

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
September 12, 2011 within the Boundaries of Said District

Regular Meeting

Board President Sue Grey called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Jamar Brown, Kristine Chalifoux, Sue Grey, Stig Lanesskog, Thomas Lockman, Greg Novak, David Tomlinson

Staff Members Present

Interim Superintendent Robert Malito, Deputy Superintendent Dorland Norris, Assistant Superintendent Beth Shepperd, Assistant Superintendent Judy Wiegand, Chief Financial Officer Gene Logas

Approval of Agenda

The Board agenda was approved on voice vote.

Executive Session

Member Tomlinson moved, with a second by Member Novak, to adjourn into *Closed Session* in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2c) to consider Personnel 120/2(c)(1), Property Acquisition/Lease/Purchase 120/2(c)(5), and Student Discipline 120/2(c)(9). The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

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

Open Session

The Board convened into *Open Session* at 6:05 p.m.

Guests

Representatives from CFT, local media and other interested persons

Reports

Update – Superintendent Search

Dr. Ed Olds and Dr. Kent Johansen, School ExecConnect, provided a brief update on the superintendent search and the process.

- Survey was conducted to gather input from staff, parents, students & community members
- Focus group meetings will be held on September 12 & 13; purpose – develop a profile as a result of online survey & group meetings
- In process of building a profile
- Profile will be used as mechanism to screen candidate pool; 18 candidates at this time
- Board will use profile to prepare interview questions
- Profile will be used to provide candidates a view of Unit 4

Public Comment

Mary Malloy spoke in support of hiring foreign language teachers for the elementary schools. Kathleen Liffick, Director Head Start, shared information regarding the benefits of the Head Start program.

Amy Armstrong shared concerns regarding the new grading system for ninth graders at Central High School.

Reports2011/2012 Administrative Salaries & Benefits

Chief Financial Officer Logas presented the report on salaries and benefits for administrators, which will be posted on the Unit 4 web site. A new law mandates providing an annual report to the Board of Education.

Education Equity Excellence (EEE)

Deputy Superintendent Dorland Norris provided the following update on the Education Excellence Equity Committee.

The EEE Committee met on two occasions during the second semester of the 2010-11 school year. The first meeting, held on April 7, 2010, focused on a Climate Study presentation by Dr. Mark Aber. Committee members were asked to review recommendations that came forth from the Study and to select three to five recommendations.

The Committee met on June 9, 2011 to hear reports by Dr. Judy Wiegand on AP Honors Taskforce and by Director Barbara Eichhorn regarding special education. The committee made recommendations pertaining to the Climate Study Survey to be brought forth to the Board. The top recommendations selected by the EEE Committee included:

- Provide high quality professional development for both academic and non-academic staff focused on teaching and supporting students of diverse backgrounds.
- Create safe and competent spaces for staff to engage in ongoing discussions of diversity issues (particularly, but not limited to race and racism). One model is Learning Communities. It could be organized to make opportunities available.
- Create safe and competent settings for students to express what they are experiencing in school. Provide opportunities for students to develop and express voice and resistance.
- Develop and provide elective for credit courses at the high school level that identify and develop venues for students to critically engage issues of social history and race.

Currently there are five vacant two-year terms for membership on the EEE Committee. A news release was published and the EEE membership application information is currently posted on the District website. The tentative timelines for the appointment of members was forwarded to the Board for approval. A tentative meeting date of October 20, 2011 has been selected to hold the first EEE meeting of the current school year.

Preliminary FY12 Budget Presentation

CFO Gene Logas provided an overview of the actual results of operations for 2010-11 and the FY12 Preliminary Budget. The goal of the presentation was to provide useful, transparent information to guide decision-making by the Board of Education. The total recommended FY12

budget is \$140,596,179 and is made up of \$103,036,550 in operating funds, \$7,292,374 in Debt Service Funds and \$30,267,255 in Capital Project Funds. The 2011-12 Budget will be presented to the Board for approval at the September 26, 2011 Board meeting.

Action Agenda

Resolution – Establishing Fund Balance Classification Policy for GASB 54 Reporting Purposes (Exhibit “A”)

Member Tomlinson moved, with a second by Member Lockman, to adopt the resolution establishing fund balance classification policy for GASB 54 reporting purposes. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

CFO Gene Logas presented the administration’s recommendation for the adoption of the resolution. Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54 aims at enhancing the usefulness of fund balance information by providing clearer fund balance classifications. The statement is effective for financial statements for periods after June 15, 2010. The District must comply with the new statement in fiscal year 2010-11. The biggest change will be that “Restricted Fund Balance” will now be called “Non-Spendable Fund Balance”. This new pronouncement will not affect how ISBE calculates the Profile Score for Fund Balance divided by Revenue. In its calculation, ISBE uses the total fund balance.

Semi-Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes

It was the Board’s decision that the Closed Session minutes remain closed.

