

**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
December 12, 2016 within the Boundaries of Said District**

Regular Meeting

Board President Chris Kloeppe called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 5:31 p.m.

Board Members Present

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

Staff Members Present

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

Member Armstrong moved, with a second by Member Shannon 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) to consider Employee Appointments, Employment, Compensation, Dismissals and Complaints 120/2(c)(1) and 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 6:08 p.m.

Guests

Representatives from CFT, local media and other interested persons

Reports: New Business

Referendum Update: Tom Lockman, Paul Douglas & Arlene Vespa

On Tuesday, November 8, 2016, the resolution put forth by the Board of Education to issue up to \$183.4 million in bonds was approved by the voters. The plan as outlined in the resolution will impact six of our schools: Central High School, Centennial High School, Edison Middle School, Dr. Howard Elementary, International Prep Academy, and South Side Elementary. Administration provided an update to the Board. The link to the presentation is: [http://www.boarddocs.com/il/champil/Board.nsf/files/AGKVL80D2BB/\\$file/FINAL%20BOE%20Presentation%20121216.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/il/champil/Board.nsf/files/AGKVL80D2BB/$file/FINAL%20BOE%20Presentation%20121216.pdf)

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

Consent Agenda: Unfinished/New Business

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Stuckey 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.

Resolution to Give Written Notice of Reassignment & Reclassification – Delores Lloyd: Ken Kleber

The Resolution was approved as presented.

Bills and Treasurer's Report – November: Tom Lockman

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

Minutes of November 7, 2016, November 14, 2016 and November 28, 2016

The minutes were approved as presented.

Approval of 2017-18 School Calendars: Maria Alanis

A committee comprised of parents, teachers, support staff, principals, and District administrators met throughout the current school year to develop the 2017-18 school calendars.

Using parameters established by the Illinois State Board of Education and District-specific considerations, the committee developed the proposed calendars. The considerations and parameters include:

- Attention to factors that promote positive learning and work environments for students and staff members, respectively (e.g., continuity of instructional time, state testing, etc.).
- Adherence to contract language relative to the design of the school calendars.
- Alignment of the Regular and Balanced calendars to allow all District staff members to participate together in professional development on designated Institute days or District school improvement days.
- Holding semester exams at the end of the first semester, before winter break.
- Placement of the fall and spring holidays to ensure sensitivity to families traveling over designated holiday breaks and/or to other variables.
- Alignment of the District's spring break with the University of Illinois' spring break.

A fundamental goal in the development of the District calendars is to incorporate the maximum amount of considerations into a well-designed calendar that meets the needs of the majority of the diverse stakeholders served by Champaign Unit School District #4. There are no foreseen ADA implications that can impact District funding by the State of Illinois.

Administration recommended that the Board approve the proposed 2017-18 calendars.

Tax-Exempt Lease-Purchase Financing for Two 2016 Chevrolet Microbird Buses and 2018 Ford Bus: Tom Lockman

In order to receive the lowest interest rate on the lease purchase of two 30 passenger buses and one 30 + 6 passenger bus from Central States Bus Sales, Inc., the District solicited proposals for financing the costs of the three buses (\$219,022) over a 5 year period. The lowest rate received was a 2.44% annual interest rate from Commerce Bank. It was requested that the Board of Education approve the selection of Commerce Bank as the low bidder for the financing for the acquisition of two 30 passenger buses and one 30 + 6 passenger bus from Central State Bus Sales, Inc. The lease payments of \$46,233.08 will be charged to the FY17 Transportation Budget.

Administration recommended that we accept the Commerce Bank bid to provide financing for the lease-purchase of the two 30 Passenger 2016 Blue Bird Microbird Buses and one 30 + 6 Passenger 2018 Ford Bus.

Approval of GHR Proposal for Barkstall Fire Alarm Upgrade: Tom Lockman

Board approval was necessary for the GHR proposal for electrical engineering services necessary to put together the bid package to replace the existing fire alarm system at Barkstall. The cost of GHR's services for the Barkstall Fire Alarm Replacement will be paid from the Capital Projects Fund 61.

