Public Hearing on the Budget for the 2016-2017 School Year
The public hearing was called to order at 6:31 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Board of Education: Mr. Kosowski (President), Mr. Heuser (Vice-President), Mrs. Burmeister (Secretary), Mrs. Kats, Mr. Stokas, Mr. Holmes

Absent: Mr. Harris

The budget had been available for public inspection and legal notice had been published stating such.

Mr. Kosowski stated the following:
The estimated total revenue for fiscal year 2016 is $132,517,105.
The estimated total expenditures for fiscal year 2016 is $135,451,788.

Mr. Stokas made a statement regarding the 2016-17 budget. He expressed his dissatisfaction with the previous business manager and his disregard to present multiple options regarding the possibilities to lower or maintain the current tax levy. He is not in favor of the current tax increase and hopes there will be a discussion in the future to explore ways to lower the tax levy or keep status quo. He will be voting against the resolution to adopt the budget for fiscal year 2016-17.

Mr. Holmes moved, seconded by Mr. Heuser to close the public hearing. Roll call voted indicated:
Ayes: Holmes, Kosowski, Burmeister, Stokas, Kats, Heuser
Nays:

The public hearing was closed at 6:38 p.m.

The regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. at Dwight D. Eisenhower High School.

Board of Education: Mr. Kosowski (President), Mr. Heuser (Vice-President), Mrs. Burmeister (Secretary), Mrs. Kats, Mr. Harris (arrived late at 6:55 p.m.), Mr. Stokas, Mr. Holmes

Absent:

Others Present: Dr. Ty Harting (Superintendent), Dr. Mike Ryan (Asst. Supt), 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)

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Comments from the Public Related to Agenda Items: None

Board Members’ Opportunity to respond to the Public and/or Board Member Comments: Mr. Stokas voiced his concern with school bus safety related to motorist and students being dropped off/picked up. He suggests the district reach out to the local police and municipalities to encourage those who violate school bus safety laws be reprimanded.

Mr. Kosowski requested a moment of silence for Mary Malia, stepmother of Karen Burmeister and Jack Heuser, father of Randy Heuser.

Approval of Consent Agenda
Mr. Heuser moved, seconded by Mr. Stokas to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Roll call vote indicated:
Ayes: Kosowski, Holmes, Burmeister, Heuser, Kats, Stokas
Nays:           
Absent: Harris

Approval of Minutes
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Total Compensation Package for Employee #481 Pursuant to (5 ILCS 120/7.3)

Recognition of Schools through IWAS

Payment of the Bills
CHSD 218
The following disbursements were presented for approval: District 218: $1,556,972.17; July 31, 2016 Payroll, $2,821,247.23; and a Grand Total of $4,378,319.40.

Personnel List 2016-#9
The Personnel List consisted of one administrative resignation, one certified appointment, four certified leave of absences, four classified resignations and twenty one classified appointments.

Old Business
Resolution to Adopt The Budget For Fiscal Year 2016-2017
Mrs. Burmeister moved, seconded Mr. Heuser to approve the Resolution to Adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 as presented. Roll call voted indicated:
Ayes: Kosowski, Kats, Burmeister, Holmes, Heuser
Nays: Stokas
Absent: Harris

Reports to the Superintendent
New Hiring Introductions
Dr. Ryan introduced our new hires: Elizabeth Reed.
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Financial Report  
The financial report as of August 31, 2016 was presented to the Board for their review.

Technology Update  
A technology report was presented to the Board of Education for their review.

Student Enrollment Report  
The district student enrollment report was presented to the Board for their information review. The total district enrollment as of August 31, 2015 was 5,225 students. The individual building totals were Eisenhower, 1,700; Richards, 1,581; Shepard, 1,735; Delta Learning Center, 77; and Summit, 65 students. The Outplacement for ABS, 23; DDE, 21; and HLR, 17 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.

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 2016 Update  
A report outlining the summer construction was presented to the Board for their review.

FOIA  
The following Freedom of Information Request was received and the information was provided within the time frame stipulated in the Illinois Freedom of Information Act.

- Diane Radu, Chicago Tribune Education Reporter, this FOIA was related to the process of placing students into high school courses, particularly for incoming freshmen. Using any documents, forms or paper or electronic records, please provide information about the placement process at each high school in your district. (If the process is exactly the same for all high schools, please provide information for one of the high schools, except for information requested in numbers 7 and 8 of this FOIA.)
  - The names/types of courses for which a placement process is used to enroll incoming freshmen, usually "core" courses such as English and math. Not all courses involve a placement process.
  - The names of any and all tests used in the placement process.
  - The precise cut off scores on each of the tests that determine the type/level of courses in which an incoming freshman will be placed, such as honors or general courses. For example, a student might need a 25 on the English subtest of the EXPLORE test to be placed in an honors English course.
  - A description of any specific, additional factors that go into the placement process, such as grades and teacher recommendations. If teacher recommendations are used, how often?
  - Any and all information given to parents that explains the level or rigor of the courses in which an incoming freshman is placed. If a school labels courses in a different way than the state's categories - remedial, general, enriched, honors - please provide the names of those labels at the local level, and state whether parents are provided these labels. Please state whether a high school still offers remedial courses -- some districts have eliminated the remedial designation and combined it with the designation for general classes.
Any forms used to allow parents to appeal and change a placement decision by the school. If appeals/waivers are not allowed, please state that. If the appeals/waivers are limited in any way, such as allowing a student to go up one level in course rigor, but not two or more, please state that. Please provide a blank waiver/appeal form.

