

REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION OF AUGUST 16, 2011

In the absence of President Jeff Pierson, Vice- President Arlene Albert called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room at the District Administrative Center. Members Present: Mr. Don Dickinson, Mrs. Paige Vanderhyden, Dr. Tom Streitz, Mr. Earl Petersen, and Mrs. Arlene Albert. Absent: Mrs. Tracy Spesia and Mr. Jeff Pierson.

Mr. Petersen moved that the board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel, property, student discipline, negotiations, and possible litigation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Streitz and carried. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Dickinson, Mrs. Vanderhyden, Dr. Streitz, Mr. Petersen, and Mrs. Albert. Nays: None.

Vice-President Albert recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 5:32 p.m.

Mrs. Spesia entered the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

Dr. Streitz moved to adjourn the Executive Session into Regular Session in the Board Room at the District Administrative Center. The motion was seconded by Mr. Petersen and carried. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Dickinson, Mrs. Vanderhyden, Mrs. Spesia, Dr. Streitz, Mr. Petersen, and Mrs. Albert. Nays: None.

Vice-President Albert recessed the meeting into Regular Session at 6:47 p.m.

Vice-President Albert reconvened the meeting into Regular Session in the Board Room at the District Administrative Center at 7:00 p.m. and asked for a Roll call. Members Present: Mr. Dickinson, Mrs. Vanderhyden, Mrs. Spesia, Dr. Streitz, Mr. Petersen, and Mrs. Albert. Absent: Mr. Pierson.

Following the Roll Call, the Pledge to the Flag was given.

Vice-President Albert presented the Minutes of the July 19, 2011, Regular Meeting, for approval.

Mrs. Vanderhyden made a motion to approve the Minutes of the July 19, 2011, Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Streitz and carried. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Dickinson, Mrs. Vanderhyden, Mrs. Spesia, Dr. Streitz, Mr. Petersen, and Mrs. Albert. Nays: None.

Vice-President Albert asked for Public Comment on agenda items.

There was no Public Comment on agenda items.

Vice-President Albert asked for Correspondence.

Dr. McCarthy shared with the board information on *Targeting Achievement Through Governance* (TAG) which is a grant-funded program from the Illinois Association of School Boards. These free services address the board's role in student learning and achievement. This program involves an 18-month time commitment. The board will review the information and decide if they wish to participate.

Vice-President Albert asked for the Legislative Report.

Dr. McCarthy reported on SB7 (Education Reform Week) and SB315 (Performance Evaluation Reform Act). The reform acts include many changes, one of which requires all new school board members to receive at least 4 hours of training on education and labor law, financial oversight and accountability and fiduciary responsibilities. This is in effect for all school board members elected or appointed after June 13, 2011.

The reform also include changes in principal and teacher evaluation and reduction in force procedures. Dr. McCarthy will be forming a joint committee with the teachers union to educated membership and begin discussions on implementation of the reforms.

Dr. McCarthy asked Mrs. Guseman for the Summer School Report.

Mrs. Guseman presented the Summer School report that shows higher enrollment than last year as well as a higher percentage of students who are passing the courses. Dropped students consist mostly as a result of violating the attendance policy.

Dr. McCarthy asked Mrs. Guseman for the Achieve 3000 Report.

Mrs. Guseman reported that the Achieve 3000 is a web-based program used primarily to improve reading comprehension, fluency, vocabulary and writing skills. Our students exceeded the expected gains as measured by the program.

Dr. McCarthy asked Mrs. Guseman to reported on the Speedway Partnership with JTHS.

Mrs. Guseman reported that students from Career Academies will develop and manage a comprehensive fundraising program to beautify the speedway and raise money for local charities. The project entitled “BenchMark” will be site-based and feature benches sponsored by groups/businesses and customized by JTHS artists using a motorsports theme. Students will apply their learning through a real-world application that will benefit the Joliet Community.

There were no Campus reports this month.

The following Newly Tenured Teachers were recognized.

Suzanne Bambule	Daniel Markun
Emily Beal	Pablo Marquez
Jill Berscheid	Magdalena Maslowski
Stacey Bluemer	Tara McNeal
Catherine Cerri	Mark Peterson
Dipti Goel	Kenneth Poort
Kimberly Guidinger	Ashley Porcellino
Sean Hackney	Mary Rezk
Jason Herrmann	Julie Richmond
Shannon Hubbard	Jamila Snapp
Tracey Ivan	Ivan Soto

Constance Joubert	Heather Suca
Jennifer Lemberg	Bobbie Sue Tuxford
Amy Lingafelter	Israel Velazquez
Peter Lipari	Sandra Voss
Todd Lucas	Lucas Yaklich

The Board took a short recess to meet and greet the recognized participants.