Administration recommended that the Board approve the GHR Proposal for the Barkstall Fire Alarm Replacement for \$8,100 (10% of the estimated construction costs) plus reimbursable expenses estimated at \$5,600.

Approval of GHR Proposal for Robeson Fire Alarm Upgrade: Tom Lockman

Board approval was necessary for the GHR proposal for electrical engineering services necessary to put together the bid package to replace the existing fire alarm system at Robeson. The cost of GHR's services for the Robeson Fire Alarm Replacement will be paid from the Capital Projects Fund 61.

Administration recommended that the Board approve the GHR Proposal for the Robeson Fire Alarm Replacement for \$8,300 (10% of the estimated construction costs) plus reimbursable expenses estimated at \$5,600.

High School Course Proposals/Curriculum Handbook – Additional Course: Dr. Laura Taylor

The staff of Centennial High School and the Director of Education to Careers and Professions have proposed a new course called College and Career Readiness to Centennial students as an elective for the 2017-2018 school year. Centennial administration and teachers followed the newly established process for building initiated elective courses which includes a review by the Centennial Content Area Chair (CAC), the Centennial Building Council, Principal Greg Johnson, and the District K-12 Teaching and Learning Committee. A description of the proposed course follows:

Course Information: ½ credit; either semester; open to grades 11 & 12 (Centennial Only)

Prerequisite: None

Description: *College and Career Readiness Seminar will provide students an opportunity to synthesize the skills and knowledge they have acquired up to this point in their education with a focus on becoming College and Career Ready. They will become actively contributing citizens and community members by getting involved in planning and performing service learning projects. Students will be exposed to a broad range of career opportunities and the steps they will need to obtain their career goal, which include all forms of post-secondary education and training. The overarching goal of the College & Career Readiness Seminar is to immerse students in real-life learning experiences which will assist them in determining the career pathway they want to pursue.*

Each spring, Central Office administrators and the high school principals determine staffing allocations for the next school year. The allocations are dependent on student enrollment numbers for current courses and for curriculum pilot requests initiated at the building level. Final FTE will be determined based on student enrollment numbers in the spring. No additional funds are being requested at this time. Supplementary materials and summer writing costs will be covered by existing funds. Pilot courses will be evaluated using the procedures described in the District's Curriculum Handbook.

Administration recommended that the Board of Education accept the addition of College and Career Readiness Seminar to the already approved 2017-2018 High School Curriculum Handbook.

Approval of HLS Improvements – Summer 2017 Contract: Tom Lockman

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) requires each school district to complete a re-inspection of all their facilities at least once every ten years. The inspection was completed by a BLDD Architects in compliance with the current Health/Life Safety Code of the State of Illinois. Board approval is needed for the Contract with BLDD for work to be completed with summer to correct Priority B violations. The BLDD Architects fee for Health Life Safety Basic Services is \$29,300 and the estimate for reimbursable expenses is \$3,000.

Administration recommended Board approval of the contract with BLDD Architects for Health Life Safety Services for an estimated cost of \$32,300.

Approval of Agreement to Amend Covenants and Restrictions with TAG Residential, LLC – Series Ashland Park: Tom Lockman

In October 2014 the District purchased property from TAG Residential, LLC – Series Ashland Park with a restriction for a period of twenty years that the property was to be used as a high school campus. The District wanted to amend that agreement to include the use as a high school, middle school and/or elementary school; or for administrative building(s), athletic field(s) or athletic facility (ies) for a period of 40 years.

Administration recommended Board approval of the Approval of Agreement to Amend Covenants and Restrictions with TAG Residential, LLC – Series Ashland Park.

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The Board convened into *Closed Session* at 8:22 p.m.

Open Session

The Board convened into *Open Session* at 9:41 p.m.

