

**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  
February 9, 2015 within the Boundaries of Said District**

Regular Meeting

Board Vice President Jamar Brown called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 5:33 p.m.

**Board Members Present**

John Bambenek, Jamar Brown, Kristine Chalifoux, Kerris Lee (arrived at 7:22 p.m.), Lynn Stuckey

**Board Members Absent**

Laurie Bonnett, Ileana Saveley

**Staff Members Present**

Superintendent Judy Wiegand, Assistant Superintendent Laura Taylor, Assistant Superintendent Angela Smith, Executive Director of Human Resources Ken Kleber, Executive Director of Business Services Matt Foster, School Attorney Tom Lockman

**Approval of Agenda**

Member Bambenek moved, with a second by Member Chalifoux to approve the agenda. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 4. Nays 0.

**Executive Session**

Member Chalifoux moved, with a second by Member Bambenek, 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), Property Acquisition, Lease, Purchase 120/2(c)(5), Student Discipline 120/2(c)(9), Matters Relating to Individual Students 120/2(c)(10) and Actual/Potential Litigation 120/2(c)(11). The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 4. Nays 0.

The Board convened into *Closed Session* at 5:35 p.m.

**Open Session**

The Board convened into *Open Session* at 6:00 p.m.

**Guests**

Representatives from CFT, local media and other interested persons

**Action Agenda**

Administrative Appointment – Principal at Vernon L. Barkstall Elementary: Ken Kleber  
Member Chalifoux moved, with a second by Member Stuckey to approve the Administrative Appointment – Principal at Vernon L. Barkstall Elementary. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 4. Nays 0.

Mr. Peter Foertsch has been serving as Interim Principal of Barkstall Elementary since July 1, 2014. The permanent position of Barkstall Elementary Principal was recently posted. The District hosted a Staff Forum, a Family & Community Forum, and a formal screening of applications. As a result of these events, as well as many emails and letters from Barkstall staff,

District Administration recommended that Mr. Foertsch be appointed as the permanent Principal of Vernon L. Barkstall Elementary.

In addition to serving as interim principal for the 2014-2015 school year, Mr. Foertsch served as the Assistant Principal of Barkstall Elementary from July 2012 through June 2014. Mr. Foertsch began his teaching career as a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Barkstall. Mr. Foertsch holds a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from the University of Illinois, which he earned in 2004. He earned his Master's in Educational Organization and Leadership from the University of Illinois in 2010.

The effective date of Mr. Foertsch's permanent appointment is July 1, 2015. The recommended salary is \$83,447 (Mr. Foertsch's current salary), plus any raise approved by the Board of Education for all administrators during the 2015-2016 school year. Annual evaluation will be completed by the appropriate supervising administrator.

District administration recommended the appointment of Mr. Peter Foertsch as Principal of Vernon L. Barkstall Elementary effective July 1, 2015.

Approval of Vision 20/20 Resolution: Dr. Judy Wiegand

Member Bambenek moved, with a second by Member Chalifoux to approve the Vision 20/20 Resolution. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 4. Nays 0.

In November 2012, the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA) initiated a visioning process in partnership with the Illinois Principals Association (IPA), the Illinois Association of School Business Officials (IASBO), the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB), the Superintendents' Commission for the Study of Demographics and Diversity (SCSDD), and the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools (IARSS) to unite the education community and to develop a long-range blueprint for improving public education in Illinois. Superintendent Judy Wiegand was invited to serve on this committee to represent the Illini Region.

Vision 20/20 focuses on four policy priorities: highly effective educators, 21<sup>st</sup> century learning, shared accountability, and equitable and adequate funding. Local School Boards are being asked to discuss Vision 20/20 and the connection it may have to the goals and objectives for the community they serve. If the Board of Education believes in the policy recommendations being put forth there will be the opportunity to adopt a resolution supporting Vision 20/20.

Dr. Wiegand read the Vision 20/20 Resolution into the minutes.

Administration recommended approval of the Vision 20/20 Resolution.

Bills and Treasurer's Report – January

Member Bambenek moved, with a second by Member Stuckey to approve the Bills and Treasurer's Report – January. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 4. Nays 0.

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

**Reports: New Business**

Policy 720.13R Administrative Procedures of Control of Head Lice: Tom Lockman

This Administrative Procedure represents the District's effort to continue to update its Board Policy manual. These updates reflect current best practices relative to the control of head lice in district schools.

Administration recommended approval of this policy change at the March 9, 2015 Board of Education meeting.

