association state finals; and,

Whereas, the Group Interpretation production of “Coming Attractions,” directed by staff
members Mike Jacobson and Sean Harrigan, took second place at the IHSA sectional to
qualify for state.

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 artistic excellence, offer
sincerest congratulations to the casts and directors of the Contest Play and Group
Interpretation productions for their achievements, which have brought much honor to
themselves, their families, Richards High School and Community High School District 218.

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ALAN B. SHEPARD HIGH SCHOOL
WRESTLING-SAVANNA TARVER

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

Whereas, junior Savanna Tarver this year broke new ground with the wrestling program at
Shepard High School; and,

Whereas, in her first year competing in the sport, Savanna became the first female in school
history to earn a starting spot for the varsity wrestling team at Shepard; and,

Whereas, Savanna literally pinned her way through the state girls tournament to become the
Illinois champion in her weight class; and,

Whereas, as a result of her achievements at state, Savanna qualified for Team Illinois and
competed at the USA Wrestling Girls Folkstyle National Championships in Oklahoma City
and,

Whereas, Savanna won three matches and lost two at the national tournament, missing All-
American status by just one match and,

Whereas, Savanna helped Team Illinois place fifth in the nation at the USA Wrestling Girls
Folkstyle National Championships.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Education and Administration of Community
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sincerest congratulations to Savanna Tarver for her achievements, which have brought much
honor to herself, her family, Shepard High School and Community High School District 218.

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School District 218.

Mrs. Heuser moved, seconded Mr. Holmes to approve the commendations as presented. The
motion carried on roll call with Mr. Kosowski, Dr. Pratl, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Harris, Mrs.
Burmeister and Mr. Heuser voting aye.

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
Mr. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Holmes to approve the Consent Agenda with the
removal of the Personnel List #2015-4 to be discussed during Closed. The motion carried
on roll call with Mr. Holmes, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Burmeister, Dr. Pratl, Mr. Kosowski and Mr.
Heuser voting aye.

Approval of Consent Agenda continued and included the following:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting            March 16, 2015
Closed Meeting                   March 16, 2015
Special Meeting                  March 23, 2015

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

CHSD 218
The following disbursements were presented for approval: District 218: $2,259,215.37; March Payroll, $4,728,442.74; and a Grand Total of
$6,987,658.11.

MACS PAYABLES
Moraine Area Career System
Educational Total - $215,370.30

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

Mr. Daley gave a brief recap of the financial status thus far.

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.
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The Board questioned the purchase of additional chrome books; they were bought due to
Education Foundation requests.

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

GROUNDS CONSULTING REPORT
A grounds consulting report was presented to the Board for their review and information.

Mr. Harris requested an updated presentation from Dave Behrman and /or the district with
regards to future grounds plans be presented at an upcoming board meeting.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT REPORT
The district student enrollment report was presented to the Board for their information
review. The total district enrollment as of March 31, 2015 was 5,365 students. The individual
building totals were Eisenhower, 1,692; Richards, 1,655; Shepard, 1,780; Delta Learning
Center, 78; and Summit, 73 students. The Outplacement for ABS, 32; DDE, 28; 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:
➢ Financial Reimbursement Information System
➢ WTTO Report
➢ Student Fees
➢ City of Blue Island Modern Drop Forge TIF District Extension
➢ Monitor legislative activity in Springfield

Dr. Pratt asked for Mr. Daley’s opinion on the TIF extension, Mr. Daley’s recommendation is
to approve the TIF extension.

WORTH TOWNSHIP Treasure’s Report
Worth Township Investment/Summary Report was provided to the Board as information.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS
The following Freedom of Information Requests was received and the information was
provided within the time frame stipulated in the Illinois Freedom of Information Act.
➢ Chicago Tribune
  • All receipts for meals purchased by the school board or for the school board or
    for individual members of the school board, in the past five years.
  • All breakfast, lunch or dinner receipts purchased by the school board or for the
    school board or for individual members of the school board, in the past five
    years.
➢ Carol Kats
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- All documentation that pertains to all fees paid to PROACT for the recent
  Superintendent search resulting in the hiring of Dr. Ty Harting.
- Copies of two of your policies under General Personnel: Employee Conduct
  Standards and Participation in Political Activities

➤ Chicago Tribune
- Any purchasing policies, protocol, rules, guidelines, internal regulations or any
  other rules governing the purchase of meals for school board members
- Any purchasing policies, protocol, rules, guidelines, internal regulations or any
  other rules governing the purchase of meals for the school district.
- Any records showing school board member travel, including any records
  showing the cost of and the reason for the travel, in the past five years.
- All hotel stay records, including any records showing the cost of and reason for
  the hotel stay, for any individual member of the school board or for members of
  the school board, in the past five years.
- All records of any entertainment expenses for or by the school board or
  individual school board members, including anything showing the reason for the
  expense, in the past five years.
- All records of any gift expenses for or by the school board or individual school
  board members, including anything showing the reason for the expense, in the
  past five years.

