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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

July 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Tom Kosowski, President
Randy Heuser, Vice-President
Karen Burmeister, Secretary
Larry Harris
Carol Kats
Robert Stokas

Dr. Ty Harting, Superintendent
Mrs. Karen Hill, Secretary to the Board

ABSENT: Johnny Holmes

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: 37

RESOLUTIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

SHEPARD HIGH SCHOOL: GUINESS WORLD RECORD
Whereas, a team of athletes from Richards and Shepard high schools, Moraine Valley Community College, and Trinity Christian College recently broke the Guinness world record for a 10K relay involving 100 runners; and,

Whereas, aside from breaking a world record, the relay also served as a fund raiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society; and,

Whereas, organized by Richards graduates Dimitri Dimizas and Joe Lerner, the team started at 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 25; and,

Whereas, the team completed the 625-mile relay just after 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 26, shattering the previous record by more than eight hours; and,

Whereas, the roster of runners included Cole Akimoff, Alec Altman, Bolaji Adeoti, Jose Beltran III, Mark Bohdan, Andy Boss, Anthony Briante, Justin Briante, Bob Brickman, Diana Brickman, Matt Cabel, Kelli Callahan, Kevin Callahan, Colin Castein, John Chappetto, Jake Christiansen, Alex Clark, Brian Clark, Nicole Clark, Tom Crivellone, Jeremey Cryan, Phil Culbertson, Zach Dahleen, Brandon DeChene, Colin De Young, Dimitri Dimizas, Kevin Dusek, Zach Emanuel, Mike Evancich, Nick Fiene, Griffin Forberg, Matthew Gibson, Nathaniel Gibson, Aileen Gorman, Matt Hall, Brian Hankes, Scott Hankes, Brian Hauser, Kyle Hauser, Nicholas Heidinger, Abel Hernandez, Joey Iaquinta, Andrew Jellema, Paul Jellema, Jacob Kats, Yousef Khazneh, Lance Klingensmith, Dan Krasich, Eric Krasich, Chris Koutavas, and Kyle Kurecki; and,
Whereas, the roster of runners also included Joshua Lagosa, Chauncey Lawson-Weinert, Joey Lerner, Sarah Lerner, Daniel Lindbloom, Lauren Loomis, Josh Maier, Jason Mallo, Mike Mallon, Brian Maty, Tony McGraw, Jacob Meyer, Paul Milkus, Andrew Miller, Alejandro Montes, Angela Ochoa, David Palac, Bernardo Perea, Aleck Poradowski, Isaac Porte, Michael Potter, Landon Potts, Matthew Przeslicke, Annie Rangel, Jesus Rojas, Mike Rores, Wesley Sewell, Ashley Shares, Laura Simpson, Florian Siggemann, Charlie Sowerby, Matt Swiatkowski, Aaron Spivey, Sam Staal, Alex Szafoni, Benjamin Szafoni, Kyle VanEerden, Kevin Vroegh, Edwin Wainaina, Ryan Walt, Austin Warner, Caleb Washington, Garrett White, Connor Williams, Tony Wondaal, Adam Zahdan, Jacob Zuiker, Nicholas Zuiker, and Alex Zwick.

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 athletic excellence and service to others, offer sincerest congratulations and thanks to Dimitri Dimizas, Joe Lerner, and the team of runners for their achievements, which have brought much honor to themselves, their families, and Community High School District 218.

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

EISENHOWER: NATIONAL SPEECH & DEBATE
Whereas, Brianna Willis this year became the first student from District 218 to advance from the qualifying round and earn a bid to the National Speech and Debate Association national tournament; and,

Whereas, of the 140,000 students who competed in the qualifying tournament, just 4,000 advanced to nationals; and,

Whereas, Brianna finished 112th in the nation in Oratory and 21st in the nation in Expository Speaking at the national tournament in Dallas; and,

Whereas, Brianna, who graduated recently from Eisenhower High School and soon will begin her freshman year at Northwestern University, enjoyed a prolific career in speech and helped lead the Cardinals this year to the most successful season in program history.

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 excellence, offer sincerest congratulations to Brianna Willis for her achievements, which have brought much honor to herself, her family, Shepard High School, and Community High School District 218.

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

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS
There were no comments from the public related to agenda item.
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BOARD MEMBERS' OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO THE PUBLIC
No comments were made.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
Mr. Stokas moved, seconded by Mr. Heuser to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of personnel list 2015 #7. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Harris, Mrs. Burmeister, Mr. Stokas, Mr. Kosowski, Mrs. Kats and Mr. Heuser voting aye.

Approval of Consent Agenda continued and included the following:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting June 15, 2015
Closed Meeting June 15, 2015
Special Board Meeting July 1, 2015
Special Closed Meeting July 1, 2015

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

CHSD 218
The following disbursements were presented for approval: District 218: $3,663,452.48; June Payroll, $9,053,422.71; and a Grand Total of $12,716,875.19.

