

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 128
VERNON HILLS, ILLINOIS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

8-23-10

The Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:56 p.m. by President Patrick Groody, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The following members were noted present: Stephen Arthur, Alex Delli Paoli, Patrick Groody, Karin Lundstedt, Ellen Mauer, Marsha Oberrieder and Judy Sugarman. Absent: None.

Also present: Prentiss Lea, superintendent; Al Fleming, associate superintendent; Yasmine Dada, assistant superintendent for business; Deb Larson, assistant superintendent for curriculum & instruction; Mary Todoric, communications director; Jess Porres, business consultant; Ellen Cwick, VHHS principal; Marina Scott, LHS principal; Rick Mittelman, attorney; Denise Neal, recording secretary.

COMMUNICATION

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Groody expressed gratitude to the administrative team for a great start to the school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Lea reported on the following *Good News*:
 - Eighty-one District 128 student athletes participated in the 11th Annual North Suburban Conference (NSC) Coach/Athlete Leadership Conference on Sunday, Aug. 15 at Stevenson High School. Our students were part of more than 800 athletes and coaches from all 14 NSC Schools who attend the conference. The moderator for this year's conference was nationally acclaimed educator and motivator Michael Brandewine.
 - District 128 submitted four entries in the 2010 Illinois Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association's Communications and Golden Achievement Contest. We recently learned that **ALL FOUR ENTRIES** were named winners. District 128's award-winning submissions and team members responsible were:
 - **The Community High School District 128 Expectations for Communicating Electronically with Students**
Mick Torres & Mary Todoric
 - **National Board Certification Awareness Campaign**
Paul Reiff, Brian Twadell, Paul Slominski, Prentiss Lea, Al Fleming & Mary Todoric

- **Normative News @ Nine** (*video*)
Kevin Phelan, Steve Korney, Doug Dusthimer, Margaret Pither & Erin Art (*Lake County Health Dept.*)
- **Paw Prints Magazine**
Mary Todoric

Our award-winners will be honored at a luncheon schedule for Sept. 24 in Oakbrook.

- Superintendent Lea reported that 4 FOIA requests were submitted and responses provided.
- Superintendent Lea reported that the District's ACT scores have risen for the 5th consecutive year. The graduating Class of 2010, comprised of 761 students, earned an average composite score of 25.0. For the past five years, the district has seen a steady increase from 24.1 to 25.0. The state average composite ACT score was 20.7. The test is scored nationally on a range from 1 to 36. Libertyville High School's composite score climbed to 25.3, the highest in its history. Vernon Hills High School's average composite score was 24.7. Class of 2009 composite scores for LHS and VHHS were 24.9 and 24.7 respectively.
- Superintendent Lea read a statement reiterating Board and administrative support for the work of the Brainerd Preservation Committee and regarding an upcoming fundraiser sponsored by the Brainerd Preservation Committee.
- LHS Student School Board Representative Hannah Mowery reported on the following student activities and events at LHS:
 - First football game is scheduled for this weekend
 - Class meetings and musical auditions will be held tomorrow – August 24th
 - Club activities are beginning
- VHHS Student School Board Representative Nitya Bhagavatula reported on the following student activities and events at VHHS:
 - First football game is scheduled for this weekend
 - New organization called the Cougar Crew has formed to foster school spirit at all athletic events
 - A kick-off dance will be held on August 28th
 - Musical auditions for Seussical the Musical will be held this week

PUBLIC COMMENT

- President Groody extended an invitation for general public comment, including a review of the three-minute guidelines. No comments were received.

CONSENT VOTE AGENDA

It was moved by Member Lundstedt and seconded by Member Oberrieder to approve the Consent Vote Agenda as presented.