The Board expressed their concern and frustration about the way the newspaper article
portrayed The Board of Education. Dr. Byrne shared his frustration as well and
communicated the newspaper was informed that district administrators as well as Board
members are provided meals prior to board meetings.

Mr. Kosowski requested board members review FOIA requests before they are answered.

EVALUATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IN-SERVICE
On April 7, 2015 the Superintendent’s Office hosted the annual Administrative Assistants In-
Service. This was also an Institute Day which allowed the buildings flexibility to cover the
various departments as there were no students in attendance and the teachers were in
attendance at their own Institute Day. All administrative assistants were expected to be in
attendance in order to be in compliance with the School Improvement Plan that the district
is currently working on.

Dr. Byrne gave a recap of the days activities.

EVALUATION OF INSTITUTE DAY – APRIL 7, 2015
On April 7, 2015 Richards, Eisenhower and Shepard hosted the third Institute Day for the
school year. Department meetings consumed the entire Institute Day. All in all, teachers
and administrators commented that the day was productive.

Mr. Ryan gave a recap of the day’s activities which included discussion on common unit
assessments, final exams and student growth measures.

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REFORM ACT (PERA)
A report was presented regarding The Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA) (Senate
Bill 315; Public Act 96-0861) which was passed by the Illinois General Assembly and signed
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by the Governor in January 2010. PERA provides guidelines for teacher evaluations. Specifically, the new law introduces student growth data into a teacher’s evaluation.

Dr. Byrne reminded the board all student teacher evaluations in the future will be required to include a growth component.

COMMON UNIT ASSESSMENT RESULTS: ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE
A report containing the results for the next set of second semester common unit assessments in English, mathematics, and science courses was presented to the Board as information.

Dr. Gavin gave a recap of each department’s results and noted the data does not reflect retakes.

RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION QUARTERLY REPORT
A report that displays the RtI data from January 2015 through March 2015 was presented. This was the second full year using this RtI model in which students are supported both before and after their common unit assessments at the freshmen and sophomore levels. This year, the district expanded their services to assist juniors in their math and English content courses. This model focused on Tier 2 supports, and has allowed us to examine and improve our Tier 1 or classroom level instruction. All departments are working collaboratively with the RtI teams to improve student learning.

Dr. Feeney noted the report reflects the re-teaching that is taking place and represents how positive program continues to be. It was communicated that RtI retakes and regular classroom retakes are managed in different data warehouses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS
Mr. Kosowski reported the Board has the opportunity to submit a resolution for the Illinois School Board Association Illinois Conference being held in November. The submission deadline is 6/24; Dr. Byrne’s office will send some examples for the board to review.

PROPOSAL TO ADOPT NEW TEXTBOOKS
As a result of curricular revisions, the need to replace outdated editions, or the addition of new courses, some of the Curriculum Directors and their departments have compiled a list of textbooks they would like to adopt for the 2015-16 school year.

- **Campbell Biology: Concepts & Connections**
- **America’s History**
- **The Practice of Statistics**
- **Sociology and You**
- **Cajas De Carton/The Circuit: Stories From the Life of a Migrant Child**
- **La Casa de Bernarda Alba (Coleccion Letras Hispanicas)**
- **Senderos Fronterizos: Breaking Through Spanish Edition**

Mr. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Heuser to approve the adoption of the textbook as presented. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Kosowski, Dr. Pratl, Mr. Harris, Mr. Holmes, Mrs. Burmeister, and Mr. Heuser voting aye.
PROPOSAL TO REVISE THE 2015-16 SCHOOL FACTS
School Facts contains a wide range of important information for students, parents, teachers and administrators. The board was presented with the proposed revisions for the 2015-16 edition.

Mr. Burmeister moved, seconded by Mr. Harris to approve the proposal to revise the 2015-16 School Facts as presented. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Kosowski, Dr. Pratl, Mr. Harris, Mr. Holmes, Mrs. Burmeister, and Mr. Heuser voting aye.

PROPOSAL TO DISCONTINUE THE STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE
A proposal to discontinue the student activity fee and create a technology fee was presented to the Board last month and tabled. The Board requested that the two fees be presented as separate items this meeting.

The Board questioned the reason behind eliminating this fee and Dr. Byrne reported approximately $3,000 was collected in revenue from the student activity fee last year and the hope is to encourage more student to attend activities.

Mr. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Heuser to approve the proposal to discontinue the student activity fee as presented. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Kosowski, Dr. Pratl, Mr. Harris, Mr. Holmes, Mrs. Burmeister, and Mr. Heuser voting aye.

