

**Minutes of the SPECIAL Meeting of the Board of Education
Community Unit School District No. 4, Champaign County, Illinois
Mellon Administrative Center, 703 S. New Street, Champaign, Illinois
February 26, 2018 within the Boundaries of Said District**

Special Meeting

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

Board Members Present

Amy Armstrong, Gianina Baker, Bruce Brown, Chris Kloeppe, Kathy Richards, Kathy Shannon, Heather Vazquez (arrived at 5:44 p.m.)

Staff Members Present

Superintendent Susan Zola, Deputy Superintendent Laura Taylor, Assistant Superintendent Angela Ward, Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Ivory-Tatum, Executive Director of Human Resources Ken Kleber, Chief Financial and Legal Officer Tom Lockman, Director of Operations Paul Douglas

Approval of Agenda

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Brown to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

Executive Session

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Baker, to adjourn into *Closed Session* in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2c) to consider Employee appointments, employment, compensation, dismissals, complaints 120/2(c)(1), Negotiations 120/2(c)(2), Property Acquisition/Lease/Purchase 120/2(c)(5) and Student Discipline 120/2(c)(9). The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

The Board convened into *Closed Session* at 5:31 p.m.

Open Session

The Board convened into *Open Session* at 6:02 p.m.

Guests

Representatives from CFT, local media and other interested persons

Reports: New Business

Reopening of Referendum Oversight Committee Membership: Chris Kloeppe

On Tuesday, November 8, 2016, voters approved the resolution put forth by the Board of Education to issue up to \$183.4 Million in bonds for school construction and renovation.

As the District moves forward with this project, the Board had authorized the creation of a Referendum Oversight Committee comprised of interested community members. Initial applications for membership on this committee were made available following the August 14, 2017 Board meeting. A total of six applications were received. On September 25, 2017, the Board approved all six applicants for membership on this committee. The committee had its first meeting on December 4, 2017, and its next quarterly meeting is scheduled for March 5.

The Board is interested in again receiving applications from community members interested in participating on this committee. Applications will be available on Tuesday, February 27 and will be due on Friday, March 30. The Board plans to then approve any additional members at its meeting on April 9.

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

Dr. Howard Schematic Design Presentation: Tom Lockman

In November 2016, District voters approved a facilities referendum to undertake facility improvement projects at several District facilities. Representatives from RATIO Architects presented an overview of the design process and work to date for the Dr. Howard project through the Schematic Design phase, including updated information on the design for the project based on the continued work undertaken by the project team and the feedback received in several supplemental community, staff, and user meetings. A budget estimate will be developed from this design and will be presented to the Board for approval in March.

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

Action Agenda: New Business

Construction Documents Approval – Spalding Park Project: Tom Lockman

Member Armstrong moved, with a second by Member Shannon to approve the Construction Documents – Spalding Park Project. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

In November 2016, District voters approved a facilities referendum to undertake facility improvement projects at several District facilities. On December 11, 2017, representatives from Perkins+Will and IGW Architecture presented an initial update on the status of design work completed to date on the Spalding Park project. On January 31, the School District and the Park District hosted an Open House at Franklin Middle School regarding the project where members from both entities as well as the design and construction management teams were present to provide information and respond to questions.

Representatives from Perkins+Will/IGW Architecture and O’Shea Builders reviewed the final design and budget estimates for the project. Administration requested Board approval so that the bid documents can be finalized.

This matter has also been placed on the agenda for the Park District Board of Commissioners meeting on February 28. The approval of both Boards at these meetings will ensure that the project remains on schedule.

The project is scheduled to go out to bid on March 13, with bids taken on April 10 and a construction contract brought to the Board for approval at its meeting on April 23. Construction would begin soon thereafter as possible and continue into October or November.

Administration recommended approval of the final design and budget estimates for the Spalding Park Project.

