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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 18, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:  Tom Kosowski, President
            Randy Heuser, Vice-President
            Karen Burmeister, Secretary
            Larry Harris (arrived late 6:48 p.m.)
            Johnny Holmes
            Carol Kats
            Robert Stokas
            Dr. John Byrne, Superintendent
            Dr. Ty Harting, Asst. Supt., Human Resources
            Mrs. Karen Hill, Secretary to the Board

ABSENT:

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:  46

RESOLUTIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

RICHARDS HIGH SCHOOL: FUTURE EDUCATORS OF AMERICA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

Whereas, the Future Educators of America chapter from Richards High School this year organized a book drive for Childs School in Robbins; and,

Whereas, under the leadership of faculty sponsor Kelli Mason, FEA collected more than 600 books, enough to give two to each student at Childs; and,

Whereas, FEA visited Childs School last month to personally distribute the books and experience the joy young readers felt at receiving free books; and,

Whereas, FEA received much community support for the book drive including donations from Richards teachers, the Chicago Ridge Public Library, the Children’s Reading Foundation, and Illinois State Rep. Kelly Burke.

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 sincerest thanks to faculty sponsor Kelli Mason and Future Educators of America for their efforts, which have brought much honor to themselves, their families, Richards High School and Community High School District 218.
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SHEPARD HIGH SCHOOL: SPEECH

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
Whereas, the speech team from Shepard High School recently completed the most
successful season in program history, and,

Whereas, under the leadership of head coach Jeff Vazzana and assistant coaches Kevin
Martin, Maryellen Fawk, Jason Nisavic, Dan Truffa, Adam Alvarado, Anne Toussaint, Jenny
Klein, Jasmine Lockett, Samm Hilger and Eric Kallenborn the Astros won a record seven
regular season tournaments; and,

Whereas, the varsity speech team then won the South Suburban Conference championship,
first place at the IHSA Regional tournament at Sandburg, and second place at the IHSA
Sectional at Oak Lawn; and,

Whereas, students Leana Skuby, David Donnick, Jada Scott, and Mike Reddy qualified for
the IHSA state finals; and,

Whereas, Mike Reddy took second in Radio Speaking and Jada Scott took sixth in Original
Comedy at the IHSA state finals; and,

Whereas, the Illinois High School Association honored the Shepard varsity speech team
with the prestigious Team Academic Award for posting a cumulative unweighted team
grade point average exceeding 3.0.

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 and academic
excellence, offer congratulations to all the coaches and the varsity speech team for their
achievements, which have brought much honor to themselves, their families, Shepard High
School and Community High School District 218.

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School District 218.

EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL: NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
Whereas, National Honor Society from Eisenhower High School this year organized a book
drive for students in District 130; and,

Whereas, under the leadership of faculty sponsors Jermaine Durning and Jennifer Healy,
NHS distributed hundreds of books, enough to give two each to students at Revere Primary
and Revere Intermediate schools earlier this semester; and,

Whereas, NHS visited Revere Primary and Revere Intermediate to help young readers choose
books and read with them; and,
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Whereas, NHS from Eisenhower now has distributed more than 6,000 books in the seven-year history of the book drive, which coincides with the National Education Association’s “Read Across America” project.

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 sincerest thanks to faculty sponsors Jermaine Durning and Jennifer Healy and National Honor Society for their efforts, which have brought much honor to themselves, their families, Eisenhower High School, and Community High School District 218.

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RICHARDS HIGH SCHOOL: HALEE BARKER

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
Whereas, Richards High School senior Halee Barker recently was selected as a Golden Apple Scholar; and,

Whereas, Golden Apple scholarships provide financial assistance for students intending to pursue careers in education; and,

Whereas, Golden Apple Scholars also receive four years of residential summer institutes, which provide on-site classroom experience, as well as mentoring from a Golden Apple teacher.

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 Halee Barker for her achievement, which has brought much honor to herself, her family, Richards High School, and Community High School District 218.

