

MINUTES OF A BUSINESS MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, NAPERVILLE COMMUNITY UNIT
SCHOOL DISTRICT 203, DUPAGE AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS,
HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
NOVEMBER 16, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order President Mike Jaensch called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. p.m. Board members present: Suzyn Price, Jackie Romberg, Terry Fielden, Mike Jaensch, Susan Crotty Dave Weeks and Jim Dennison.

Administrators present were: Mark Mitrovich, Superintendent of Schools; Melanie Raczkiewicz, Associate Superintendent for Operations; Dave Zager, Assistant Superintendent for Finance. Also present was Robb Cooper, Ottosen Britz Kelly Cooper and Gilbert, LTD

Closed Session Dennison moved, seconded by Crotty to go into Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. for consideration of:

1. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
2. Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
3. Student Discipline. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)
4. Discussion of lawfully closed meeting minutes, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)

Open Session Dennison moved, seconded by Crotty to return to Open Session at 7:07 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting Yes: Crotty, Romberg, Fielden, Jaensch, Dennison, Weeks and Price. No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call Board Members present were: Susan Crotty, Suzyn Price, Jackie Romberg, Terry Fielden, Mike Jaensch, Dave Weeks and Jim Dennison.

Administrators present: Mark Mitrovich, Superintendent of Schools; Melanie Raczkiewicz, Associate Superintendent for Operations; Tim Wierenga, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction; Kathy Klees, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Staff Development; Dave Zager, Assistant Superintendent for Finance; Steve Mathis, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Nina Menis, Director of Community Relations; Melea Smith, Director of Communications; and Ralph Weaver, Director of Facilities & Construction.

Student Ambassadors present: Sam Lai, NNHS and Brendan Montgomery, NCHS

Pledge of Allegiance Mary Alice Lindvall, Principal of Kingsley Elementary School, introduced the following students who led the Pledge of Allegiance: Ethan Bricker, Andrew Alpern, Evan Alpern, Carly Nasman, Lauren Purl and Raegan Purl.

Recognition Superintendent Mitrovich noted that five individuals and one team represented Naperville District 203 at the Illinois State Board of Education's 35th annual Those Who Excel Awards Banquet, held Saturday, October 24, 2009, in Peoria.

Honored with an Award of Excellence were the Computer Redeployment Team of Sun Kwok, Rich Stompanato, Rich Fiore and Barb Holtze. District 203 Director of Communications Melea Smith also won an Award of Excellence in the Administrator category. Recognized with an Award of Merit was Kennedy Jr. High teacher Malee Ruth, as well as former Board of Education President Dean Reschke in the Board Members/Community Volunteers category. Receiving an Award of Recognition were Charles Baumgartner, head custodian at Steeple Run Elementary, in the Educational Service Personnel category and Kathy Schoengrund, Title I Mathematics Coordinator for District 203, in the Student Support Personnel category.

Jeff Howard, NNHS Assistant Principal, congratulated Naperville North senior Nadira Long who was named as a Semifinalist in the National Achievement Scholarship Competition. As National Achievement Semifinalist, she joins an elite group of students selected to compete in the 46th Annual Achievement Scholarship® competition and is eligible to continue in the competition for some 800 Achievement scholarships. All National Achievement Scholars will be selected from the Finalist group on the basis of their abilities, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

Ellen Wolff, Supervisor of Health Services, congratulated school nurses Margaret Gluck, Kathryn Giordano, and Deborah Baker who successfully passed the National School Nurse Certification exam. The nurses met in a study group for 1 year to review school health related practice following the National Association of School Nurse guidelines. They then took and passed a 4 hour exam that covered foundations of pediatric nursing, health problems and nursing management, health promotion and disease prevention, professional issues and special health issues like chronic health conditions, legal issues related to special education, medication policies and communicable diseases, medical procedures and mental health related practice.

Good News
Public
Comments

Kevin Wandke, Madison Junior High School student and member of Boy Scout Troop 75, complimented the unique teaching style of math teacher Brian Bakke. In addition to homework, community service is also expected of his students. He thanked the Board for allowing flexible teaching.

