

**Minutes of the REGULAR Meeting of the Board of Education
Community Unit School District No. 4, Champaign County, Illinois
Mellon Administrative Center, 703 S. New Street, Champaign, Illinois
August 8, 2016 within the Boundaries of Said District**

Regular Meeting

Board President Chris Kloeppe called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Amy Armstrong, Gianina Baker, Chris Kloeppe, Kathy Richards, Kathy Shannon, Lynn Stuckey, Jonathan Westfield

Staff Members Present

Superintendent Judy Wiegand, Deputy Superintendent Laura Taylor, Assistant Superintendent Susan Zola, Assistant Superintendent Angela Smith, Executive Director of Human Resources, Ken Kleber, Chief Financial and Legal Officer Tom Lockman, Director of Operations Paul Douglas

Approval of Agenda

Item 9A School Resource Officer (SRO) Program Annual Update was moved to 9B and 9B Facilities Discussion was moved to 9A. Member Westfield moved, with a second by Member Baker to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

Executive Session

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Richards, to adjourn into *Closed Session* in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2c) Student Discipline 120/2(c)(9). The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

The Board convened into *Closed Session* at 5:32 p.m.

Open Session

The Board convened into *Open Session* at 6:05 p.m.

Guests

Representatives from CFT, local media and other interested persons

Action Agenda: New Business

Administrative Appointment – Interim Assistant Principal at Stratton Elementary: Ken Kleber
Member Richards moved, with a second by Member Stuckey to approve the Administrative Appointment – Interim Assistant Principal at Stratton Elementary. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

The position of Interim Assistant Principal at Stratton Elementary was advertised through the District's website. Ten (10) candidates were interviewed by a team of Stratton administration, licensed staff representatives, and support staff representatives. Mr. LeRoy (Roy) Van Meter was selected as the most outstanding candidate.

Mr. Van Meter's administrative experience includes serving as High School Principal with Galesburg CUSD 205 (2012-2016), High School Principal of Iroquois West CUSD 10 (2009-2012), and K-12 Principal of Crescent-Iroquois CUSD 249 (2008-2009). Prior to his administrative roles, Mr. Van Meter served as Director of Bands for Hersher CUSD 2 (1995-2008), Director of Bands for AlWood CUSD 225 (1990-1995), and Director of Music, Band, and Choir with Greenfield CUSD 10 (1987-1990).

Mr. Van Meter holds a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education from Western Illinois University (1987) and a Master of Arts in Education-School Improvement Leadership from Olivet Nazarene University (2006). He has also attended Black Hawk College in Moline, Illinois and Vandercook College of Music in Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Van Meter will begin his duties as Interim Assistant Principal of Stratton Elementary on August 9, 2016 following formal Board approval on August 8, 2016. Mr. Van Meter will work with Stratton administration to make up the six days of missed contract time. The recommended salary is \$62,804, plus all appropriate Board-approved administrative fringe benefits. Adjustments to the recommended salary will be made in accordance with any Board-approved administrative pay increases for 2016-2017. This is a 215 days/year position. Annual evaluation will be completed by the appropriate supervising administrator.

District administration recommended the appointment of Mr. Roy Van Meter as Interim Assistant Principal of Stratton Elementary for the 2016-2017 school year effective August 9, 2016 at the above-listed salary and appropriate fringe benefits.

Reports: New Business

Facilities Discussion: Dr. Judy Wiegand

Board members discussed their current thinking on facility plans, specifically the projects they believe should be included in a November, 2016 referendum.

This was an informational item and no action was required by the Board.

School Resource Officer (SRO) Program Annual Update: Orlando Thomas

The Memorandum of Understanding, signed by the District and the Champaign Police Department, which includes the following: an annual meeting of District administrators and School Resource Officers and their supervisor(s); monthly SRO-principal meetings; student focus groups; parent questionnaires; a reciprocal reporting agreement; SRO activity documentation; student rights assemblies; SRO classroom presentations; reporting of firearms and battery to school personnel; and sharing of information related to police investigations will be discussed. In addition, data on student arrests and Youth Assessment Center (YAC) assignments was presented. The link to the presentation is:

[https://www.boarddocs.com/il/champil/Board.nsf/files/ACHT2373B05D/\\$file/August%202016%20EOY%20Summary.pdf](https://www.boarddocs.com/il/champil/Board.nsf/files/ACHT2373B05D/$file/August%202016%20EOY%20Summary.pdf)

This was an informational item and no action was required by the Board.

Referendum Question Language: Tom Lockman

Board Members discussed facility projects and associated costs that may be included in a resolution for a November, 2016 ballot question. A representative from Chatman and Cutler was present to assist the Board with draft language for a resolution.

This was an informational item and no action was required by the Board.