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SHEPARD HIGH SCHOOL: GABRIELLA RAMIREZ

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
Whereas, Shepard High School senior Gabriella Ramirez recently was selected as a Golden Apple Scholar; and,

Whereas, Golden Apple scholarships provide financial assistance for students intending to pursue careers in education; and,

Whereas, Golden Apple Scholars also receive four years of residential summer institutes, which provide on-site classroom experience, as well as mentoring from a Golden Apple teacher.

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 Gabriella Ramirez for her achievement, which has brought much honor to herself, her family, Shepard High School, and Community High School District 218.
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SHEPARD HIGH SCHOOL: NICK MARTINEZ

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
Whereas, senior Nick Martinez from Shepard High School recently won selection to the Illinois High School Association All-State Academic Team; and,

Whereas, Nick earned this prestigious honor by posting a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, participating in at least two IHSA activities, and demonstrating good citizenship; and,

Whereas, only 26 seniors from Illinois earn selection to the IHSA All-State Academic Team; and,

Whereas, Nick will begin studies next fall at the University of Notre Dame.

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 Nick Martinez for his achievement, which has brought much honor to himself, his family, Shepard High School, and Community High School District 218.

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EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL: MATHLETES

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
Whereas, the Mathletes from Eisenhower High School recently completed the most successful season in program history; and,

Whereas, under the leadership of coaches Linda Gruchot and Katie Ruane, the Mathletes placed second overall at the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics Regional at Chicago State University; and,

Whereas, the Mathletes' success continued at the ICTM state finals at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with students winning medals in all three events in which they competed; and,

Whereas, the 8-person Frosh/Soph Team took second place out of 21 schools, an Eisenhower record; Aki Shinkawa placed third in the Geometry event out of 100 students, the highest individual medalist in Eisenhower and District 218 history; and, the 2-person team of Aki Shinkawa and Val Martinez placed fourth, also the highest placement in program history in this category.

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 coaches Linda Gruchot and Katie Ruane and the Mathletes on
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their achievements, which have brought much honor to themselves, their families, Eisenhower High School, and Community High School District 218.

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ALL HIGH SCHOOL: PERFECT ATTENDANCE
RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
Whereas, seniors Celina Clifton, Abigail Del Castillo, Valerie Jane, and Lydell Tyler from Richards High School; Kasia Cisak and Oluwatomi Sogebi from Shepard High School; and Ian Frausto, Tiffany Hekpo, Lary Jones III, Marisol Munoz, Deandre Radcliffe, Shelby Thiel, and Brianna Willis from Eisenhower High School recently completed four years of perfect attendance; and,

Whereas, collectively these students have attended school for nearly 2,400 consecutive days, which equates to more than 6.5 years; and,

Whereas, completing four years of perfect attendance, which less than 1% of our senior class accomplished, requires a rare level of determination and discipline.

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 exceptional dedication, offer sincerest congratulations to Celina Clifton, Abigail Del Castillo, Valerie Jane, Lydell Tyler, Kasia Cisak and Oluwatomi Sogebi, Ian Frausto, Tiffany Hekpo, Lary Jones III, Marisol Munoz, Deandre Radcliffe, Shelby Thiel, and Brianna Willis for their achievements, which have brought much honor to themselves, their families, and Community High School District 218.

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EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL: TELEVISION PRODUCTION
RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
Whereas, television production students from WDDE-TV at Eisenhower High School recently enjoyed tremendous success in competition; and,

Whereas, Eisenhower students, taught by Jodi Pelini, won a pair of awards at the Chicagoland TV Educators Council Awards Ceremony, the state competition which attracted more than 400 students from more than 50 high schools in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin; and,

Whereas, Isaac Jones was one of two students to win the $1000 Nadine Sterk Scholarship for Television Excellence and Latiya Hill won second place in the Public Service Announcement category for her PSA on the Robbins Community Center; and,

Whereas, at the South Suburban College High School Video Awards, producers Anthony O'Neal and Lorenzo Lomax won first place for their work on the Eisenhower newscast “Ike Update.”
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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 academic excellence, offer
sincerest congratulations to teacher Jodi Pelini and her students for their achievements,
which have brought much honor to themselves, their families, Eisenhower High School, and
Community High School District 218.