Martin Moderi thanked the Board for their service to the school district. The school district's reputation enhances property values in Naperville. He questioned whether the Board was aware of Navistar's proposal to move into the old Lucent building in Lisle. He noted that this move would have detrimental revenue impact for the district. Superintendent Mitrovich noted that any discussions that have taken place have been very preliminary – there is a meeting with Lisle tomorrow and he plans to give the Board details following that meeting. Mr. Moderi offered to work with any Board members who are interested in finding another plan for the land.

Student
Ambassadors
Report

Sam Lai, NNHS reported:

- Next weekend the NNHS Treble Choir is recording and their music will be aired on the radio during the holiday season.
- The speech team did well in finals

- There is a renaissance concert upcoming
- The Children’s play is also upcoming
- EKG testing in conjunction with Midwest Heart Foundation will take place for all students December 10 and 11.
- There will be a Disco Dance on Tuesday, November 24.
- Swimming- won sectionals and are going to state
- Volley Ball and Cross Country did well this season

Brendan Montgomery, NCHS reported:

He was not able to attend Challenge Day which was held on October 26, 27, and 28, but he spoke with several students who did. Challenge Day is a nonprofit organization with the goal of creating a safe, loving and celebrated atmosphere at school. Students filled out permission slips and entered a lottery to attend one of the three days. Facilitators from the program came and led activities. Most students came in not knowing many people and left with new friends. 300 students and 70 staff members took part in the three days. Student Council is trying to find ways to keep the Challenge Days ideas active at school.

Jackie Pfeiffer, Assistant Principal at NCHS, gave the history of how NCHS got involved with Challenge Day beginning with the surprising results of the School Perceptions Survey feedback which indicated that the school climate needed to be reviewed. Staff from the District attended a Challenge Day event at another district and decided it would be helpful at NCHS.

Brendan Montgomery reported:

- Homecoming was successful with a good turn out this year
- Today was the fall blood drive – no numbers are available yet, he will report at the next meeting.
- EKG testing is this week at NCHS

Written
Communication

Freedom of Information Requests:

1. Glen DeCosta request for contractor information
2. Collins Law Firm request for indoor air quality information at NCHS
3. Daniel Heinz request for contractor payroll information

Superintendent/
Staff/School
Reports

Superintendent Mitrovich reported:

- Yesterday, November 15, was selected by the State of Illinois as Board of Education Member Day. He thanked the Board for their work and noted that a Board member’s job is much more demanding than people realize. Major District decisions fall on the shoulders of the Board of Education.
- Thanked the staff and Naperville Police Department for all their work and the students for exemplary behavior during the recent threat incident at NCHS. Safety and security of students is paramount and was never in question. The Police Department continues to be exceptionally supportive of the District.
- There are still a few computers available from the redeployment sale that was held Saturday.
- The Veteran’s Day celebration last week was very impressive beginning with the breakfast for all the vets at PSAC. He went to Washington Junior High to witness their program and hear the vets speak to the students.

- He had a chance to view the David DeJonge WW1 photograph exhibit at Jefferson Junior High. The students truly learned the material and did a great job working very hard on building a trench and a mock up battle scene.
- He had the pleasure of visiting with and speaking to the American International Studies Classes at NNHS.
- Last week he went to Washington D.C. for a meeting with NASA. NASA is looking for ways to get involved with school districts to share their educational program, which is not fully utilized. We will continue to explore this option.
- Last week he and several staff members went to Keller TX to take part in the annual Midwest Benchmarking Consortium Conference. The conference was extremely worthwhile and he would like to expand attendance next year to possibly include Board members.

Food Fight – Feed my starving children around the world

Mike Bochenski, Instructional Coordinator for Humanities at NCHS, explained an initiative that his students have begun to help eliminate starvation around the world. Their level of commitment is impressive. The students are coordinating fund raisers to purchase the pre-packaged corn based meals. They are planning to have a work day (to be announced) to pack the food for shipment around the world. Board members are invited to help.

Investigation of Nonresident Student Attendance

Melanie Raczkiwicz noted that the District has had an increasing number of suspected cases of nonresident students attending our schools. We will be utilizing the services of National Investigations, Inc. on an as needed basis to provide evidence that is needed to support our claim of falsifying residency. If anyone is aware of people falsifying residence, please contact either your school principal or the Administration Center.

Naperville Bridge School Update

Jim Caudill gave an update on the Junior High School program which is a joint effort with District 204 at one of their renovated facilities. Currently there are 11 students in the program which has a capacity of 30. Three of the 11 students are from District 203. There are four full time teachers and several shared specialists. Students are bused to their home school to partake in afterschool programs such as sports and band. The students are completely separated from the older children.