Vice-President Albert presented for approval the Payroll and Bills report:

PAYROLL AND BILLS

Total Payroll Checks issued periods ending 7/9/11 & 7/23/11	\$1,295,708.52
Total Teacher Retirement - July	\$ 7,743.20
Total Accounts Payable - June/July	<u>\$2,737,365.78</u>
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>\$ 4,040,817.50</u>

ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS - Month of July, 2011

Beginning Balance	\$	607,263.27
Receipts/Transfers		54,359.28
Expenditures/Transfers		50,060.79
Ending Balance	\$	<u>611,561.76</u>
NOW Account Balance	\$	611,561.76

A motion was made by Mrs. Vanderhyden to approve the Payroll and Bills report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Streitz and carried. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Dickinson, Mrs. Vanderhyden, Mrs. Spesia, Dr. Streitz, Mr. Petersen, and Mrs. Albert. Nays: None.

Vice-President Albert announced that the Hearing was now open for Public Comment on the 2011-2012 Budget. There being no Public Comment, the Hearing was declared closed.

Dr. McCarthy presented the 2011-2012 Proposed Final Budget for adoption. (A copy of the Budget is on file in the Business Office)

Discussion. A motion was made by Mrs. Vanderhyden to approve the Adoption of the Proposed Final Budget for 2011-2012 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Dickinson, Mrs. Vanderhyden, Mrs. Spesia, Dr. Streitz, Mr. Petersen, and Mrs. Albert. Nays: None.

Vice-President Albert presented "Banking and Investments" as a new item for informational purposes. The report comes from the PMA Financial Network and Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund and summarizes investment activities. A complete copy is on file in

the Business Office.

Vice-President Albert presented the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Joliet Park District for the Alternate School use of Hartman Center for physical education. The total cost for the facility is \$12,750.00 for the school year. (See Attachment A)

A motion was made by Dr. Streitz to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Joliet Park District for the Alternate School use of Hartman Center for physical education as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Vanderhyden and carried. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mrs. Vanderhyden, Mrs. Spesia, Dr. Streitz, Mr. Petersen, and Mrs. Albert. Nays: None. Mr. Dickinson abstained his vote.

Vice-President Albert presented for approval a License Agreement between Joliet Township High School District No. 204 and the Joliet Slammers. This Agreement would allow the Joliet Slammers to use the Central Campus parking lots for the sum of \$5,000 per year. (See Attachment B)

A motion was made by Mrs. Vanderhyden to approve the License Agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Streitz and carried. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Dickinson, Mrs. Vanderhyden, Mrs. Spesia, Dr. Streitz, Mr. Petersen, and Mrs. Albert. Nays: None.

Vice-President Albert presented the following Intergovernmental Agreement between Joliet Township High School District 204 and Wheaton-Warrenville School District 200 for transportation services as follows:

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
JOLIET TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 204
AND
WHEATON-WARRENVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 200**

Joliet Township High School District 204(JTHS) and Wheaton-Warrenville School District 200(WWSD) hereby enter into an agreement an agreement under Article 29-3.3 and 29-6 of the Illinois School Code whereby JTHS will provide student transportation services to a WWSD student in accordance with the following specifications for the 2011-2012 school year, ending June 30, 2012. The student lives in a Cornerstone Services group home located at 31134 Heritage Drive, Joliet, and will be transported to the United Cerebral Palsy School (UCP) located at 311 Reed Street, Joliet. GHS agrees to share the cost of the bus service with JTHS. The daily rate for the school bus is \$207.02, based on 4 hours per day and 90 miles. Additional time or mileage will be charged at a rate of \$2.07 per mile and \$15.68 per hour. GHS will reimburse JTHS the full cost of special equipment and a bus aid if required. JTHS reserves the right to cancel this agreement if the JTHS student living at the group home no longer attends UCP or requires transportation services. This agreement does not pertain to students who are identified as homeless under the McKinney-Vento Act.

Wheaton-Warrenville School
Date:

Joliet Township High School Dist. 204
Date: August 16, 2011

A motion was made by Mr. Dickinson to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Joliet Township High School and Wheaton-Warrenville School District as presented.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Vanderhyden and carried. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Dickinson, Mrs. Vanderhyden, Mrs. Spesia, Dr. Streitz, Mr. Petersen, and Mrs. Albert. Nays: None.

Vice-President Albert reported that Comcast is offering “Internet Essentials” services for families of students that are eligible to receive free school lunches. The District will distribute flyers to students who may qualify for this service at an affordable price. Because this is considered an advertisement, school board policy requires an approval by the Board of Education.