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SHEPARD HIGH SCHOOL: KAYLEE NEYLon
RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
Whereas, Kaylee Neylon, a senior at Shepard High School, recently earned a Chick Evans
Scholarship; and,

Whereas, the Chick Evans Scholarship will completely cover tuition, room and board for
Kaylee at Indiana University; and,

Whereas, the Evans Scholars Foundation serves as the nation's leading source of college
funding for golf caddies and requires applicants to achieve a grade point average above 3.0
and demonstrate outstanding character, integrity and leadership.

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 Kaylee Neylon for her achievement, which has brought much
honor to herself, her family, Shepard High School, and Community High School District 218.

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Mr. Stokas moved, seconded Mrs. Burmeister to approve the commendations as presented.
The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Kosowski, Mrs. Kats, Mr. Holmes, 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.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
Mr. Heuser moved, seconded by Mr. Harris to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal
of the expenditures. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Holmes, Mr. Harris, Mrs.
Burmeister, Mr. Kosowski, Mrs. Kats and Mr. Heuser voting aye. Mr. Stokas asked to abstain
from minutes he was not an elected board member and voted aye for remaining minute
approval.

Approval of Consent Agenda continued and included the following:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting April 20, 2015
Closed Meeting April 20, 2015
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Special Meeting April 17, 2015
Special Closed Meeting April 17, 2015
Reorganization Meeting May 4, 2015

PERSONNEL LIST 2015-#5  
The Personnel List consisted of three certified appointments, one certified resignation, one certified leave of absence, one classified resignation and one classified appointment.

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

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. Survey results regarding 1:1 initiatives among school districts in Illinois accompanied the monthly report per the request of the Board.

Mr. Heuser noted the majority of schools do not have a tech fee and those that do waive the fee for students who are a part of the free and reduced lunch program.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT REPORT  
The district student enrollment report was presented to the Board for their information review. The total district enrollment as of April 30, 2015 was 5,326 students. The individual building totals were Eisenhower, 1,680; Richards, 1,642; Shepard, 1,766; Delta Learning Center, 75; and Summit, 76 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:
➢ Financial Reimbursement Information System
➢ 2014-15 Budget
➢ Health and Dental Insurance Costs
➢ PTAB Report
➢ 2014-15 Audit

GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT & GROUNDS CONSULTING 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.

Mrs. Burmeister questioned the ramp installation at Eisenhower and the impact it will have on current trees. Rodger Ford does not foresee this being a problem; he will inspect the location again and follow up.
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Mrs. Kats requested clarification when the Richards bids will begin and Dr. Byrne reported the bid process will begin in September.

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 economic interest statements, financial disclosure statements or other records indicating business interests, for members of your school board or other school employees for the past five years.

➢ Tammy Burnham
  • How many total students have been expelled from 8/1/10 to present (5/6/15) by school?

HEALTH & DENTAL COST COMPARISON REPORT
A report was provided comparing our current year school costs to last year’s costs was provided to the Board for their review.

Mr. Daley reported we have saved money thus far in this first initial report.

PTAB REPORT
The Board was provided with a report listing all the property tax appeals filed on our district from the last 6 months.

REPORT ON 1:1 INITIATIVE
A report was provided to the Board to inform them on the committee’s progress with regards to 1:1 Initiative.

ILLINOIS SEAL OF BILITERACY
District 218 is proud to participate in the first year of the Illinois Seal of Biliteracy program, a recap report was presented to the Board for their review.

Erik Briseno gave a recap about the Illinois Seal of Biliteracy, noting a benefit for students is the certificate to take to future employers verifying their ability to speak multiple languages. Dr. Anne Coffman reported this is the first year and the turnaround has been very quick.

INSPIRE CLINIC END OF THE YEAR REPORT
Dr. Sue Feeney & Dr. Elaine Fletcher-Janzen gave a brief PowerPoint presentation of the progress the INSPIRE Neuropsychology Clinic. Provided 105 services which is good, but want to increase

Mr. Holmes requested to see specific case service types broken out; Dr. Feeney will be providing the number breakdown in August.