The number of appeals/waivers requested by parents or guardians of incoming freshmen, by subject, for each of the following school years, 2014-15, 2015-2016 and 2016-17, and the number of appeals/waivers approved by each high school for each subject involved. Please provide this information for each high school in the district.

The number of appeals/waivers requested by parents or guardians of sophomores, juniors and seniors, by subject, for each of the following school years, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17, and the number of appeals/waivers approved by each high school for each subject involved. Please provide any other information about how the placement process works for sophomore, junior and senior students. Please provide the appeal/waiver information for each high school in the district.

Marco Corsi

A few salary schedules for the last years and the next several years of the new contract for teachers
3 previous years pay schedule by year and lane
The same for the new contract years
List of the members of the negotiation team of the teachers with their positions and gross pay for the previous year (with all stipends and extra pay)

Business Manager’s Update
Mrs. Richardella submitted an update for the Board’s review and information:

- Fiscal 2015-16 Audit
- 2016 Tax Levy Calculations
- Disposal of Specific District Assets
- State legislature and school funding

Evaluation of New Faculty Orientation
A recap from the August 1-4, 2016 new faculty orientation was presented for the Boards review.

Evaluation of August, 2016 Institute Days
A recap from the August 11-12 Institute Day was provided for the Boards review.

AP Support Plan
A report summarizing the Advance Placement practices, guidelines, policies and procedures was presented to the Board as information only.

Committee Reports by Board Members: Mrs. Kats noted the finance committee met regarding the budget, the thoroughness of the business office was highly regarded.

New Business
Proposal to Approve the Board of Education Equity & Opportunity Statement
The Superintendent and board members read the CHSD 218 Board of Education Equity & Opportunity Statement:
CHSD 218 believes that excellence for all can only be achieved through equity. Our commitment to equity will be achieved by:
Preparing all students to succeed in a multi-cultural, global society by ensuring a culturally relevant curriculum.

Recruiting, hiring, and retaining a diverse staff that more closely reflects the school community in terms of age, cultural background, physical abilities and disabilities, race, religion, sex, and sexual orientation.

Designing a strategic plan that works to eliminate the racial and socioeconomic predictability of achievement.

Assuring that all CHSD 218 staff members, with deliberate effort, continue to examine and eliminate institutional beliefs, policies, practices, and teaching that perpetuate racial disparities in achievement.

Ensuring that equitable distribution of resources across schools is based on individual campus and community needs, and moves away from a “fair is equal” approach.

Providing all CHSD 218 students with access to resources, opportunities, supports and interventions that maximize academic success and promote social emotional growth.

Identifying and removing barriers in our current policies, procedures, systems, or practices that limit opportunities for our students.

Establishing community partnerships (e.g., parents, health and social service agencies, community organizations, business, and universities) to better address the needs of students and families.

Mrs. Kats moved, seconded by Mr. Heuser to approve to the Board of Education’s Equity & Opportunity statement as presented. Roll call vote indicated:

Ayes: Stokas, Burmeister, Holmes, Kats, Kosowski, Heuser, Harris
Nays:

Blue Cross Blue Shield Medical Insurance Renewal
Mrs. Burmeister moved, seconded by Mrs. Kats to approve the renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield as presented. Roll call voted indicated:

Ayes: Stokas, Kosowski, Kats, Burmeister, Holmes, Harris, Heuser
Nays:

Request to Dispose of District Equipment
Mr. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Heuser to donate aluminum step bleachers to the Village of Robbins and allow the district to sell the 2002 Ford E 250 Box truck “as is” for the best price possible as presented. Roll call voted indicated:

Ayes: Stokas, Kosowski, Kats, Burmeister, Holmes, Harris, Heuser
Nays:

Board Member Comments: Mr. Stokas referred back to his earlier statement regarding the figures he quoted for the budget. Originally, he stated the budget was in the red for 2.3 million and the tax increase is 2.3 million. But, he corrected his figures to re-state that the budget is in the red for 2.9 million and the tax increase is 2.3 million.

At 7:01 p.m. Mrs. Kats moved, seconded by Mr. Heuser to go into closed session to discuss potential action on appointment, employment, compensation and/or performance of specific employees, and discuss potential action on pending or probable litigation on behalf of the public body. Roll call vote indicated:

Ayes: Harris, Kosowski, Stokas, Heuser, Holmes, Burmeister, Kats
Nays:
CLOSED SESSION

At 8:17p.m. Mr. Burmeister moved, seconded by Mr. Heuser to come out of closed session. Roll call vote indicated:
Ayes: Kosowski, Kats, Burmeister, Heuser, Holmes, Stokas, Harris
Nays:

Mr. Harris moved, seconded by Mrs. Kats to approve Rodger Ford as the Director of Buildings and Grounds and Lisa Krueger as the Assistant Director of Buildings & Grounds for a 1 year contract and both will be required to obtain all certifications required within the job descriptions. Roll call voted indicated:
Ayes: Stokas, Kosowski, Kats, Burmeister, Holmes, Harris, Heuser
Nays:

Board Member Comments: Mr. Harris apologized for being late and concurred with Mrs. Kats that the finance committee met last week and was pleased with the meeting.

Mr. Holmes contacted the Director of Security regarding the interrogation process and reviewing the procedures; administration will work in conjunction to modify the process.

Mrs. Kats is pleased with the advanced placement support program in place.

At 8:25p.m. Mrs. Kats moved, seconded by Mr. Harris to adjourn the meeting. Roll call indicated:
Ayes: Kats, Harris, Stokas, Holmes, Burmeister, Heuser, Kosowski
Nays:

Respectfully submitted,

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education