

**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
November 12, 2018 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, Bruce Brown, Chris Kloeppe, Kathy Shannon, Heather Vazquez

Board Member Absent

Kathy Richards

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 Vazquez 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 Armstrong, to adjourn into *Closed Session* in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2c) to consider 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 6:00 p.m.

Guests

Representatives from CFT, local media and other interested persons

Reports: New Business

2018 IASB Resolutions Committee Report: Dr. Susan Zola

Dr. Gianina Baker is the IASB Governing Board Representative. The Board provided Dr. Baker feedback regarding revisions to the 2018 IASB Resolutions Committee Report prior to the Delegate Assembly at the IASB, IASA, IASBO Joint Annual Conference in Chicago, IL.

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

2018 School Report Card: Dr. Susan Zola

Per Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/10-17a) Districts are required to present the Report Card at a regular school board meeting. Superintendent Susan Zola provided a few highlights for the 2018 Illinois District Report Card. A link to the 2018 Illinois District Report Card can be found on the District's website <http://www.champaignschools.org/reportcard>.

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

Action Agenda: New Business

Construction Contracts and Broeren Russo Builders, Inc. Amendment – South Side Elementary Addition and Renovation, Site Utilities and Architectural Precast Concrete: Sandra Roesler
Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Armstrong to approve the the Construction Contracts and Broeren Russo Builders, Inc. Amendment – South Side Elementary Addition and Renovation, Site Utilities and Architectural Precast Concrete. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

In November 2016, District voters approved a facilities referendum to undertake facility improvement projects at several District facilities. On September 10, 2018, the Board of Education reviewed and approved the South Side Elementary Addition and Renovation Design Development design and estimate. This design included project team plans for an advanced bid package to relocate utilities and fabricate precast walls.

The project accepted bids on October 30, 2018 for the subject work. Administration requested Board approval of the construction contracts for this scope as well as an amendment to Broeren Russo Builders, Inc.’s contract, allowing them to manage the construction contracts.

Construction for these packages will commence as soon as possible after execution of the agreements and will continue into January 2019. The schedule is intended to allow for relocation of utilities and fabrication of precast wall panels facilitating a start of construction of the east side addition in May 2019.

For execution and management the one contract, Broeren Russo Builders, Inc. has established a Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$1,047,940. Expenses for this project will be paid from referendum bond proceeds in the Capital Projects Fund and fund balance.

Administration recommended approval of the construction contracts and associated amendment to Broeren Russo Builders, Inc.’s contract.

2018 Estimated Property Tax Levy: Tom Lockman

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Armstrong to approve the 2018 Estimated Property Tax Levy. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

The District’s property tax levy is the annual request for Champaign County to assess property taxes on qualifying properties within the District. The property tax extension, the amount the District actually receives, is based on several factors, including the amount requested in the levy, the Consumer Price Index, the assessed value of taxable properties within the District as well as new construction.

The Board must adopt and file a Certificate of Tax Levy with the Champaign County Clerk no later than the last Tuesday in December. The Truth-in-Taxation Act requires that when the proposed tax levy, as extended and less debt service, reflects an increase of more than 105% of the prior year’s extension, the school district must publish a notice of such intent and hold a public hearing on the matter no more than fourteen days and no less than seven days after the publication of the notice. The estimated levy is now presented for the Board’s approval. If a public hearing would need to be held to ensure compliance with the Truth-in-Taxation Act, this would occur at the December 10th Board meeting in conjunction with the Board’s adoption of the final levy.

The District has prepared the estimated levy based on the amount it would expect to receive as determined under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as tax caps)

based on the amount of the District's 2017 capped extension of \$93,968,622.49, bond and interest extension authority of \$17,395,774.63, the applicable Consumer Price Index multiplier of 2.1, and a projected total assessed value of \$2,295,299,410 with \$54,422,370 for new construction.

Administration recommended approval of the estimated tax levy. The final levy may be adjusted slightly to reflect the most up-to-date information regarding the District's assessed value. Any adjustments would be presented to the Board as part of the presentation and recommendation for adoption of the final levy at the December 10th Board meeting.

Public Hearing and Approval of Resolution – Administrative Costs Limitation: Tom Lockman
Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Armstrong to open the Public Hearing – Administrative Costs Limitation at 7:38 p.m. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

Section 17-1.5 of the Illinois School Code requires that school districts undertake budgetary control actions to limit increases in administrative expenditures to 5% or less on an annual basis. Budget increases attributable to certain administrative expenditure functions identified in the School Code which exceed 5% from the previous year require a waiver of this limitation. As a unit district in the lowest 25% of administrative expenditures per pupil, Unit 4 may waive the limitation following a public hearing by the Board of Education.

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Armstrong to close the public hearing at 7:43 p.m. and for approval of the waiver of Administrative Costs Limitation. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

Consent Agenda: Unfinished/New Business

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Kloeppel to approve the Consent Agenda – Unfinished/New Business. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. 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 – October: Tom Lockman

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

Minutes of October 9, 2018 and October 22, 2018

The minutes were approved as presented.