PROPOSAL TO CREATE A TECHNOLOGY FEE
Discussion continued among Board members about the purpose of the technology fee and the ability for families to incur this cost. The technology fee will cover the maintenance and insurance fees for the 1:1 devices. Mr. Ryan noted the 1:1 initiative is not committed to next school year, however the framework is in place and the technology committee hopes to have better direction in the coming months.

Mrs. Keigher will investigate further how surrounding districts handle the fee for families in the event they are unable to sustain this cost.

Mr. Heuser moved, seconded by Mr. Holmes to table the technology fee to next month, once further direction is provided to the board. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Kosowski, Dr. Pratl, Mr. Harris, Mr. Holmes, Mrs. Burmeister, and Mr. Heuser voting aye.

APPROVAL OF EXTENSION FOR BLUE ISLAND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT
The city of Blue Island requested the support of the Board of Education to extend TIF District #2 for 12 years.

Jason Berry, Deputy Director of Community Development recapped last month he was requesting the extension of TIF #2 & TIF #3, now he is requesting the extension of TIF #2 only.

Mr. Stillman concurred with Jason Berry and advised the Board to approve the TIF extension.

Mrs. Heuser moved, seconded by Mr. Harris to approve the TIF extension for District #2 for 12 years. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Kosowski, Mr. Holmes, Dr. Pratl, and Mr. Harris voting aye. Mrs. Burmeister voted nay. Mr. Heuser abstained.
RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD BID FOR STAGE RIGGING & FLOORING REPLACEMENT AT SHEPARD & EISENHOWER HS

The Stage Rigging & Flooring Replacement Project for Shepard and Eisenhower High School hosted its bid opening on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 11:00am at the Administration Center.

Dr. Byrne gave a review on the bid process and a response why the district recommendation is to not award the bid to the lowest bidder at this time, due to the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act. The Act states that the prevailing wage company has to employ over 90% of its employees in Illinois when the unemployment rate is 5% or more. The Illinois unemployment rate was provided to the Board for their review. Dr. Byrne noted at this time, Janson Industries does not comply with the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act therefore we cannot award the bid to them. The district will defer to the 2nd best bid of Bergen Construction Corporation. Their past projects with the district consisted of uninvents and mechanicals last summer and we were satisfied with their services in the past.

Mr. Stillman’s legal opinion is to concur with Dr. Byrne’s statement that under the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act it is the district’s obligation to reject the bid of the prevailing wage shop and go with Bergen.

Mr. Heuser moved, seconded by Mr. Harris to reject the lowest bid by Janson Industries due to them not complying with the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act and to approve the 2nd best bid of Bergen Construction Corporation for $747,000. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Kosowski, Dr. Prati, Mr. Harris, Mr. Holmes, Mrs. Burmeister, and Mr. Heuser voting aye.

APPROVAL TO BID PERFORMANCE ARTS CENTER ADDITION AT RICHARDS HS AND ALTERNATES

The proposed Performing Arts Center addition would replace the existing auditorium area at Richards that is in need of both O&M and Life Safety repairs. If approved, the bids are anticipated for the first week of September and will be broken down by projects.

Mr. Holmes requested the bids and recommendations be presented in phases.

Mr. Burmeister moved, seconded by Mr. Harris to approve the proposal to go to bid for the Performing Arts Center and alternates at Harold L. Richards High School as presented. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Kosowski, Dr. Prati, Mr. Harris, Mr. Holmes, Mrs. Burmeister, and Mr. Heuser voting aye.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Dr. Prati thanked the public, administrators, teachers and Board of Education members for accommodating him over the years.

Mr. Holmes, Mr. Heuser, Mr. Harris and Mrs. Burmeister thanked Dr. Prati for his two years of service.

Mrs. Burmeister also extended a thank you Mr. Corsi.
Mr. Kosowski thanked Dr. Prati for his finance, academic and education background and most of all his friendship.

At 8:41 p.m. Mr. Burmeister moved, seconded by Mr. Harris to go into Closed Session to discuss employment of a specific employees, and probable litigation. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Harris, Mr. Heuser, Mr. Holmes, Mrs. Burmeister, Dr. Prati, and Mr. Kosowski voting aye.

CLOSED SESSION

At 10:18 p.m. Mr. Heuser moved, seconded by Dr. Prati to come out of Closed Session. The motion carried with Dr. Prati, Mrs. Burmeister, Mr. Kosowski, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Heuser, and Mr. Harris voting aye.

Dr. Prati moved, seconded by Mr. Heuser to approve the Personnel List #2015-4 as presented. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Harris, Dr. Prati, Mr. Kosowski, Mrs. Burmeister, Mr. Heuser, and Mr. Holmes voting aye.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
There were no Board member comments.

At 10:20 p.m. Dr. Prati moved, seconded by Mr. Holmes to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with Mrs. Burmeister, Mr. Heuser, Mr. Kosowski, Dr. Prati, Mr. Holmes, and Mr. Harris voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
President, Board of Education

[Signature]
Secretary, Board of Education