Construction Documents Approval – Tommy Stewart Field Project: Tom Lockman

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Vazquez for approval of the Construction Documents – Tommy Stewart Field Project. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

In November 2016, District voters approved a facilities referendum to undertake facility improvement projects at several District facilities. On January 8, representatives from Perkins+Will and IGW Architecture presented an initial update on the status of design work completed to date on the Tommy Stewart Field project as a part of the larger Centennial High School project. On January 10, the District hosted an Open House at Centennial High School regarding the project where District staff as well as members of the design and construction management teams were present to provide information and respond to questions.

Representatives from Perkins+Will/IGW Architecture and O'Shea Builders reviewed the final design and budget estimates for the project. Administration requested Board approval so that the bid documents can be finalized.

The project is scheduled to go out to bid on March 1, with bids taken on March 29 and a construction contract brought to the Board for approval at its meeting on April 9. Construction would begin as soon thereafter as possible and continue into early August. The schedule is intended to allow for the first varsity football game to be played at Tommy Stewart Field as scheduled on August 24, 2018.

Administration recommended approval of the final design and budget estimates for the Tommy Stewart Field project.

Consent Agenda: Unfinished/New Business

Member Shannon 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:

Amendment – Real Estate Purchase Agreement – 105 N. James St.: Tom Lockman

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 includes the construction of a new Dr. Howard Elementary School campus. To allow for expansion of the Dr. Howard Elementary School campus, the District has pursued the acquisition of property bordering the current site. At its meeting on November 13, 2017, the Board approved a Real Estate Purchase Agreement for the property at 105 N. James St. Administration recommended approval of the Amendment to this Agreement which will allow the District to proceed with the purchase of the property at 105 N. James St. while also retaining ownership of the property at 1203 W. Park Ave. which was acquired by the District in May 2017.

Administration recommended approval of the Amendment to the Real Estate Purchase Agreement for the property at 105 N. James St.

Central High School 2019 Spring Trip to Italy: Dr. Laura Taylor

The Central High School 2019 Spring Trip to Italy is available to all Central students interested in art and/or culinary arts. This opportunity would allow students to gain an authentic experience of the concepts they learn in the arts and culinary arts classroom. Students will visit landmarks and museums that are historically vital to the progression of art throughout time such as the Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, and Brunelleschi's Duomo. These are places that they will hear referenced both in academia and society, and the experience of seeing them in person is one of immeasurable value. Furthermore, this trip will not only show and immerse students in a beautiful culture and rich history, it will seek to give them a full experience of the culture through exciting activities such as a pizza making lesson and dinner, a gelato factory tour and tasting, a home dinner with a local Roman family, and potentially a fresco painting class. Finally, the global perspective these students will gain by discovering a culture other than their own will give them confidence to take on the next chapter of their lives – whether it be college, travel, or work – through a more mature, globally aware, and empowered lens. Travel will be arranged by ACIS Tours. No substitute teachers are required. The cost for each participant is \$3,916.00. Each participant is responsible for the cost of the trip.

Administration recommended approval of the Central High School 2019 Spring Trip to Italy.

Human Resource Changes: Ken Kleber

The Human Resource Changes were approved as presented.

Action Agenda: New Business

Student Discipline – Student #214799

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Armstrong that Student #214799 should be expelled from Central High School until the spring semester of the 2020 school year for violating Conduct Codes #14 Gang-Related Activities, #18 Physical Confrontation with Staff, #19 Physical Confrontation with Student and #36 Mob Action of the Champaign Unit #4 Schools Code of Conduct. The duration of the expulsion is based on the egregiousness of the violation of Codes #14, #18, #19 and #36; prior discipline and other interventions attempted; continuing safety threat posed by student's presence at school; and the significant detrimental impact of the student's conduct on the learning environment. 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 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 7. Nays 0.

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The Board convened into *Closed Session* at 7:20 p.m.

Open Session

The Board convened into *Open Session* at 8:34 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Richards, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

Board Approved: March 12, 2018