Student Discipline

Member Westfield moved, with a second by Member Shannon that student #510096 should be expelled from Central High School for the 2016-17 school year and should be reassigned to an alternative setting at the administration's direction for violating Conduct Codes #18 Physical Confrontation with Staff, #19 Physical Confrontation with Student and #36 Mob Action. Such expulsion shall be held in abeyance so long as the student meets the attendance and behavioral requirements of the assigned placement. If such requirements are met, upon

expiration of the reassigned term, the expulsion will be vacated and the student may return to his/her regularly assigned school. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

Member Stuckey moved, with a second by Member Richards that student #620856 should be expelled from Centennial High School for the 2016-17 school year and should be reassigned to an alternative setting at the administration's direction for violating Conduct Codes #14 Gang-Related Activities, #18 Physical Confrontation with Staff, #19 Physical Confrontation with Student and #36 Mob Action. Such expulsion shall be held in abeyance so long as the student meets the attendance and behavioral requirements of the assigned placement. If such requirements are met, upon expiration of the reassigned term, the expulsion will be vacated and the student may return to his/her regularly assigned school. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

Member Armstrong moved, with a second by Member Shannon that student #510528 should be expelled from Centennial High School for the 2016-17 school year and the 2017-18 school year for violating Conduct Codes #18 Physical Confrontation with Staff, #19 Physical Confrontation with Student and #36 Mob Action. Such expulsion shall be held in abeyance so long as the student meets the attendance and behavioral requirements of the student's alternative placement during the expulsion period. If such requirements are met, upon expiration of the reassigned term, the expulsion will be vacated and the student may return to his/her regularly assigned school following the expulsion period. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

Consent Agenda: Unfinished/New Business

Member Stuckey moved, with a second by Member Richards to approve the Consent Agenda – Unfinished/New Business. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

Human Resource Changes: Ken Kleber

The Human Resource Changes were approved as presented.

Bills and Treasurer's Report – July: Tom Lockman

The Bills and Treasurer's Report – July was approved as presented.

Minutes of July 11, 2016 and July 18, 2016

The Minutes were approved as presented.

Bid: Warehouse/Custodial Supplies: Tom Lockman

Board policy states that bids will be solicited when items are expected to exceed a total of \$25,000. Formal invitations were mailed on April 18, 2016 to 41 vendors inviting the submission of sealed bids for custodial supplies warehoused by the District. The invitation and specifications for the bid were posted on the District's website. Bids were received from 16 vendors and opened on May 5, 2016. On June 13, 2016 the Board approved the item-by-item award for the amount of \$23,336.22.

Since the items have been awarded and ordered, unforeseen issues have arisen with the supplier that have prompted an increase in the original bid to \$23,639.90.

A total increase in spending of \$303.68, which will be charged against the District's warehouse asset account.

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Administration recommended approval of the change in the awarded Custodial Supplies Warehouse Bid.

Champaign-Urbana Schools Foundation Financial Support: Tom Lockman

Over the last several years the Champaign-Urbana Schools Foundation has done a tremendous job of supporting our school district and teachers. In order to continue this level of support the Foundation is requested that the District contribute \$15,000 to their operations.

Administration recommended Board approval of a maximum annual contribution of \$15,000 to the Champaign-Urbana Schools Foundation.

Bank Signature Authorizations FY17: Tom Lockman

By direction of the Board, two signatures are required on all checks written against checking accounts for the District. A revised list of staff to be authorized as co-signatures on respective accounts for fiscal year 2016-2017 was provided to the Board.

Administration recommended Board approval of the listing provided to the Board on the respective banking accounts for fiscal year 2016-2017.

Lead 4 Life Middle School Program: Angela Smith

Lead 4 Life is a company designed to help students develop leadership and life skills from elementary through high school. Using the four pillars of Choices, Dream, Drive and Team, Lead 4 Life teaches students the power of a dream, the necessity of a life plan, how to set goals, and create a personal road map for future successes. Lead 4 Life instructs students in character building, developing a purpose, creating an identity, and understanding that they have a place in this world. Through mentoring and modeling, students learn how focus and determination can lead to academic achievement. Lead 4 Life stresses the importance of relationships with teachers, adults, as well peers; allowing students to recognize those who benefit and those who hinder their life's plans. Students develop a "pay it forward" mentality, giving back to the community and mentoring to younger peers.

Lead 4 Life's philosophy is grounded by giving, teaching, conducting workshops, bridging gaps, and providing support for the students they serve. This is all done to help better students' lives and strengthen the overall school community.

Lead 4 Life will provide staffing of one (1) Lead 4 Life Staff member at each site daily for a maximum of six (6) hours per day. The cost is \$50,000 (\$25,000 Title II grant, \$25,000 District funds). Assessment will be provided by Student/Parent feedback, Staff input, and data from grades, discipline and attendance.

Administration recommended that the Board of Education approve the submitted proposal for Lead 4 Life to formally partner with Unit 4 Middle Schools.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Stuckey, to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 p.m. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

Board Approved: September 12, 2016