Mike Blacharczyk and Kitty Murphy reported on the progress at the Bridge School (Abraxas). They showed pictures of the facility during and after renovation. The school currently houses 32 students as an alternative to suspension or expulsion to help students succeed in school and beyond. They have seen success in the last two months. Mike described how they work on a day to day basis and how they measure student progress. Each student's data is analyzed and a program service reintegration plan is developed for each student. The students are aware of exactly what needs to be completed for graduation. Mike explained that staff meets at 7:30 a.m., prior to the arrival of students, to discuss any problems from the end of the previous day or through

the night. They talk about upcoming events for the day, any field trips and who is eligible or not. At the end of the day, they meet again to review the day and prepare for the next day.

Bridge School is part of CAAEL (Chicago Area Alternative Education League) and they have a volleyball team which is a behavior driven privilege. Three students, Christopher, Lutha and Clint were present and each told about how they got to Bridge, what they liked about the school and what their future plans included.

Document Services Center Analysis Discussion

Jim Hard, Document Services Center Coordinator, noted that the operation began in 2004. The Board received an analysis of the Document Services Center which outlined specifics regarding services and operations. It was noted by Board members that the document was clear and concise. Board member questions were answered. Jim Hard is available to review data and answer any further questions by calling his office.

President's Report

Board of Education Reports

Terry Fielden attended the Naperville Education Foundation meeting. Their large fund raiser, Yuks for Youth will be held at Wentz Hall, North Central College, in January.

The Computer Re-deployment sale was last weekend. Projectors were also sold this year. The sale was successful.

Board of Education Facilities Sub Committee

Mr. Fielden noted that some bids are on the agenda for approval later in the meeting.

- Mill Street is wrapping up
- NNHS pool is finished and so is the parking lot.
- NCHS is coming along – there are some floor decks in place.
- The weather has been a battle at the ECC. Overtime and working Saturdays has helped to keep on the revised schedule.

Tour of Facilities Web Pages

Melea Smith, Director of Communications, noted that facilities information has been on the website for several years beginning with the initial phases of the work that was done for the 2008 referendum. She gave an overview of some of the information that is available on the website and where to go to find it. She also cited some data from Google Analytics which showed that the Building the Future site has received 13,067 hits between January 3, 2008 and August 25, 2009.

Ms. Smith announced that the web cams are in place and functioning. Bob Wawrzon, Network Engineer, noted that the Park District allowed us to mount a camera on top of the carillon. There is also a camera on the south east corner of NCHS. They are live and programmable. Melea and Bob showed a demonstration of what the cameras show live as well as a recording from earlier in the day.

Consent
Agenda

The following items were presented on the Consent Agenda:

1. Bills and Claims from Warrant #341426 through Warrant #342157 totaling \$18,412,904.64 for the period of October 20, 2009 through November 16, 2009.
2. Treasurer's Statement for September 2009
3. The Board received information on investments September 2009
4. The November 2009 Insurance report was given to the Board.
5. Budget Report – November 2009
6. Minutes: Business Meeting 10/19/09, Meeting 11/2/09, Board Facilities Sub Committee 11/5/09
7. Personnel November 2009

Requests To Revise Leaves of Absence For Certified Staff Members

Beebe Elementary School

Lisa Fitzgerald, First Grade, Revise from Aug. 17, 2009 through Dec. 18, 2009 to Aug. 17, 2009 through Nov. 25, 2009

Retirement of Educational Support Personnel

Naperville Central High School

Sandra Wille, Special Education Assistant, December 18, 2009

Administration Center – Technology

Shari Helms, Asset & Risk Manager, October 29, 2009

Transportation

Lawrence Stepney, Bus Driver, October 31, 2009

Resignation of Educational Support Personnel

Elmwood Elementary School

Janet Rueb, Special Education Assistant, October 30, 2009

Naperville North High School

Maralee Dickins, Department Secretary, October 26, 2009

Administration Center – Curriculum

Barbara Rabinak, Curriculum Clerical Assistant, November 11, 2009

EMPLOYMENT OF EDUCATION SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Elmwood Elementary School