Action Agenda: New Business

Student Discipline – Student #213086

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Armstrong that student #213086 should be expelled from Centennial High School for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year and first semester of the 2017-18 school year and should be reassigned to an alternative setting at the administration's direction for violating Conduct Code #36 Mob Action of the Champaign Unit #4 Student Code of Conduct. The duration of the expulsion is based on the student's actions which violated Conduct Code #36 Mob Action when he/she fought another Centennial student just off Centennial's property. The student recklessly and relentlessly pursued this fight well after multiple police officers attempted to separate him/her from the other party. Additionally, because of the student's action, the officers needed to use pepper spray in their attempt to restore order, which caused the paramedics to be called to the scene to tend to multiple students who had been nearby when the spray was used. The removal of the student from the learning environment is in the best interest of the school because the student's continuing presence would constitute a safety risk and/or disruption. 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 4. Nays 3. Member Baker, Member Stuckey and Member Westfield voted no.

Student Discipline – Student #213066

Member Richards moved, with a second by Member Shannon that student #213066 should be expelled from Centennial High School for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year, the entire 2017-18 school year and first semester of the 2018-19 school year for violating Conduct Code #25 Threats to/Intimidation of Student, #34 Weapon-Related Activities, and #36 Mob Action of the Champaign Unit #4 Student Code of Conduct. The duration of the expulsion is based on the student's actions which extended a series of violent and disorderly actions in and around Centennial High School, threatened another Centennial student with a weapon, and then was found to have posted a series of images of himself on social media with a least two different weapons. At least one the images was posted shortly after the incidents at Centennial High School. The removal of the student from the learning environment is in the best interest of the school because the student's continuing presence would constitute a safety risk and/or disruption. 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 6. Nays 1. Member Westfield voted no.

Student Discipline – Student #200846

Member Stuckey moved, with a second by Member Baker that student #200846 should be expelled from Franklin Middle School for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year for violating Conduct Code #18 Physical Confrontation with Staff and #24 Threats to/Intimidation of Staff of the Champaign Unit #4 Student Code of Conduct. The duration of the expulsion is based on this incident and the culmination of incidents outlined in the student's discipline history at Franklin Middle School. This was a credible threat and safety issue for school staff. The removal of the student from the learning environment is in the best interest of the school because the student's continuing presence would constitute a safety risk and/or disruption. 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.

Student Discipline – Student #214529

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Armstrong that student #214529 should be expelled from Centennial High School for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year and should be reassigned to an alternative setting at the administration's direction for violating Conduct Code #18 Physical Confrontation with Staff and #19 Physical Confrontation with Student of the Champaign Unit #4 Student Code of Conduct. The duration of the expulsion is based on the fact that since the student's enrollment at Centennial in last August, he/she has been involved in four different physical altercations with students from both Jefferson and Centennial. These incidents occurred in only ten weeks of attendance involving at least five different students although both formal and informal interventions were attempted. As a result of the student's pattern of violence, there is concern that the student's continued presence at Centennial will result in continued harm for Centennial students and staff. The removal of the student from the

learning environment is in the best interest of the school because the student's continuing presence would constitute a safety risk and/or disruption. 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 4. Nays 3. Member Baker, Member Stuckey and Member Westfield voted no.

Student Discipline – Student #570636

Member Baker moved, with a second by Member Armstrong that student #570636 should be expelled from Centennial High School for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year, the entire 2017-18 school year and first semester of the 2018-19 school year for violating Conduct Code #25 Threats to/Intimidation of Student and #34 Weapon-Related Activities of the Champaign Unit #4 Student Code of Conduct. The duration of the expulsion is based on the fact that the student's actions had the potential to bring significant violent harm to students at Centennial High School when the student was part of a group of four students who attempted to drive back to the Centennial High School campus with a weapon in retaliation of a fight that occurred earlier that day. The removal of the student from the learning environment is in the best interest of the school because the student's continuing presence would constitute a safety risk and/or disruption. 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 5. Nays 2. Member Stuckey and Member Westfield voted no.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Richards, to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 p.m. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

Board Approved: January 9, 2017