

**Board of Education Meeting
Kruse Education Center
January 28, 2010**

1. Donna Framke acted as president in Dean Casper's absence. Donna Framke called the meeting to order at, 7:03 p.m., at Kruse Education Center.
2. Roll Call – Board members present at the meeting were Jack Carey, Denis Ryan, John Malloy, Amy Connolly, Julie Jackson and Donna Framke. Dean Casper was absent. Also present were Dr. Marion Hoyda, Superintendent; Denise Bettenhausen, Assistant Superintendent; Mark Schilling, Director of Business Services; Nancy Schwab, Director of Curriculum; Scott Slager, Director of Buildings & Grounds; and Laura Bachman, recording secretary.
3. Under the Superintendent's Report, the following items were mentioned:
 - School based H1N1 vaccination program is complete in District 146. Approximately 810 students were vaccinated through the program
 - Kindergarten Screening – Will take place on February 2nd at Fierke Education Center. Seventy two students are scheduled for screening in early math, early literacy and speech.
 - Early Learning Screening – Will be conducted during the month of January. Students will be invited to attend the Pre-School at Risk Program based on the results of the screening. Invitations will not go out until the District receives confirmation of funding from the State for next year.
 - Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled on Thursday, February 11th from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. The early release day for staff members in exchange for the late day will be Thursday, April 2nd.
 - Access Testing is currently taking place for student identified as needing English language learning support. All ELL students in grades K-8 must be tested annually using the State Access test.
 - FOIA Requests – None
 - Dr. Hoyda also gave a brief summary of the information that she and Board members received when they attended a Joint Board meeting with the other surrounding school districts on January 23rd. Dr. Hoyda shared information about the State of the State, the State budget and school funding, ARRA monies, tax distributions, the Race to the Top, and the push on underfunded mandates.
 - Under Celebrations/Condolences – Dr. Hoyda expressed deepest sympathies to the following staff/Board members and their families.

Joel Hopman's mother-in-law passed away. Joel is a 4th grade teacher at Fierke.

Jerry Hughes' mother-in-law passed away. Jerry Hughes was a past Board member and president.

Mary Jacobs' brother passed away. Mary is a 5th grade teacher at Memorial.

Call to order

Roll Call

Supt's
Report

Board
Members'
Reports

4. Under Board Members' reports, there were none.
5. Citizens' Requests to Address the Board on Non-Agenda Items, there were two parents who wanted to address the Board.

Carl Lindokken stated that he is a District 146 parent and taxpayer. He and his wife want to be sure the District 146 math curriculum prepares students for high school. Mr. Lindokken shared his perspective on the issue. He stated that his information states the number of Central eighth graders testing into Honors Geometry for their freshman year dropped. Mr. Lindokken wrote out his concerns and distributed hard copies to all administrators and Board members.

After a lengthy discussion, Dr. Hoyda responded saying District 146 administrators have been meeting with high school administrators and high school District 228 felt that the District 146 math resources were very strong. However, District 146 administrators were surprised to find that the math sequence did not align to the sequence of the District 228 testing materials. Dr. Hoyda agreed this was of concern.

Nancy Schwab advised Mr. Lindokken that District 146 did not change their curriculum; only the resources were changed. She also discussed the finding based on a meeting with the District 228 math chair and one of its math teachers. Donna Framke asked if a reporting structure could be developed to measure this type of data.

Another parent, Tim Bergeron, the father of an 8th grade student, addressed the Board on bullying. Mr. Bergeron stated that his daughter has been bullied. Mr. Bergeron commended the Central Middle School administrators for their assistance in trying to work out the issues but wondered if they were limited in the things they could do. Mrs. Brennan stated that that students were consequence by notifying parents, suspensions, changing of classrooms between students and working with the social worker. Dr. Hoyda stated that the Central Middle School administrators have great latitude in addressing these issues. Dr. Hoyda asked Mr. Bergeron to meet with Denise Bettenhausen to get all information and fill her in about the past, the present, and the future of the issues expressed by Mr. Lindokken.

6. Union Report – There was none.
7. Under action items, Amy Connolly motioned that the Board of Education approve consent agenda action items 8.1 through 8.6.2 as presented. Jack Carey seconded the motion. Roll Call revealed the following vote: AYES: Jack Carey, Denis Ryan, John Malloy, Amy Connolly, Julie Jackson and Donna Framke. NAYES: None. Motion carried.

