COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 218
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 19, 2015

The regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Dr. Ty Harting (Superintendent), Dr. Mike Ryan (Asst. Superintendent), Dr. Sue Feeney (Asst. Superintendent), Mr. Joe Daley (Business Manager), Mr. Mike Stillman (District Attorney), Mrs. Karen Hill (Secretary to the Board)

**Public Attendance:** 35

**Resolutions and Commendations**
Mr. McParland presented the resolutions and commendation for Board approval.
Mrs. Burmeister moved, seconded Mr. Heuser to approve the commendations as presented. Roll call voted indicated:

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

**Nays:**

**Comments from the Public Related To Agenda Items:** None

**Board Members’ Opportunity to Respond to the Public:** No comments were made.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**
Mrs. Kats moved, seconded by Mr. Heuser to approve the consent agenda items with the removal of the IASB resolutions. Roll call voted indicated:

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

**Nays:**

**Approval of Minutes**
- Regular Board Meeting: September 21, 2015
- Closed Meeting: September 21, 2015

**Payment of the Bills**
CHSD 218
The following disbursements were presented for approval: District 218: $3,735,151.75; September 30, 2015 Payroll, $4,657,387.90; and a Grand Total of $8,392,539.65.

**Macs Payables**
Moraine Area Career System
Educational Total - $248,382.34
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**Personnel List 2015-#10**
The Personnel List consisted of one certified leave of absence, five classified resignations and ten classified appointments.

**Old Business**

**June 30th Audit Report**
John George recapped the audit process and presented the audit financial results. Overall the district received a positive report.

**Reports to the Superintendent**

**Academic Department Presentation**
Sean McSweeney, Social Studies Curriculum Director, provided an academic department presentation highlighting common unit assessments and discussed the direction the department is headed.

**CUA Analysis & PLC Work**
A CUA & PLC work report was presented to the Board of Education to show how teachers work with students when the information is not mastered.

**Financial Report**
The financial report as of September 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.

**Student Enrollment Report**
The district student enrollment report was presented to the Board for their information review. The total district enrollment as of September 30, 2015 was 5,361 students. The individual building totals were Eisenhower, 1,727; Richards, 1,636; Shepard, 1,785; Delta Learning Center, 79; and Summit, 66 students. The Outplacement for ABS, 28; DDE, 21; and HLR, 18 was also included.

**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.

**Director of Security’s Monthly Report**
A summary of incidents that occurred at each of the buildings was presented to the Board for their information and review.

**Freedom of Information Requests**
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.
- SmartProcure PO/Vendor dated 2015-05-15 to current
  - Purchase order number or equivalent
  - Purchase order date
  - Line item details
  - Line item quantity
  - Line item price
Business Manager’s Update
Mr. Daley submitted an update for the Board’s review and information:
- Fiscal Year 2016
- Levy
- Property & Liability Insurance Renewal
- Audit
- Bonds

Press Policies
The following policies were brought to the Board as a first reading at tonight’s meeting:
- 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
- 5:50 Drug & Alcohol-Free Workplace; Tobacco Prohibition
- 5:270 Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment
- 5:280 Employment Termination and Suspensions
- 6:140 Education of Homeless Children
- 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities
- 7:40 Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students
- 7:310 Restrictions and Publications
- 7:325 Students Fundraising Activities-Renamed and Rewritten

Township Treasurer Investment Report
Worth Township Investment/Summary Report was provided to the Board as information.

PARCC Update
A PARCC summary report was provided to the Board as information.

Mr. Stokas noted District 230 is urging their Board of Education to submit a letter to the state legislator’s to request elimination of this state mandated test. He suggests District 218 Board take a similar approach. Areas of the test that trouble him include loss of instructional time, cost of the exam, teacher hours that are lost, associated contract costs, no meaningful impact on student grades, excessive testing time and no clear evidence the test is a useful data measure. He is in favor of districts allowing for parental opting out so their students are exempt from the test.

Committee Reports By Board Members
Mr. Kosowski noted his committee will be discussed further along in the agenda.

Proposal for November Institute Day
Mr. Stokas moved, seconded by Mrs. Kats to approve the November Institute Day as presented. Roll call voted indicated:
Ayes: Stokas, Kosowski, Kats, Burmeister, Holmes, Harris, Heuser
Nays:

Proposal to Revise Courses for the 2016-2017 School Year
Mrs. Burmeister moved, seconded by Mr. Harris to approve the course revisions as presented. Roll call indicated:
Ayes: Holmes, Kats, Harris, Kosowski, Burmeister, Stokas, Heuser
Nays:
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Motion to Direct the Administration to Prepare the 2015 Tax Levy
Mr. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Heuser to direct administration to prepare the 2015 Tax Levy in the amount of $86,605,050 and establish a 4.9% increase. Roll call voted indicated:
Ayes: Kosowski, Kats, Burmeister, Holmes, Heuser
Nays: Stokas, Harris

Resolution for Issuance of Bond
Mrs. Burmeister moved, seconded by Mrs. Kats to approve the Bond/Escrow Resolution as presented. Roll call voted indicated:
Ayes: Kosowski, Harris, Kats, Burmeister, Holmes, Heuser
Nays: Stokas

Elizabeth Hennessy from William Blair provided a brief overview of the bond/escrow resolution.

IASB Resolutions
Discussion continued among board members concerning the format of the resolutions this year. The resolutions are lumped together vs. separate and the board finds it difficult to take a vote. Mr. Heuser moved, seconded by Mrs. Kats to table the IASB resolution until the November meeting.
Ayes: Kosowski, Stokas, Harris, Kats, Burmeister, Holmes, Heuser
Nays:

Board Member Comments: None

At 8:48 p.m. Mr. Heuser moved, seconded by Mrs. Kats to go into closed session to discuss potential action on appointment, employment, compensation and/or performance of specific employees, discuss potential action on pending or probable litigation on behalf of the public body, discussion on student disciplinary cases and discussion on collective negotiation matters. Roll call voted indicated:
Ayes: Harris, Kosowski, Kats, Burmeister, Stokas, Holmes, Heuser
Nays:

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:46 p.m. Mr. Heuser moved, seconded by Mr. Holmes to come out of closed session. Roll call voted indicated:
Ayes: Kosowski, Kats, Burmeister, Stokas, Holmes, Heuser, Harris
Nays:

Board Member Comments
Mr. Kosowski proposed that Dr. Longo be involved in future administrator evaluation process.

At 9:51 p.m. Mr. Holmes moved, seconded by Mrs. Kats to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:
Ayes: Stokas, Harris, Holmes, Burmeister, Kats, Heuser, Kosowski
Nays:

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Burmeister
Secretary, Board of Education

[Signature]
President, Board of Education