

**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
May 2, 2018 within the Boundaries of Said District**

Special 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, Bruce Brown, Chris Kloeppe, Kathy Richards, Kathy Shannon, Heather Vazquez

Staff Members Present

Superintendent Susan Zola, Deputy Superintendent Laura Taylor, Assistant Superintendent Angela Ward, Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Ivory-Tatum, Executive Director of Operations Paul Douglas

Approval of Agenda

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Kloeppe to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

Guests

Representatives from CFT, local media and other interested persons

Action Agenda: New Business

Resolution Regarding Application For The North Champaign NCA Charter School Submitted By The Steering Committee Of North Champaign Academy And Its Advisory Team, On Behalf Of Life Lines Champaign Denying The Charter School Proposal: Chris Kloeppe

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Kloeppe to approve the Resolution Regarding Application For The North Champaign NCA Charter School Submitted By The Steering Committee Of North Champaign Academy And Its Advisory Team, On Behalf Of Life Lines Champaign Denying The Charter School Proposal. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 1. Member Brown voted no.

In the case of a proposal to establish a Charter School, members of the public, including parents, staff and students, must be given the opportunity for public input regarding the Charter School Proposal. Therefore, in order to meet the legal requirement, a Notice of Public Hearing was publicized in the newspaper on Monday, April 2, 2018. The public hearing was held on April 9, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Within 30 days of the public meeting, the Board of Education shall vote, in a public meeting, to either grant or deny the Charter School proposal.

Administrative concerns regarding the organization, curricular offerings and other instructional issues have been provided to the Board of Education. Operational issues and the lack of economic soundness of the application for the District and charter school have also been identified. Finally, the failure of the proposal to comply with substantive aspects of the charter school law have been noted by legal counsel. The failure of NCA to satisfactorily respond to the Board's inquiries on these various issues warrant denial of the NCA Charter School Proposal.

Administration recommended that the Board of Education Deny the Application For The North Champaign NCA Charter School Proposal Submitted By The Steering Committee Of North Champaign Academy And Its Advisory Team, On Behalf Of Life Lines Champaign.

Reports: New Business

Board Policy 415.02/R Fiscal Management, Expenditures, Purchases: Elizabeth Stegmaier

This update represents the District's effort to continue to update its Board Policy and Procedures manual. The proposed revision to this policy document revises the threshold amount from \$20,000 to \$50,000 for construction contracts falling within a permissible exception to the School Code which do not require the specific approval of the Board of Education. This revision is permissible under the School Code and would allow the District to best ensure its construction projects maintain the identified schedule.

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

Action Agenda: New Business

Approval of Purchase and Sale Agreement – 603 W. Church: Dr. Susan Zola

Member Richards moved, with a second by Member Armstrong to for Approval of the Purchase and Sale Agreement – 603 W. Church contingent on having a signature on the Purchase and Sale Agreement by May 2nd at midnight. 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, including the renovation and expansion of the existing Central High School campus. Consistent with that effort, the District purchased the property located at 603 W. Church St. (also known as the Burnham House) last summer in accordance with an option the District secured on the property in January 2016.

The project schedule requires that this property is development ready for work to begin this upcoming summer. While the District's plans call for the structure to be demolished, the District is interested in investigating options to preserve the structure which do not otherwise jeopardize the project schedule. Accordingly, the District issued a Request for Proposals to determine the feasibility and interest of a third party in acquiring and relocating the structure within the necessary time frame. A proposal was received from Christopher J. Enck.

District Administration recommended the approval of a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Mr. Enck for the property at 603 W. Church Street.

Consent Agenda: New/Unfinished Business

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

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

Approval of Consulting Services Agreement – Pedro Antonio Noguera (PAN) LTD: Peter Foertsch

As a part of the efforts to best support the Magnet programming at Franklin, Garden Hills, and Stratton, the District is engaging professional consultants with proven experience in this work. Consistent with this effort, the District intends to engage Pedro Antonio Noguera (PAN) LTD in a Consulting Services Agreement. The costs associated with the services provided under this Agreement will be paid from the Magnet Grant.

Administration recommended approval of the Consulting Services Agreement with Pedro Antonio Noguera (PAN) LTD.

Approval of Consulting Services Agreement – UIUC School of Art + Design: Peter Foertsch

As a part of the efforts to best support the Magnet programming at Franklin, Garden Hills, and Stratton, the District is engaging professional consultants with proven experience in this work. Consistent with this effort, the District intends to engage the University of Illinois School of Art + Design under the attached Consulting Services Agreement. The costs associated with the services provided under this Agreement will be paid from the Magnet Grant.

Administration recommended approval of the Consulting Services Agreement with the University of Illinois School of Art + Design.

Approval of Lease Agreement for Portable Classroom – JMO Modular: Paul Douglas

In order to both address growing enrollment at the middle school level as well as accomplish the Magnet programming at Franklin Middle School, an additional portable classroom will need to be leased. District Administration requested approval of the three-year Lease Agreement with JMO Modular for a portable at Franklin. The costs associated with this Agreement will be paid from the Operations & Maintenance Fund.

Administration recommended approval of the Lease Agreement with JMO Modular.

Executive Session

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Kloeppel, to adjourn into *Closed Session* in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2c) to consider Evidence or testimony presented in Open Hearing or in Closed Hearing where specifically authorized by law, to a quasi-adjudicative body, as defined in this Act, provided that the body prepares and makes available for public inspection a written decision setting forth its determinative reasoning 120/2(c)(4) and Property Acquisition/Lease/Purchase 120/2(c)(5). The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

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

Open Session

The Board convened into *Open Session* at 6:25 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Member Richards moved, with a second by Member Shannon, to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

Board Approved: June 11, 2018