COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 218
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Working Meeting
April 11, 2016

The working Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

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

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

**Public Attendance:** 6

**Bond Sale Update**
Kevin O’Kelly from William Blair circulated an updated financing plan. He reviewed phase three of the bond sale plan and discussed the two scenarios for the sale. The consensus of the board is to go with option one.

**2016-17 Working Board Meeting Dates**
Mr. Heuser moved, seconded by Mr. Harris to approve the 2016-17 working board meeting dates to be held on Thursdays as presented. Roll call vote indicated:
Ayes: Stokas, Kosowski, Harris, Kats, Burmeister, Heuser, Holmes
Nays:

**ACT/SAT Test Prep**
Dr. Harting circulated a handout regarding assessment opportunities for students residing within District 218 borders. Discussion continued among board members to provide a test prep opportunity for all students residing in District 218 boundaries. Administration will investigate further and report back at an upcoming board of education meeting.

**Construction Update**
Matt Stoub from DLA provided a recap about the three summer projects. Lou Noto from DLA reviewed the impending Richards PAC project and provided scenarios on ways to decrease costs of the project to stay within the $12-14 million budget.

The board suggested hosting a forum for community members to learn about the Richards PAC project and to hear feedback.

**Board Policy Statement on Equity & Opportunity**
Dr. Harting circulated a draft version of a Board of Education Equity Statement. The board and district attorney will review the document and provide feedback. Conversation will continue at the April regular board of education meeting. The board can then develop a proclamation and policy if so desired.
Hiring Report/Hiring Practices
Dr. Ryan discussed a goal of the Superintendent concerning employment practices. Discussion continued among board members and no action will be taken at this time. However, in 2017 the newly elected board members oath language may be revised, more information will be forthcoming.

Another goal of the Superintendent, recruitment and hiring of qualified minority candidates was addressed. Dr. Ryan reviewed the current steps in place to address this goal.

Closed Session: There was no need for closed session due to a recent negotiation meeting being cancelled; administration will provide an update at the 4/18 meeting.

Board Member Comments/Dialogue
Mr. Holmes addressed the board regarding a recent newspaper article; he provided his perspective on a past incident. He also addressed the matter regarding community letters addressed to board members.

Mr. Stokas praised Karen Burmeister and the Arts Extravaganza. He noted the public forum suggestion is not to deter the Richards PAC renovation, but to provide transparency to community members. Mr. Harris concurred with Mr. Stokas regarding the Richards project.

The board members had an opportunity to respond to Mr. Holmes statement.

Mr. Kosowski suggested if any board members would like to further their conversation they should contact Mr. Holmes individually.

Mr. Stillman has confirmed receipt of the community letters, but if the board feels compelled to make a statement he can do so on their behalf. He also noted the board does not have the authority to impeach a board member or vote for their removal; they would have to leave on their own terms.

At 9:16 p.m. Mr. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Heuser to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:
Ayes: Holmes, Stokas, Kosowski, Burmeister, Kats, Heuser, Harris
Nays:

Respectfully submitted,

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education