

**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 9, 2015 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, Chris Kloeppe, Kathy Richards, Kathy Shannon, Lynn Stuckey Jonathan Westfield

Board Members Absent

Laurie Bonnett

Staff Members Present

Superintendent Judy Wiegand, Deputy Superintendent Laura Taylor, Assistant Superintendent Susan Zola, Assistant Superintendent Angela Smith, Executive Director of Human Resources, Ken Kleber, Executive Director of Operations Matt Foster, Chief Financial and Legal Officer Tom Lockman

Approval of Agenda

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

Executive Session

Member Richards moved, with a second by Member Stuckey, to adjourn into *Closed Session* in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2c) to consider Personnel 120/2(c)(1), Student Discipline 120/2(c)(9) and Actual/Potential Litigation 120/2(c)(11). The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

The Board convened into *Closed Session* at 5:32 p.m.

Open Session

The Board convened into *Open Session* at 6:20 p.m.

Guests

Representatives from CFT, local media and other interested persons

Reports: New Business

Kenwood Computational Thinking – Teaching and Learning Modules: Dr. Susan Zola
According to a recent poll, nine out of ten parents want their children to have basic level computer science competencies. The state of Illinois currently has approximately 25,000 open computer science jobs and is only graduating 1,500 students a year who have majored in computer science. 67% of new STEM jobs are in computing, while only 8% of STEM graduates have taken computing. Computer science and computational thinking are not just for students who will work in computer science fields. Computational thinking helps students to develop habits of mind and systematic approaches to problem solving that are necessary in any field now and into the future.

Kenwood staff are helping to shape the future of computer science education in our District through our integrated curriculum writing but also on a national level. Staff are currently working with national thought leaders in computer science education from around the country as part of Code.org's work to create baseline literacies or learning pathways for computer science education, k-12. Initiated at the bequest of ten states and three major cities (Chicago, New York and San Francisco), this work will influence educational policy decisions around computer science education at the state level for years to come and Unit Four is solidly in the mix. Kenwood staff are also currently on the Computer Science Teachers Association national standards revision committee. Kenwood is the only public school in Illinois with staff on this committee.

During the 2014-15 school year, the District funded curriculum writing at Kenwood that created intentional connections between the newly adopted Everyday Mathematics 4 curriculum and a computational thinking framework. Kenwood has worked with the writers of Everyday Math and the Center for Elementary Math and Science Education at the University of Chicago. Kenwood has been included in a recently funded National Science Foundation grant through Office for Math, Science and Technology Education (MSTE) at the University of Illinois that looks to continue our CS/CT integration into Everyday Mathematics. The NSF grant will also expand the piloting of CS/CT units into Westview Elementary school.

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

Unit 4 Homeless Program: Dr. Laura Taylor

Earlier this school year the Unit 4 School Board approved an increase to a full-time homeless liaison from a part-time position. Director of Achievement and Student Services Mr. Orlando Thomas, Homeless Liaison Mr. Lekevie Johnson, and Social Justice Homeless Action Group Facilitator and South Side Principal Mr. Bill Taylor presented information about current programming designed to meet the needs of Unit 4 homeless students and families. The presentation included an overview of the McKinney-Vento Act, the Unit 4 homeless support process, data, goals and initiatives, and the approach taken by the homeless action group.

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

E-Cigarette Policies: Tom Lockman

These updates represent the District's effort to continue to update its Board Policy manual and related Administrative Procedures. The policies included in the report (450.08R Administrative Procedures for Rental of Facilities, 500.67 Personnel No Tobacco Use, 719 Discipline Prohibited Conduct and 830.02 Community Public Conduct) have sections that deal with the prohibition of tobacco use and the District-wide ban on smoking in school facilities. The updates are intended to add language which also includes a prohibition on the use of electronic cigarettes and vaping products.

This was an informational item and no action was required by the Board. These policy changes will be approved at the December 14, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

Consent Agenda: Unfinished/New Business

Member Stuckey moved, with a second by Member Shannon 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:

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

Consistent with the District's focus on providing educational opportunities that are relevant and stimulating to students, the staff of Central and Centennial High Schools and District Administration have recommended revisions to course offerings for the 2016-2017 school year. Building principals, teachers/Content Area Chairs (CACs) from individual departments, and counselors from both schools were an integral part of the process.

The revisions include course deletions/additions, clarification/explanation of general information as needed, and any substantial changes to specific course descriptions/programs. One required new course pilot and two elective course pilots are included.