A motion was made by Mr. Dickinson to offer “Internet Essentials” for qualifying families in the district. The motion was seconded by Dr. Streitz and carried. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Dickinson, Mrs. Vanderhyden, Mrs. Spesia, Dr. Streitz, Mr. Petersen, and Mrs. Albert. Nays: None.

Vice-President Albert presented for approval a donation from Barry Vanderhyden of a cash/alumni donation with the intended use for the purchase of football equipment. An appropriate thank you note will be sent.

Vice-president Albert asked Mr. Pagliaro to report on the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting. Mr. Pagliaro reported that for the twenty-fourth consecutive year the District has been awarded the International Association of School Business Officials Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award. This award represents a significant achievement and reflects the Board of Education’s commitment to the highest standards of school system financial reporting. Mr. Pagliaro thanked his staff for their dedicated efforts in this endeavor.

Vice-President Albert presented information on the Cass Street Tax Increment Financing redevelopment plan and program for review. Pros and cons were discussed in moving forward with this.

Vice-President Albert presented the Professional and Classified Personnel Reports, including Addendums, for approval:

10.A. – Professional Personnel Report

1. Retirements

Edna Brass – Director of Special Services, District, effective June 30, 2014

Myrna Laugier – English, West Campus, effective August 10, 2011

2. Resignations

Katharine Curtis – Math, Central Campus, effective July 29, 2011, personal

Nicole Lodge – Special Education, Central Campus, effective July 26, 2011, accept another position

Ericka Rock – School Psychologist, West Campus, effective July 20, 2011, accept another position

3. Leave of Absence Request – 2011-2012 School Year

Gwendolynne Thompson – Media Specialist, Central Campus, effective September 6, 2011, thru October 6, 2011, parenting

9. Recommendation for Advancement on Salary Schedule Due to Additional Coursework – 2011-2012 School Year

Fifteen (15) Hours Beyond Bachelors:

Central Campus

Kimberly Guidinger	A-11 to B-11
Pablo Marquez	A-4 to B-4
Sean McKeown	A-7 to B-7
Elizabeth McNally	A-5 to B-5
Valerie Skanberg	A-3 to B-3

West Campus

Peter Nackovic	A-2 to B-2
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Masters' Degree Received:

Central Campus

Vernice Braasch	B-3 to C-3
Marguerita Cuevas	B-5 to C-5

West Campus

Matthew Almon	B-8 to C-8
Joseph Chellino	B-7 to C-7
Terra Meyer	B-6 to C-6

Fifteen (15) Hours Beyond Masters:

Central Campus

Jennifer Flynn	C-5 to D-5
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West Campus

Amy Malizia	C-7 to D-7
Christopher Triebel	C-5 to D-5

Thirty (30) Hours Beyond Masters:

Central Campus

Deborah Baskin	D-23 to E-23
Samantha Manering	D-7 to E-7
Douglas Schmuldt	D-17 to E-17

West Campus

Iliana Angel	D-10 to E-10
Janice Sheehan	D-9 to E-9

Forty-Five (45) Hours Beyond Masters:

West Campus

Karla Barker	E-10 to F-10
Jessica Marszalek	E-9 to F-9

Central Campus

Kelly Manning-Smith	E-13 to F-13
Darcy Newell	E-5 to F-5

Sixty (60) Hours Beyond Masters:

West Campus

Alan Mart

F-22 to G-22

10. Extra Pay Resignations – 2011-2012 School Year

Rick Hockinson – Assistant Football Coach, Central Campus

Marlon Watson – Assistant Football Coach, West Campus

10.B. – Classified Personnel Report

1. Retirement

Charlene Kobe – Office Assistant II, West Campus, Principal's Office, effective November 1, 2011

2. Resignations

Victoria Cade – Bus Driver, District Transportation, effective August 4, 2011, personal

Amy Koser – Task Force Secretary, Central Campus, assigned to Principal's Office, effective August 12, 2011, accept another position

Robert Wright – Bus Driver, currently on leave, effective August 8, 2011, medical

Christina Vercelote – Tutor (FACS) Central Campus, effective August 16, 2011, accept full-time task force certified position

3. Change of Status Recommendations – 2011-2012 School Year

(All positions effective 8/17/11 – Salaries to be determined)

Phyllis Abernathy – from Office Assistant II, Central Campus to Para-Professional/Study Hall Monitor, Central Campus, due to resignation of Linda McCahill

Paula McAllister – from Special Custodian/Cafeteria, West Campus, to Day Custodian. West Campus, due to retirement of George Pappas

Christina Vercelote – from Tutor/FACS Part-time Central Campus to Full-time Para-Professional, Special Education/West Campus due to resignation of Amy Zaffino