Park Easement at Garden Hills Elementary (Exhibit “B”)

Member Novak moved, with a second by Member Chalifoux, to approve the easement agreement with the Champaign Park District at Garden Hills School. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

CFO Gene Logas presented the Champaign Park District’s (CPD) request for an easement agreement at Garden Hills School. CPD is installing a new playground at Garden Hills Park, and a planned concrete path for park and playground accessibility aims to tie into existing walks on Unit 4 property at two locations. CPD requested an easement agreement for two sections, approximately 220 square feet of concrete path on Unit 4 property. CPD's attorney at Dobbins, Fraker, Tennant, Joy & Perlstein, and the surveyor at MSA Professional Services of Champaign, Illinois, prepared the legal description.

Consent Agenda

Member Chalifoux moved, with a second by Member Tomlinson, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

The Board of Education approved the following Consent Agenda items:

Change Orders at Garden Hills Elementary (Exhibit “C”)

The Board of Education approved the change orders for Garden Hills totaling \$37,173. The project contingency on this project is currently \$183,275.

Associated Constructors \$7,601 Demo remaining non-containing asbestos tile in existing building

BLDD	\$3,784 Demo existing exterior canopy and replace with new per
	\$2,104 Modify door hardware per BLDD
	\$13,489 Total change order #9
Associated Constructors	\$16,033 Add graphics in gymnasium and lobby
	\$3,699 Modify cubbies in classrooms per BLDD
	\$1,466 Demolition of wall for window per BLDD
	\$21,198 Total change order #10
Reliable Plumbing & Heating	\$1,486 Fabricate and install transitions from ducts to window louvers
	\$1,486 Total change order #4

Centennial High School Trip to France

The Board of Education approved the Centennial High School trip to France. The trip was organized through CETA Tours. Students will depart on June 11, 2012 and return on June 24, 2012. Students and adults will pay \$3,739 for the trip.

Resolution – Hazardous Routes to Schools (Exhibit “D”)

The Board of Education adopted the Resolution Designating Hazardous Routes for the 2011-12. As part of a State requirement, the Board of Education is required to adopt a resolution.

Resolution Supporting IARSS (Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools (Exhibit “E”))

The Board of Education adopted the Resolution as presented. The Champaign Community Unit School District #4 Board of Education recognizes the difficult situation facing the regional superintendents. Champaign Unit 4 disagrees with Governor Pat Quinn’s contention that the regional superintendents could and should be funded at the local level. State law recognizes regional superintendents of schools as state employees. Therefore, state legislators should override the governor’s veto and restore the regional superintendents’ state funding in the upcoming fall veto session.

MTD Contract (Revised) (Exhibit “F”)

The Board of Education approved the revised Transportation Agreement in the amount of \$305,020 between the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District and the Champaign Unit 4 School District for 2011-2012. The District has provided transportation for high school students via an agreement with Champaign-Urbana MTD since 1977 and started transporting middle school students in 2004. This service has been a major assistance in getting students both to and from school at a reasonable cost to the district.

On July 18, the Board of Education approved the MTD contract for the amount of \$288,798 to transport our students for the 2011/12 school year. Also on July 18, the Board approved additional payments to MTD for the weekly high school late starts. The added costs of the weekly stops were estimated at the Board Meeting. When we received the signed contract from MTD, they had combined the original contract amount of \$288,798 and \$16,222 for the late starts resulting in a total of \$305,020. The purpose of this board bar is to provide an audit trail of the true amount of the contract, \$305,020.

Minutes – July 25, 2011 & August 8, 2011 Board Meetings

The Board of Education approved the minutes as presented.

Bills & Treasurer's Report (Exhibit "G")

The Board of Education approved the bills and treasurer's report as presented.

Human Resource Changes (Exhibit "H")

The Board of Education approved the HR Changes as presented.

Executive Session

Member Laneskog moved, with a second by Member Novak, to adjourn into *Closed Session* in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2c) to consider Personnel 120/2(c)(1) and Student Discipline 120/2(c)(9). The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

The Board convened into *Closed Session* at 7:48 p.m.

Open Session

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

Student Discipline

Member Lockman moved, with a second by Member Tomlinson, to expel student #201099 from Central High School for the 2011/2012 school year and to reassign to READY for violating Conduct Code #8 (Drugs, Related) of the Champaign Unit 4 Student Code of Conduct. The student may return to his/her regularly assigned school following the expulsion period. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

Member Novak moved, with a second by Member Chalifoux, to expel student #203066 from Central High School for the 2011/2012 school year and to reassign to READY for violating Conduct Code #8 (Drugs, Related) of the Champaign Unit 4 Student Code of Conduct. The student may return to his/her regularly assigned school following the expulsion period. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Member Laneskog moved, with a second by Member Novak, to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. The motion carried on voice vote.

Board Approved: October 17, 2011