MACS PAYABLES
Moraine Area Career System
Educational Total - $269,104.97

Mrs. Kats requested the staff members in attendance at the comic con conferences to present at an upcoming board meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT
The financial report as of June 30, 2015 was presented to the Board of Education for their review.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE
A technology report along with a recap of the technology expenses throughout the district was presented to the Board of Education for their review.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT & GROUNDS CONSULTANT REPORT
A report outlining the current projects at all of the buildings & a grounds consulting report was presented to the Board for their review and information.

CONSTRUCTION SUMMER 2015 UPDATE
A report outlining the summer construction was presented to the Board for their review.

FOIA REPORT
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.

➢ SmartProcure: existing, already maintained electronic record (without copying, scanning or printing) of purchase orders dated 2015-01-30 to current
  • Purchase order number or equivalent
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- Purchase order date
- Line item details
- Line item quantity
- Line item price
- Vendor ID number, name, address, contact person and email address

➢ USC Rossier: School of Education
- List of mathematics and science textbooks used (title and publisher)
- The grade each textbook is used in
- Which version of the book is used (e.g. Illinois, National, Common Core)
- And the year the textbook was first used (e.g. 2004-05)

➢ Patricia Carr
- Copies of the following documents [or documents containing the following information] be provided to me: [issues of any form of ACT/Explore assessment, given to students coming from Calumet Public School District 132. Any and all documents that identify the documents or information as specifically as possible for the last three (3) years.

➢ Schiff Hardin
- Public records since August 1, 2013 sufficient to show the number of CHSD 218 students who have been (1) notified that the school district is seeking suspension, (2) suspended (including the number of times and days suspended), (3) notified that the school district is seeking expulsion, (4) expelled, (5) referred to an alternative school, or (6) transferred by the school district to an alternative school, along with the (a) school, (b) grade, (c) race, (d) gender, and (e) disability status of each such student.

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
➢ June Financial Report
➢ Current Year Budget Update
➢ 2015-16 Tentative Budget
➢ Other Agenda Items
➢ Bank Resolutions
➢ Bond Sale

Mr. Daley reported the state has issued approximately $800,000 in grant reimbursements thus far and we anticipate an additional $500,000 to come.

WORTH TOWNSHIP TREASURER REPORT
Worth Township Investment/Summary Report was provided to the Board as information.

REPORT ON STUDENT WITHDRAWALS
With the second semester completed, status report on student withdrawals for the second semester of the 2014-2015 school year, indicating reasons why students left District 218 was presented.
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REPORT ON COOL PLACE
A recap of the COOL Place program utilized at Eisenhower, Richards and Shepard was presented. As reported in January large numbers of students are utilizing these services at each school. District-wide, over the year over 15,000 students utilized the Cool Place.

Dr. Gavin reported the numbers are decreasing, however it may be attributed to a number of other tutoring options available to students including Title I, Teacher Assistants, Intervention Specialist, or an Assessment Specialist. Based on student and teacher feedback, the COOL Place program may consider revamping the format in the future.

REPORT ON ALTERNATIVE TO RECOVERING CREDITS PROGRAM
In its seventh year of implementation, the ARC program continues to provide students opportunities to catch up on lost credits at the three main campuses. A recap report was presented for the boards review. This year 71 student’s recovered credit, with 47 of them earning their diploma through the help of this program.

REPORT ON COMMON UNIT ASSESSMENT
A report containing the results for the last set of second semester common unit assessments in English, mathematics and science courses was provided to the Board as information.

Dr. Harting noted with the assistance of the Board Education committee, administration would like review this report as well as other curriculum based reports and brainstorm ways to present in other fashions to include disciplines, retake data, etc.

REPORT OF 2ND SEMESTER GRADE DISTRIBUTION
This report compares the second semester grade distribution of the 2014-15 school year with that of last year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS
There were no new committee reports at this time.

ALSIP/CICERO AVENUE TIF DISTRICT
Kent Oliven, Alsip Finance Director & Treasurer, gave a summary concerning TIFS and reviewed the TIF presented to the Board.

Discussion continued regarding the Boards stance on the presented TIF.

Mr. Heuser moved, seconded Mr. Harris to approve the support of the De-TIF and Re-TIF of the southern portion of the current TIF District at 123rd Street on Cicero Avenue as presented. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Heuser, Mr. Stokas, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Kats, Mr. Kosowski and Mrs. Burmeister voting aye.

COPIER RECOMMENDATION
The district is nearing the end of a five-year lease for the majority of the copier fleet. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued for the replacement of thirty-one (31) district copiers.

Mr. Heuser is concerned about the $130,000 still owed to Martin Whalen, therefore requesting legal review.
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Mr. Heuser moved, seconded Mr. Stokas to table this agenda item for legal review of the current service agreement with Martin Whalen. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Heuser, Mrs. Burmeister, Mrs. Kats, Mr. Stokas, Mr. Kosowski and Mr. Harris voting aye.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE RENEWAL
Our current student accident insurance coverage ends July 31, 2015. The blanket student accident policy covers the first $25,000 of a claim and the catastrophic policy covers costs above $25,000 and has a benefit level of seven and a half million dollars.