FY19 Title I School Improvement Grant Application & School Improvement Plans: Dr. Jennifer Ivory-Tatum

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) provides school improvement assistance by giving priority to the Local Education Agencies with the lowest-achieving schools that demonstrate the greatest need for funding, as well as the strongest commitment to ensuring that such funds are used to provide adequate resources to enable these schools to meet state goals.

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) will begin its comprehensive implementation of ESSA in October, 2018 once 2017-2018 PARCC, SAT and DLM-AA scores are final and data for growth and other indicators are operational. Preliminary summative designations have been based on limited data set consisting of 2017 PARCC, SAT, and DLM-AA proficiency scores, English language proficiency, ninth grade on track, and graduation rates (for high schools only).

Six schools with a preliminary summative designation of Underperforming Edison, Franklin, Jefferson, Garden Hills, Robeson, and South Side qualify for targeted support. The identified schools received funding through the Title I School Improvement Grant, authorized under section 1003(a) of Title I of ESSA. These grant funds provide resources to help improve the learning environment and outcomes for our highest-need students. Each preliminary designated school receives \$15,000 for this first planning year. The FY19 Title I School Improvement Grants totals \$90,000.

All comprehensive and targeted schools must complete a work plan indicating action steps to support school improvement. Work plans must be approved by ISBE and the LEA local Board. There are no staffing/staff development requirements or financial implications. Planning year includes completion of needs assessment and equity analysis in prioritizing a work plan for implementation of a systematic approach to continuous improvement.

Administration recommended submission of the FY19 Title I School Improvement grant application in the amount of \$90,000, and approval of School Improvement Plans.

Approval of an Application for Approval of a Variance to the ISBE Fire Code – Central High School and Centennial High Schools – Additions and Renovations: Mark Roessler

In November 2016, District voters approved a facilities referendum to undertake facility improvement projects at several District facilities. On August 13, 2018 representatives from Perkins+Will/IGW and O'Shea Builders presented to the Board of Education, and received approval on, the Design Development and Estimate for Central and Centennial High Schools.

As the design has continued to develop for both schools, the Design and Construction Management teams have identified an element in each of the school buildings for which the Projects are seeking an alternative means in providing fire protection. These alternative means have been deemed as either equal to or superior to the measures required by the code.

For Central High, the existing roof structure for Combes Gym is currently unprotected from fire and the current code requires protection of the roof structure to achieve a fire rating of at least 1-hour. The proposed alternative would provide fire suppression of the entire gym space in excess of the required coverage by twice the density and would provide additional fire alarm detector coverage in the gym and ancillary spaces, both in lieu of fire proofing the actual structure. For more information, please see the application and Architect's certification memo.

For Centennial High, the building has existing floor areas that are larger than what is allowed by the current code based on the construction type (IIB non-combustible, unprotected construction) and the building currently does not have a fire suppression system. The proposed alternative would provide 2-hour fire barriers in the existing building that would separate the floor plan into eight areas that are each substantially less than the allowable area required by code. In addition, it would provide a full fire suppression system and fire detection in public spaces of the existing building. The full fire suppression system would typically eliminate the requirement for a fire detection system, but the proposed alternative would provide fire detection in public spaces of the existing building. All of those measures would be in lieu of separating the building into independent structures for code purposes. For more information, please see the application and Architect's certification memo.

Central High – providing a 1 hour rating of the existing roof structure would be substantially more costly and intrusive in excess of over \$180,000 impact on the current estimate.

Centennial High – separating the existing building into independent structures to meet code requirements would be very extensive, intrusive, and so cost prohibitive we have not investigated an estimate on this work.

Administration recommended approval of the variance application in order to submit it to the Regional Office of Education. These enhancements to the proposed life safety elements of each school will provide the occupants a substantially improved ability to safely exit the building in the event of a fire.

Action Agenda: New Business

Student Discipline – Student #510822

Member Armstrong moved, with a second by Member Brown that Student #510822 should be expelled from Centennial High School for two calendar years from October 2, 2018 for violating Conduct Codes #24 Threats to Staff, #25 Threats to Students, and #31 Other Acts that Endanger the Well-Being of Students, Staff, or Other District-Authorized Personnel of the Unit #4 Student Code of Conduct. The duration of the expulsion is based on the egregiousness of the violation of Codes #24, #25 and #31, the 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. 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 6. Nays 0.

Student Discipline – Student #216583

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Vazquez that Student #216583 should be expelled from Central High School for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year for violating Conduct Codes #19 Physical Confrontation with Students and #34 Weapon-Related Activities of the Unit #4 Student Code of Conduct. The duration of the expulsion is based on the egregiousness of the violation of Codes #19 and #34, 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 6. Nays 0.

Executive Session

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Armstrong, to adjourn into *Closed Session* in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2c) to consider Negotiations 120/2(c)(2). The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

The Board convened into *Closed Session* at 7:52 p.m.

Open Session

The Board convened into *Open Session* at 10:19 p.m.

11/12/2018 Regular Meeting

Adjournment

There being no further business, Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Vazquez, to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 p.m. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

Board Approved: December 10, 2018