- a) Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2010
- b) Approval of Special Board Meeting for Public Hearing on the 2010-11 Budget Minutes of August 9, 2010
- c) Employment of Employees
 - 1) Educational Support Staff New Hires
 - a) Matthew Erlenbaugh, Special Services Teacher Aide, VHHS
 - 2) Educational Support Staff Resignation
 - a) Jennifer Rocque, Special Services Teacher Aide, LHS
 - 3) Educational Support Staff Replacement Hires
 - a) Cheryl Rice, P/T Monitor, VHHS
 - b) Shaunna Rivera, Special Services Aide, VHHS
 - 4) Coaching/Extracurricular Activities Replacement Hires
 - a) Avelino Cortez, Football Assistant Coach, VHHS
 - b) Andrew Forshee, Football Assistant Coach, LHS
 - c) Al Humbort, Football Assistant Coach, LHS
 - d) Carrie Niemet, Cheerleading Assistant Coach, LHS
 - e) Brad Smeele, Football Assistant Coach, LHS
- d) Disposal of Obsolete Equipment
- e) Bills Payable & Supplemental Bill List
- f) Contracts over \$1000
- g) Treasurer's Report

On a roll call vote: AYE: Arthur, Delli Paoli, Groody, Lundstedt, Mauer, Oberrieder and Sugarman. NAY: None. ABSENT:None. The motion carried. Addendum #9.

PROGRAM AND PERSONNEL

It was moved Member Lundstedt and seconded by Member Arthur to approve the Employment of Employees as presented:

- 1) Certified Staff Replacement Hire
 - a) Emily Ori, Spanish Teacher, Full-Time (*Anne Groskopf*), LHS
- 2) Educational Support Staff New Hire
 - b) Alyson Jast, Special Services Aide, LHS

On a roll call vote: AYE: Delli Paoli, Groody, Lundstedt, Mauer, Oberrieder, Sugarman and Arthur. NAY: None. ABSENT:None. The motion carried. Addendum #10.

FACILITIES AND FINANCE

It was moved by Member Sugarman and seconded by Member Delli Paoli to Adopt the 2010-11 Budget and the accompanying Certification of Revenues for the 2010-11 Budget and Attestation of the 2010-11 Budget.

On a roll call vote: AYE: Groody, Lundstedt, Mauer, Oberrieder, Sugarman, Arthur and Delli Paoli. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. The motion carried. Addendum #11.

It was moved by Member Mauer and seconded by Member Arthur to rescind the bid award for Special Needs Students' Transportation due to irregularities concerning the vendor, (AAA Transportation – officially chartered as AAA Village Limousine and Transportation AVLT) - and bid requirements which were discovered after the bid was awarded.

On a roll call vote: AYE: Lundstedt, Mauer, Oberrieder, Sugarman, Arthur, Delli Paoli and Groody. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. The motion carried.

It was moved by Member Mauer and seconded by Member Sugarman to award the Special Needs Students' Transportation bid to Citicare. It was noted that Citicare is the current provider and recommended vendor for this bid award based upon the fact that they are the most cost efficient and able to provide the additional financial documents requested.

On a roll call vote: AYE: Mauer, Oberrieder, Sugarman, Arthur, Delli Paoli, Groody and Lundstedt. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. The motion carried. Addendum #12.

Chairperson Oberrieder reviewed the following committee discussion topics:

- 1) Assistant Superintendent for Business, Yasmine Dada, provided the Board with the expectations for tax revenue adjustments for the coming year. Decreases of 4.5% to 11% in assessments received by homeowners have been noted. It will not be necessary to hold a tax levy hearing this year as District 128 will not be seeking 105% over last years' extension. A debt reduction discussion followed.
- 2) The Orchesis Practice Facility flooring will be installed over the Veteran's Day holiday. The Orchesis Dance Program will begin at the end of November.
- 3) The LHS Pool Mechanical work is nearing completion with a punch list walk through scheduled for September 3rd. This work has not had any impact on the swim team practice sessions.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Member Sugarman reported that a Property Committee Meeting was held prior to the 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting and reiterated the good working relationship with the Brainerd Preservation Committee and the continued support by the School Board in support of their efforts. It was noted that December 2011 is the due date for the first lease payment. District 128 will begin to look at engineering, architectural and asbestos removal costs if the Brainerd Building is returned to District 128.

SEDOL

No Report

IASB

No Report

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Lundstedt and seconded by Member Oberrieder to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

A voice vote was taken with all members present voting aye. NAY: None. ABSENT: None.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Oberrieder, Secretary

Patrick Groody, President