Approval of
Consent
Agenda

Items approved in the consent agenda included:

- Minutes from Regular Board meeting of Regular Meeting of December 15, 2009 and Public Hearing for Waiver on SIP Days of December 15, 2009
- Closed session minutes of Regular Board meeting of Regular meeting of December 15, 2009
- Closed Session Minutes for Six Month Review will remain confidential: [July 22, 2009; July 23, 2009; August 27, 2009; September 24, 2009; October 22, 2009 Regular and Special meetings; November 18, 2009; December 15, 2009]

- Destruction of closed session tape from Regular meeting of June 19, 2008
 - Proof of cash/Statement of position all funds, November 2009
 - January 2010 Statement of Position
 - January Bills
 - Estimated January Payroll
 - Actual December Payroll
 - Approval of July 2009 – November 2009 Payroll A/P Bills
 - Activity Account Funds (12/12/09 through 1/15/10)
 - Personnel items approved
 - Certified Staff HR Transactions:
 - Hired: Roger Hagen, II and Margaret Schroedle
 - Educational Support Staff HR Transactions:
 - Employed: Fania Berg and Margaret Schroedle
8. Memorandum of Agreement – The Memorandum of Agreement provided by DLA describes the remodeling renovation and site improvements for Memorial School based on the Option 1 – Phase 1 scope that was approved by the Board of Education on November 23, 2009. Dr. Hoyda reported that this agreement was reviewed by the Board’s attorney. Ron Giles stated that 50% of the work is done on the construction documents. Ron will review the documents with Scott Slager on Friday. The next step would be to get the committee back together to start making color selections, etc. John Malloy motioned that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding provided by DLA which describes the remodeling, renovation and site improvements for Memorial School based on the Option 1 – Phase 1 scope that was approved by the Board on November 23, 2009. Jack Carey seconded the motion. Roll Call revealed the following vote: AYES: Jack Carey, Denis Ryan, John Malloy, Amy Connolly, Julie Jackson and Donna Framke. NAYES: None. Motion carried.
9. Ron Giles gave the architect’s report on the Memorial School renovation project. Ron reviewed the highlights stating that the project was on track and on schedule. The asbestos removal will go out to bid on March 26th and will be received on April 15th. The foundation is to be in by May 3rd, Asbestos abatement to start the week of June 4th, and the construction to start on June 7th, with critical completion by August 24th and substantial completion by November 15th. The completion of the first phase will include the new entryway on the East side of the building and the canopy. The next meeting was set for the Memorial Construction committee at Memorial School on February 3rd at 4:30 p.m. The committee will focus on material selections.
10. The Southwest Cook County Cooperative Association for Special Education (SWCCCASE) had submitted a formal inquiry in an interest to lease Sandidge

School. The COOP director, Dr. Gineen O'Neil submitted a letter of interest and toured the facility with Scott Slager on January 21, 2010.

SWCCCASE is interested in leasing the school for their transition program which serves diverse students ages 18 through 22. The students learn life skills in this program and a few attend community colleges and some are in job training programs. Dr. O'Neil is asking whether the District 146 Board would consider a lease agreement of somewhere between five to ten years. Currently the COOP is in a year to year lease at their present location. Superintendent Hoyda asked for the Board's direction. The Board agreed that the Superintendent could enter into communications to learn about the particulars that the COOP would be looking for in the building.

11. Scott Slager reported that the District 146 security system upgrades were planned in three phases over the last three years and the plan is currently on track and scheduled to be completed this summer. Fierke and Kruse schools are scheduled for to be upgraded in June and July respectively. The pre-wiring at Fierke is complete and will begin at Kruse over spring break. The Administration Building and Memorial School were updated in the summer of 2008 and Central Middle School and Fulton School were updated during the summer of 2009. Scott stated that Sandidge School and The warehouse building are not going to be upgraded at this time and that both are operating with the original Simplex equipment. They can be upgraded in the future if there is a need.
12. The Board of Education had a goal for the Superintendent to develop an intern program for administrators interested in preparing for an administrative career. Carey Radde is the point person for the LEAD program (Looking for Experiences in Administrative Duties). There are currently three staff members taking advantage of the program and Carey Radde reports that it is moving along nicely. All of the interns have acquired their Type 75 and have completed at least three years in District 146. This program targets a minimum of 100 hours. The program focuses on developing leadership, problem solving, decision making, and communication skills. One of the big benefits of this program is that it gives the staff members the opportunity to work with the building principal, to be mentored by a principal in a structured program, to engage in activities that enrich understanding and awareness of the multiple roles and responsibilities of a principal.

Dr. Hoyda stated that in 2013, the legislature will be changing and new principals will require extensive training of up to 200 hours. Another program in the District is for administrators called "So, You Want to be a Superintendent." Four administrators meet with Dr. Hoyda as part of this program.