Anita Gorzak, Special Education Assistant, November 9, 2009

Highlands Elementary and Washington Junior High Schools

Jusuf Tairi, Custodian, October 26, 2009

Steeple Run Elementary School

Michelle Fortney, Computer Support Associate, November 9, 2009

Naperville North High School

Judy McCormack, Dean Secretary, November 5, 2009

Transportation

Petrus Meyer, Transportation, November 2, 2009

8. Out of Country Student Trip
9. Retain/Release closed Session Minutes as discussed in Closed Session
10. NCHS RESPRO School Improvement Plan Approval
11. Employee Compensation as discussed in Closed Session

Price moved approval of Bills and Claims from Warrant #341426 through Warrant #342157 totaling \$18,412,904.64 for the period of October 20, 2009 through November 16, 2009 and all other items on the Consent Agenda from 1 through 11. Fielden seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Romberg, Price, Fielden, Jaensch, Dennison, Weeks and Crotty. No: None. The motion carried.

Discussion
With Action:

Bids

1. NCHS South Addition Spray Applied Fire Proofing
2. Fire Protection for Additions and Renovations at NCHS
3. ECC Sound Proofing

Crotty made a motion to approve the bids as presented. Fielden seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Romberg, Price, Fielden, Jaensch, Dennison, Weeks and Crotty. No: None. The motion carried.

Board Position on 2009 IASB Resolutions

Annually the IASB resolution committee meets to review and vote on proposed resolutions. Each school board is asked to send a delegate to represent its views.

Superintendent Mitrovich reviewed several proposed resolutions that the administration discussed.

11. Consolidation of Districts into Unit Districts
14. Standardized test procedures
15. Tax Cap
19. Eliminate Prevailing Wage Act

Fielden made a motion to approve all proposed resolutions as presented with the exception of 11, 14, 15, 19. Crotty seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. Those voting yes: Romberg, Price, Fielden, Jaensch, Dennison, Weeks and Crotty. No: None. The motion carried.

Resolution No. 11

Price made a motion to vote against the IASB recommendation. Weeks seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. Those voting yes: Romberg, Price, Fielden, Jaensch, Dennison, Weeks and Crotty. No: None. The motion carried.

Resolution No. 14

Price made a motion to vote against the IASB recommendation. Weeks seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. Those voting yes: Romberg, Price, Fielden, Jaensch, Dennison, Weeks and Crotty. No: None. The motion carried.

Resolution No. 15

Price made a motion to vote against the IASB recommendation. Fielden seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. Those voting yes: Romberg, Price, Fielden, Jaensch, Dennison, Weeks and Crotty. No: None. The motion carried.

Resolution No. 19

Weeks made a motion to vote with the IASB recommendation. There was not a second – the motion died for lack of a second.

Resolution No. 19

Fielden made a motion to vote against the IASB recommendation. Dennison seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. Those voting yes: Romberg, Price, Fielden, Jaensch, Dennison, and Crotty. No: Weeks. The motion carried.

Board Representative to IASB Delegate Assembly Meeting 11/21/09

Price volunteered to represent the Board at the Delegate Assembly in conjunction with the Triple I Conference. Fielden moved that Suzyn Price be the Board Representative at the Delegate Assembly. Crotty seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Romberg, Price, Fielden, Jaensch, Dennison, Weeks and Crotty. No: None. The motion carried.

Early Childhood Center Name

At its meeting on November 2, the Board received background information gathered from a committee that was formed to help name the new Early Childhood Center facility. Board members discussed their opinions and rationale for the different names that were suggested.

Weeks made a motion to name the Early Childhood Center the Ann Reid Early Childhood Center. Fielden seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Romberg, Jaensch, Dennison, Price, and Fielden. No: Crotty. Abstain: Weeks. The motion carried.

Discussion None
Without Action
Old Business None

New Business None

Upcoming Upcoming Events:
Events November 23 Cross Town Mock Trial
 December 10 NEF Appreciation Breakfast
 December 14 Board of Education Business Meeting – only one meeting in
 December.
 January 2, 2010 Closed Session

Adjournment Fielden moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Crotty seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. Those voting yes were: Crotty, Price, Fielden, Dennison, Jaensch, Weeks and Romberg. No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved December 14, 2009

Mike Jaensch, President
Board of Education

Ann N. Bell, Secretary
Board of Education