Policy 720.16 Students – Health Exams and Immunizations: Tom Lockman

This Policy change updates the deadline date when required school physical exams and proof of immunizations are required to be submitted for enrollment purposes. This revision also includes changes consistent with Proof of Immunizations required under the Illinois School Code.

Administration recommended approval of this policy change at the March 9, 2015 Board of Education meeting.

Policy 850R Community Relations – Public Solicitations: Tom Lockman

This Administrative Procedure represents the District's effort to continue to update its Board Policy manual. This procedural update clarifies the criteria for the approval of printed materials to be distributed to students and updates the list of pre-approved organizations that can distribute materials to students.

Administration recommended approval of this policy change at the March 9, 2015 Board of Education meeting.

**Consent Agenda: Unfinished/New Business**

Member Bambenek moved, with a second by Member Stuckey to approve the Consent Agenda – New/Unfinished Business. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 4. Nays 0.

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

Bid – Central High School Telephone System: Matt Foster

Board Policy states that bids will be solicited when items are expected to exceed a total of \$25,000.

Bids were posted on the District's website and advertised in the News-Gazette for the Central High School Telephone System. One bid from Champaign Telephone was received and opened on January 28, 2015.

The cost of \$32,521.58 for the cost of a new telephone system for Central High School will be charged to the FY15 Operations and Maintenance budget.

Administration recommended approval of the Central High School Telephone System to Champaign Telephone for \$32,521.58.

Donation – Centennial High School Costumes: Matt Foster

The donation submitted for the February 9, 2015 Board Meeting was for costumes for the Drama Department at Centennial High School from Antiques & More valued at \$22,835.

This donation was in need of approval by the Board of Education as it was \$5,000 or more in value.

Administration recommended Board approval of the donation of costumes from Antiques & More for the Centennial Drama Department valued at \$22,835.

2015-16 Proposed School Calendars: Angela Smith

A committee comprised of parents, teachers, support staff, principals, and District administrators met throughout the current school year to develop the 2015-16 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.).
- Holding semester exams at the end of the first semester, before winter break.
- 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.
- 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 2015-16 calendars.

2016 Centennial Spring Trip to Italy: Dr. Laura Taylor

The 2016 Centennial spring trip to Italy aligns with current Social Science curriculum by allowing students an opportunity to learn about a different culture as well as help them have a deeper understanding of an area of the world they have learned about in their Social Science classes. This trip will also help students gain a global perspective which is important in today's phenomenon of globalization. Lastly, this trip will help students become more independent and responsible which is important as they begin to transition out of their high school careers and into their post-secondary lives. Students will be encouraged to keep either a written or photo journal and relate their experiences back to classroom activities and fellow students.

The proposed trip will take place March 17 - March 26, 2016. Destinations include Venice, Florence, Rome, and Sorrento. The student to chaperone ratio is 5:1. Students will be with a chaperone at all times during the trip. Local transportation/travel within Italy will be provided by an Explorica Tour Manager at all locations. Travel arrangements, accommodations, and insurance policies are handled by Explorica, Inc. Parents/guardians have the option to purchase additional protection from Explorica if desired.

The cost for each participant is \$3,422.00. This includes breakfast and dinner for every part of the trip, all travel costs, and all admission fees into museums and other attractions. Each participant is responsible for the cost of the trip. Students will need extra money for lunches and any souvenirs they may want to purchase. This amount is determined by the student and their parent/guardian. Each teacher understands that they are required to make up all parent/teacher conferences.

Administration recommended approval of the 2016 Centennial spring trip to Italy.

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Human Resource Changes: Ken Kleber

The Human Resource Changes were approved as presented.

Minutes of January 5, 2015, January 12, 2015 and January 26, 2015

The Minutes were approved as presented.

Closed Session Minutes: July, 2014 – December, 2014

The Closed Session Minutes were approved as presented.

**Student Discipline**

Member Bambenek moved, with a second by Member Chalifoux to expel student #200970 from Centennial High School for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year and first semester of the 2015-16 school year and reassigned to READY for violating Conduct Codes #8 Drug-Related Offenses – Delivery and #34 Weapon-Related Activities. The student may return to his/her regularly assigned school following the expulsion period. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 4. Nays 0.

**Executive Session**

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The Board convened into *Closed Session* at 6:55 p.m.

**Open Session**

The Board convened into *Open Session* at 7:47 p.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Member Bambenek moved, with a second by Member Chalifoux, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. The motion carried on voice vote.

Board Approved: March 9, 2015