10 YEAR LIFE SAFETY REPORT
DLA Architects provided a comprehensive 10 year life safety survey proposal to the Board for information only.
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Dr. Byrne noted this is mandated by state law.

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 brief explanation for the data for this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS
Mr. Kosowski reported the committees were just assigned about 2 weeks ago so not much progress.

Mr. Holmes would like to be added to the Operations & Maintenance committee with Mr. Heuser & Mr. Harris.

Mr. Kosowski requested that the committee lists be emailed the Board of Education.

PROPOSAL TO APPROVE THE 2015-16 DISCIPLINE HANDBOOK (1ST READING)
The proposed revisions were presented to the Board as a first reading for their review. The 2015-2016 Discipline Handbook proposals will be brought back to the June Board meeting for approval.

Mr. Stokas would like some consistency throughout the Discipline Handbook regarding language use.

PROPOSAL TO APPROVE THE 2014-15 AUDIT LETTER
Two letters were provided to the Board from McGladrey to obtain approval to perform the 2014-15 audit. The letters explain the objective and scope of the audit of the financial statements.

Mr. Daley reported we have used McGladrey for the past 20+ years. Mr. Heuser questioned the idea of switching auditor companies for a new perspective on.

Mr. Daley noted a draft of the audit report will be presented at the October board meeting.

Mr. Heuser moved, seconded by Mr. Harris to approve the 2014-15 audit letter as presented. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Stokas, Mrs. Kats, Mr. Kosowski, Mr. Harris, Mr. Holmes, Mrs. Burmeister, and Mr. Heuser voting aye.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS
CHSD 218
The following disbursements were presented for approval: District 218: $2,408,444.87; April Payroll, $4,669,951.81; and a Grand Total of $7,078,396.68.

MACS PAYABLES
Moraine Area Career System
Educational Total - $4,056.22
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Mr. Stokas asked for clarification about a cell phone reimbursement and if this is standard practice. Principal, Mr. Fowler explained due to teacher negligence the district was required to reimburse the student.

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

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
Mr. Stokas thanked everyone for being so welcoming when he visited Shepard & Richards.

Mrs. Kats has only visited Shepard so far and was pleasantly surprised how impressive the sports awards banquet event ran.

At 7:59 p.m. Mr. Heuser moved, seconded by Mr. Harris to go into Closed Session for discussion for pending litigation, semi-annual review of executive session minutes, discussion regarding specific employee, and probable or pending litigation the board deems necessary. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Harris, Mr. Heuser, Mr. Holmes, Mrs. Burmeister, Mr. Stokas, Mrs. Kats and Mr. Kosowski voting aye.

CLOSED SESSION
At 10:20 p.m. Mr. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Heuser to come out of Closed Session. The motion carried with Mrs. Kats, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Heuser, Mr. Harris, Mr. Kosowski, Mrs. Burmeister, and Mr. Stokas voting aye.

REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION TAPES
Mr. Stillman made a motion after executive session the semi-annual review of the closed minutes was completed, the need for privacy still exist, and the minutes need to remain closed. Mrs. Burmeister moved seconded by Mrs. Kats. The motion carried on roll call with Mrs. Kats, Mr. Kosowski, Mr. Harris, Mr. Holmes, Mrs. Burmeister, and Mr. Heuser voting aye. Mr. Stokas abstained.

EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES
Mr. Stillman made a motion to extend a contract offer with Dr. Harting in accordance with the instructions of the district attorney contingent on a valid separation agreement with the existing Superintendent, Dr. John Byrne.

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

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
There were no Board member comments.

At 10:23 p.m. Mr. Burmeister moved, seconded by Mrs. Kats to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with Mrs. Kats, Mrs. Burmeister, Mr. Heuser, Mr. Kosowski, Mr. Stokas, Mr. Holmes, and Mr. Harris voting aye.
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Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
President, Board of Education

[Signature]
Secretary, Board of Education