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.

For the past two years, 1.0 FTE was requested to begin the computer science initiative at Central and Centennial. Both schools have been able to run new courses each year without utilizing the approved 1.0 FTE. It is possible that with the addition of the proposed AP computer science course, additional FTE will be needed. Final FTE will be determined based on student enrollment numbers in the spring.

The proposed social science course will be funded through the curriculum adoption process. Approximately \$7,000 is requested for equipment and supplies for the new AP computer science course. Pilot courses will be evaluated using the procedures described in the District's Curriculum Development and Evaluation Guide.

Administration recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2016-2017 High School Curriculum Handbook including additional staffing and financial needs.

Bid: Cafeteria – Pizza Services: Tom Lockman

Board policy states that bids will be solicited when items are expected to exceed a total of \$25,000. As part of the bidding process, bids were mailed to four vendors, posted on the District's website and advertised in the News-Gazette. Bids were received from three vendors and opened on October 12, 2015.

The cost for pizza services for the school lunch program will be paid from the 2015-16 Food Service Budget.

Administration recommended that the bid for pizza services for the school lunch program for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year be awarded to Papa John's Pizza.

Policy 355 Succession of Authority to the Superintendent: Tom Lockman

This update represents the District's effort to continue to update its Board Policy manual. The only revision here is intended to reflect a change in job title for the Deputy Superintendent.

Administration recommended approval of this policy change.

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 12, 2015, October 19, 2015 and October 26, 2015

The minutes were approved as presented.

Agreement for Professional Services – BLDD Architects, Inc.: Ten-Year Health Life Safety Survey: 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 is to be completed by a certified architect or engineer in compliance with the current Health Life safety (HLS) Code of the State of Illinois.

In January of 2014, the Board of Education approved hiring BLDD Architects to perform the professional services associated with the Ten-Year HLS Survey Report. Recent changes in requirements now mandate that McKinley Fieldhouse (not included in the initial proposal) also be surveyed since it is used by District students for school-sponsored activities. This proposal covers the survey and associated costs for McKinley Field House and will complete the District's obligations for buildings to be surveyed.

Administration recommended approval of this Agreement for Professional Services at a cost of \$4,000.00.

Resolution to Give Written Notice of Reassignment & Reclassification – Yalanda Graham: Ken Kleber

The Resolution to Give Written Notice of Reassignment & Reclassification – Yalanda Graham was approved as presented.

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The Board convened into *Closed Session* at 7:19 p.m.

Open Session

The Board convened into *Open Session* at 8:55 p.m.

Action Agenda: New Business

Resolution Authorizing Notice to Remedy for Jennifer Varvel: Ken Kleber

Member Stuckey moved, with a second by Member Shannon to approve the Resolution Authorizing Notice to Remedy for Jennifer Varvel. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

The Resolution was approved as presented.

Student Discipline

Member Stuckey moved, with a second by Member Richards that student #212157 should be expelled from Central High School for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year for violating Conduct Code #8 Drug-Related Activities of the Champaign Unit #4 Student Code of Conduct. 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 following the expulsion period. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 5. Nays 1. Member Kloepfel voted no.

Member Westfield moved, with a second by Member Stuckey that student #560574 should be expelled from Central High School for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year and should be reassigned to an alternative setting at the administration's direction for violating Conduct Code #8 Drug-Related Activities. 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 5. Nays 1. Member Kloepfel voted no.

Member Stuckey moved, with a second by Member Westfield that student #610408 should be expelled from Central High School for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year for violating Conduct Code #8 Drug-Related Activities of the Champaign Unit #4 Student Code of Conduct. 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 0.

Member Westfield moved, with a second by Member Richards that student #510528 should be expelled from Centennial High School for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year for violating Conduct Code #3 Arson/Attempted Arson of the Champaign Unit #4 Student Code of Conduct. 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 0.

Member Stuckey moved, with a second by Member Westfield that student #210772 should be expelled from Edison Middle School for the remainder of the 2nd quarter and all of 3rd quarter of the 2015-16 school year and should be reassigned to an alternative setting at the administration's direction for violating Conduct Code #34 Weapon-Related Activities of the Champaign Unit #4 Student Code of Conduct. 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 5. Nays 1. Member Richards voted no.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Member Stuckey moved, with a second by Member Shannon, to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 6. Nays 0.