Anthony Westbrook – from Custodian 2nd shift/West Campus to Special Custodian-Cafeteria/West Campus due to retirement of Kenneth Kelly

4. Employment Recommendations – 2011-2012 School Year*

(Effective dates & salaries to be determined)

Robert Anthony – Para-Professional/Special Education – District Alternate School, due to resignation of Monique Watkins

Lisa Barone - Para-Professional/Central Campus Special Education/AVAC program, due to authorization of position (enrollment)

Amy Carroll - Para-Professional/Central Campus Special Education/AVAC program, due to authorization of position (enrollment)

Nancy Dixon – Custodian, Central Campus (2nd shift) due to transfer of Charles Balstrode effective August 17, 2011

Deborah Gill – Para-Professional, Central Campus, Special Education/AVAC Program, due to authorization of position (enrollment)

Melanie Monninger - Para-Professional/Central Campus Special Education, due to resignation of Ashley DeValk

Brian Pellegrini – Para-Professional, Central Campus, Special Education Division, due to resignation of Jason Vitas

Thomas Ryan – Custodian/West Campus & Transportation Dept. due to re-classification of Maintenance Mechanic position

Clarissa Shelby – Para-Professional, West Campus, Special Education Division, due to

authorization of position (enrollment)
Eloy Savala – Para-Professional/Security, West Campus, due to resignation of Kelly Bargo

5. Recommendation for Employee Suspension

xxx-xx-1494 – Para-Professional/Security, Central Campus, (5) days to be determined without pay – administrative decision

***Approval of employment recommendations are subject to acceptance of the results of a Criminal Background Investigation and receipt of certificates or licenses required for the position as agreed with the applicant.**

A motion was made by Mrs. Vanderhyden to approve the Professional and Classified Personnel reports, including Addendums, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Dickinson, Mrs. Vanderhyden, Mrs. Spesia, Dr. Streitz, Mr. Petersen, and Mrs. Albert. Nays: None.

Dr. McCarthy presented the Mission Action Report for approval. This report is on file in the Superintendent's Office.

A motion was made by Mrs. Vanderhyden to approve the Mission Action Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Dickinson, Mrs. Vanderhyden, Mrs. Spesia, Dr. Streitz, Mr. Petersen, and Mrs. Albert. Nays: None.

Vice-President Albert asked for New Business.

Dr. McCarthy Albert presented the following Policies for First Reading:

6:255 – Assemblies and Ceremonies

8:95 – Parental Involvement

1:10 – School District Legal Status

2:10 – School District Governance

2:125 - Board Member Expenses

3:70 - Succession of Authority

A motion was made by Dr. Streitz to approve the above policies for First Reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Dickinson, Mrs. Vanderhyden, Mrs. Spesia, Dr. Streitz, Mr. Petersen, and Mrs. Albert. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Mr. Petersen to approve the expulsion of Student C11-12-02 from all District programs until January, 2012. The Board then stayed the expulsion so Student C11-12-02 may continue his education through Lincoln School. Student C11-12-02 may re-enroll at Joliet Central in January, 2012, under an expulsion warning. The motion was seconded by Dr. Streitz and carried. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Dickinson, Mrs. Vanderhyden, Mrs. Spesia, Dr. Streitz, Mr. Petersen, and Mrs. Albert. Nays: None.

Vice-President Albert asked for Unfinished Business.

Dr. McCarthy presented Policy 5:185 – Family and Medical Leave, for Second Reading.

A motion was made by Mrs. Vanderhyden to approve Policy 5:185 for Second Reading.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Dickinson, Mrs. Vanderhyden, Mrs. Spesia, Dr. Streitz, Mr. Petersen, and Mrs. Albert. Nays: None.

Vice- President Albert asked for Public Comment.

Mrs. Marje Monte, 1703 Wintercrest, Shorewood, addressed the board to ask permission for her daughter to continue her senior year at the West campus even though they now live in the Minooka School District. Vice-President Albert replied that after consulting legal counsel and based on school law, the board would not be able to accommodate her request.

Deborah Feynik, 1004 Buell, Joliet, and Elvia Ruiz, 1128 Tryson, Joliet, came forward to express their concerns that there are no night lights at the Central football field.

Dr. McCarthy announced to the Board and audience that Teresa Gibson had recently completed her dissertation and is now Dr. Teresa Gibson. Dr. Gibson received a round of applause for this most prestigious achievement.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Vanderhyden and seconded by Dr. Streitz, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. with a Roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Dickinson, Mrs. Vanderhyden, Mrs. Spesia, Dr. Streitz, Mr. Petersen, and Mrs. Albert. Nays: None.

Arlene Albert,
Vice-President

Earl L. Petersen,
Secretary