13. Mark Schilling reported that last year the District moved from charging a late fee to a discounted payment system to those who paid student fees early. Mark surveyed the surrounding districts to compare student fees with the area and also provided Board members with historical data of fees going back to the 2007-08 school year. Mark reported that the money collected in student fees goes towards purchasing consumables such as classroom supplies.

After discussion, the Board was in favor of leaving fees at the same rate and to continue to offer the discount for those that pay early. If the State revenues are

severely reduced, the Board agreed to bring subject of fees up for discussion again. For the 2010-11 school year, fees will be discounted to encourage parents to pay early. Board members also asked that the form be modified so it is easier to read and understand.

14. The School Board policy requires that the Treasurer provide an investment report to the Board on a quarterly basis. Mark Schilling reported that this quarter's portfolio has a total value of \$32,514,164.10. The portfolio of investments is made up of two different types of investments. Certificates of Deposit represent 52.78% and Money Market investments in the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund make up the remaining 47.22%.

The District's time and dollar weighted average portfolio yield is 1.092%. Mark continues to exercise caution in the investing. The yield has dropped 45% since September 30, 2009. Last December the yield was 3.3% which represents a decrease of 67%. The Board asked about the drop in yield and what that meant in dollars. Mark stated that he would gather that information and provide it to the Board.

15. The Board had requested that they be provided with a quarterly transportation report this year. Mark Schilling reported that for the last quarter of 2009, overall, there has been improvement in the quality of bus tapes that are requested for viewing with Illinois Bus Company. Principals report any concerns weekly to the Business Office and if there are any issues, they are put into a log. The principals will report on student behavior, safety concerns and bus video viewing. This first year of reporting will be used as a base year for future comparisons. Mark also stated that buses have been running in a timely manner overall even with the incimate weather that was experienced so far this year. All future reports will also include any reported information from principals on Sunrise Bus Company incidents. Board members also asked about the fuel rate the District is paying with the bus companies and whether that can be adjusted mid-year in the contract.
16. The Calendar Committee met again to adjust the 2010-11 draft calendar according to the feedback received from the Board related to the scheduling of spring break and election days.

Fierke Education Center will remain a polling place. However, the polling are will be secured so students can remain in session on election days.

Spring break has been scheduled for the last week in March to coincide with the District 228 calendar. The Board's directive was to alternate spring break each year between the two high school district calendars (Districts 228 & 230) to be fair to all families in the entire District 146 boundary area.

Board members asked if Parent/Teacher conferences fell on the same day as the high schools as that creates a problem for parents that have children in both school levels. Laura Bachman will follow up to see if any of the dates are the same.

The final approval for the 2010-11 calendar is contingent on the State's approval of the Waiver request submitted for the scheduling of SIP days.

17. Denise Bettenhausen and Nurse Coordinator, Angie Chobot, recommended that the deadline date for school physicals and immunizations be changed to the first day of

school for students. Angie Chobot expressed numerous concerns about the current deadline for school physicals. An earlier deadline would require parents to get their children's physicals completed during the summer and allow families more of an opportunity to use free clinics if needed, as those clinics are available in the summer and not typically available in the fall. This change of the deadline date would also provide opportunities for nurses to use their time more effectively in the school year.

18. The Regional Office of Education (ROE) has notified District 146 that they will be conducting a comprehensive compliance visit in March and will bring an onsite team to the District. The ROE has provided the District with a checklist of the documents that must be provided to prove compliance. Staff have been working diligently in gathering all information that has been requested. The compliance visit team consists of Denise Bettenhausen, Mark Schilling, Scott Slager, Nancy Schwab, Laura Bachman and Terri Stahulak. Nancy Schwab is the coordinator for this project.
19. The Policy & Governance Committee met on January 13, 2001, to review the recommended revised policies from PRESS. An explanation of the recommended revision for each policy was provided to Board members as a first read. These same policies will be presented at the February 25th Board meeting for approval.
20. Under communications & correspondence, there was none.
21. Amy Connolly motioned to move the meeting to closed session to discuss:
 - Personnel** – The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. 5 ILCS 120/2(C) (1)
 - Labor Matter** – Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives. 5 ILCS 120/2(C) (2)
 - Student Matter** – Matter(s) related to individual student(s)Denis Ryan seconded the motion. Roll Call revealed the following vote: AYES: Carey, Ryan, Malloy, Connolly, Jackson and Framke. NAYES: None. Motion carried and the meeting moved to closed session at 8:15 p.m.
22. Donna Framke brought the meeting back in to open session at 10:32 p.m.
23. Jack Carey motioned to adjourn the meeting. John Malloy seconded. All Board members indicated their approval by saying Aye. The meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

Board President

Attest

Board Secretary

Date