Mr. Harris moved, seconded Mrs. Kats to approve the renewal from Mesirow for the blanket student accident insurance and the $7,500,000 catastrophic accident insurance as presented. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Kosowski, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Burmeister, Mrs. Kats, Mr. Heuser and Mr. Stokas voting aye.

EXCESS WORKER COMP INSURANCE RENEWAL
The district has completed its one year agreement with Safety National Causality Corporation at the end of July. Safety National Causality Corporation only offers one year agreements since the 2012 renewal.

Mr. Heuser moved, seconded Mr. Harris to approve the Safety National Causality Corporation’s renewal with the $500,000 self-insured retention for a total premium of $49,882 as presented. The motion carried on roll call with Mrs. Kats, Mr. Stokas, Mr. Kosowski, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Burmeister and Mr. Heuser voting aye.

TENTATIVE BUDGET RESOLUTION
The tentative Budget Resolution was presented to the Board for approval. Mr. Daley noted that the tentative budget will be available to the public for 30 days and that there could be changes and/or adjustments made during this time.

Mr. Daley noted due to the lack of calendar days between the July & August board meeting dates, administration will not be requesting approval on the final budget until the September meeting.

Mr. Heuser moved, seconded Mr. Harris to approve the Tentative Budget Resolution for 2015-2016 school year as presented. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Stokas, Mr. Heuser, Mr. Kosowski, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Burmeister and Mrs. Kats voting aye.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING INTEREST EARNINGS
This is the annual Resolution which allows the Board to make interest transfers between funds.

Mr. Heuser moved, seconded Mrs. Burmeister to approve the Resolution as presented. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Harris, Mrs. Kats, Mr. Kosowski, Mr. Stokas, Mrs. Burmeister and Mr. Heuser voting aye.

REQUEST TO SELL THREE DRIVERS EDUCATION CARS
The district bought three new drivers education program cars through the State’s Joint Purchasing Program. The auto dealer designated by the state delivered our new cars but would not give a decent trade-in price, therefore administration is requesting approval to sell the driver education cars.
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Mrs. Burmeister moved, seconded Mr. Harris to approve to sell three driver education cars as presented. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Kosowski, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Burmeister, Mrs. Kats, Mr. Heuser and Mr. Stokas voting aye.

REQUEST TO BID WEIGHT EQUIPMENT
The physical education department is requesting to purchase additional weight equipment at all of the district buildings.

Mr. Harris moved, seconded Mr. Heuser to approve to go to bid for weight equipment as presented. The motion carried on roll call with Mrs. Kats, Mr. Heuser, Mr. Stokas, Mr. Kosowski, Mr. Harris and Mrs. Burmeister voting aye.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
The Board congratulated Dr. Harting on his first few weeks on the job and expressed their condolences to Mr. Daley.

At 7:51 p.m. Mrs. Kats moved, seconded by Mr. Harris to go into closed session to discuss potential action on appointment, employment, compensation and/or performance of specific employees, potential action on pending or probable litigation or on behalf of the public body and potential action on semiannual review of closed session tapes. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Kosowski, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Burmeister, Mr. Stokas. Mrs. Kats and Mr. Heuser voting aye.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:14 p.m. Mr. Burmeister moved, seconded by Mr. Harris to come out of closed session. The motion carried with Mrs. Kats, Mr. Heuser, Mr. Harris, Mr. Kosowski, Mrs. Burmeister, and Mr. Stokas voting aye.

PERSONNEL LIST 2015-#7
The Personnel List consisted of two administrative appointments, three certified appointments, one part-time certified appointment, one certified leaves of absence, three classified resignations one classified retirement and one classified appointments.

Mrs. Heuser moved, seconded by Mrs. Kats to approve the Personnel List #2015-7 as presented. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Harris, Mr. Stokas, Mr. Kosowski, Mrs. Burmeister, Mr. Heuser, and Mrs. Kats voting aye.

POTENTIAL ACTION ON APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION AND/OR PERFORMACE OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES
Mr. Heuser moved, seconded by Mr. Stokas to authorize the superintendent to grant 2.9% salary increases for all non-rep employees based on performance standards at his discretion. The motion carried with Mrs. Kats, Mr. Heuser, Mr. Harris, Mr. Kosowski, Mrs. Burmeister, and Mr. Stokas voting aye.

Mrs. Heuser moved, seconded by Mrs. Kats to approve the 2% salary increases with a potential 1% performance bonus to the six current administrator's with a 1 year contract. The motion carried with Mrs. Kats, Mr. Heuser, Mr. Harris, Mr. Kosowski, Mrs. Burmeister, and Mr. Stokas voting aye.
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BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
There were no Board member comments.

Dr. Harting gave a brief description of the IASB Joint Conference.

At 9:20 p.m. Mr. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Heuser to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with Mrs. Kats, Mrs. Burmeister, Mr. Heuser, Mr. Kosowski, Mr. Stokas, and Mr. Harris voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education