

**Board of Education Special Meeting
Robert Procunier Administration Center
July 22, 2010**

1. Dean Casper called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call – Board members present at the meeting were Jack Carey, Amy Connolly, John Malloy, Denis Ryan, Donna Framke, Julie Jackson and Dean Casper.

Call to order

Roll Call

Administrators 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. Report of the Superintendent:

- Memorial Construction Update and Contingency Plan – Susan Mulchrone gave a report on her meetings with parents about moving to Sandidge until Memorial School is ready.
- The Data Retreat was held on Monday, August 2nd. SIP Teams began their first day of student achievement data analysis. Nancy Schwab co-facilitated this group with Jack Hinterlong.
- Summer School/ESY – The first session is complete and the 2nd session began the week of July 20th. There were 47 students receiving Special Education services in classrooms and 19 students receiving related services only in the summer.
- Open House Dates – Central Middle School will hold its Open House on Monday, August 23rd and all elementary schools will hold their Open House on August 24th. All Open Houses will run from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- Annual Audit – The auditors will be on location August 30th through September 3rd.
- FOIA Requests – On July 9th, a request was received from Illinois School Bus for a complete copy of the regular and Special Education bids from Illinois Central School Bus. This is a commercial request so the District has 21 work days to comply (August 9th.)
- Celebrations & Condolences –
 - Ruth Clause Wilke’s brother passed away. Ruth is a retired District 146 teacher and continues to work part time in the District.
 - Heather Rudolph’s brother passed away suddenly. Heather is a 5th grade teacher at Fulton.
 - Jim Janis’ mother passed away. Jim is the custodian at Kruse.
 - Kim Burge delivered a baby girl on July 1st, Eva Marie. Kim is a kindergarten/EL teacher at Kruse.
 - Amy Heitman delivered a baby girl on July 9th, Ramona Grace. Amy is the art teacher at Kruse & Fierke.
 - Wendy Albright delivered a baby girl on July 12th. Wendy is the social worker at Kruse.

- Health & Wellness Committee has been to think about Health & Wellness for staff and students.
4. Dean Casper moved Agenda Item 8.10 up. Anne Noland, Dr. Longo and Tom Mullins of BWP & Associates were present at the meeting. They thanked the Board for choosing their organization in handling the Superintendent Search. They introduced themselves to everyone present. BWP reviewed the timeline for the Superintendent Search and reported that all Board members have been interviewed. The Board asked BWP to give an update at the monthly meetings.
 5. Consent Agenda – Donna Framke motioned that the Board of Education approve consent agenda items 7.1 through 7.11. Jack Carey seconded. Roll call revealed the following vote: AYES - Jack Carey, Amy Connolly, John Malloy, Denis Ryan, Donna Framke, Julie Jackson and Dean Casper. NAYES – None. The motion carried. The following items were approved in the consent agenda.
 - Minutes from the regular Board meeting of June 15, 2010
 - Minutes from Special meeting of June 21, 2010
 - Minutes from closed session meeting of May 27, 2010
 - Minutes from closed session meeting of June 21, 2010
 - Destruction of Closed Session tape of December 18, 2008
 - Closed Session Minutes for the past six months (January 28, 2010 through June 21, 2010) will stay confidential
 - Proof of Cash/Statement of Position All Funds June 2010
 - July Bills
 - Estimated July Payroll
 - Actual June Payroll
 - A/P and Payroll Bills for month of July 2010
 - Activity/Imprest Account Funds from 6/11/2010 through 7/15/2010
 - Letters of resignation from certified employees, Keith Huhn and Karen Kitley
 6. Approval of Change Order for Asbestos Abatement – The final cost of the asbestos abatement project at Memorial came in under budget at \$38,900. The budgeted amount was \$49,500. There was no hidden asbestos. Therefore, no additional abatement was necessary, resulting in a credit of \$10,060 to the District.

John Malloy motioned that the Board approve the change order for the asbestos abatement project at Memorial that came in under budget in the amount of \$10,060 that will be credited to District 146. Jack Carey seconded. Roll call revealed the following vote: AYES - Jack Carey, Amy Connolly, John Malloy, Denis Ryan, Donna Framke, Julie Jackson and Dean Casper. NAYES – None. The motion carried.
 7. At the July 15th special meeting, the Board decided to wait to hear the outcome of a labor meeting scheduled on Monday, July 19th, before making a decision on to approve or not approve a Project Labor Agreement (PLA). Ron Giles reported that the strike was settled, so no action was required with a PLA. Therefore, Dean Casper stated that the agenda item dies for lack of motion.

8. The Social Studies curriculum that has been developed for District 146 was provided to Board members. The social studies committee worked with consultant, Dr. Anne Grall-Reichel to ensure it aligns with the State standards. Nancy Schwab has worked with Dr. Reichel and the committee over the past year and this is the curriculum being recommended for adoption by District 146. Jack Carey motioned that the Board of Education approve the K-8 social studies curriculum as presented. Donna Framke seconded. Roll call revealed the following vote: AYES - Jack Carey, Amy Connolly, John Malloy, Denis Ryan, Donna Framke, Julie Jackson and Dean Casper. NAYES – None. The motion carried.
9. The Social Studies committee is recommending “Social Studies Alive” by TCI as the textbook/resource series for adoption. Nancy Schwab has provided the Board with a rationale of the committee decision and reviewed the reasons this series was selected. The pricing for all materials and resources, grades K-8 is estimated to be \$140,000 - \$148,000. Staff development will take place over the next two years for this new series. Amy Connolly motioned that the Board of Education approve “Social Studies Alive” by TCI as the textbook/resource series for School District 146, as presented.

Jack Carey motioned that the Board of Education approve “Social Studies Alive” by TCI as the textbook/resource series for School District 146, as presented. John Malloy seconded. Roll call revealed the following vote: AYES - Jack Carey, Amy Connolly, John Malloy, Denis Ryan, Donna Framke, Julie Jackson and Dean Casper. NAYES – None. The motion carried.
10. As reported at last month’s meeting, Nancy Schwab is requesting that the Board approve a Data Specialist position. The specialist would support the District in warehousing data, analyzing data and reporting findings from the data as required by NCLB, RTI, and Race to the Top in the future. It will also help provide the Board with reports identified as part of its goal indicators. This position would better fit the technology needs of the District. If approved, the position would then be bargained with the ESP union.

John Malloy motioned that the Board of Education approve the position of a Data Specialist position as presented. Dean Casper seconded. Roll call revealed the following vote: AYES - Jack Carey, Amy Connolly, John Malloy, Denis Ryan, Donna Framke, Julie Jackson and Dean Casper. NAYES – None. The motion carried.
11. Ron Giles reported on the Memorial renovation project since the strike has been settled and all trades are back to work. Paving and concrete work will begin immediately and final demolition will be done on Friday. Entry doorframes have been replaced, block walls are in place in bathrooms, hanging fixtures, duct work and electrical is all roughed in, rooftop units are in and the final steel orders are on site. The detention pond has been dug and the excavation for the garden wall has been completed. Contractors lost about 4 weeks due to the strike. Overall schedule of work should be complete by November 15th barring any unforeseen circumstances. No official change orders have been presented on the project but some are pending and Ron Giles reviewed them. Ron talked about fascia painting and cleaning the tar off the fascia or replacement. Discussion ensued and Scott Slager agreed that it

should be cleaned for right now and the Board can look at it further as possibly a phase 2 replacement.

Ron Giles asked the Board to consider doing some extra projects at Memorial that were originally in Phase 2 and take advantage of the fact that the building will be empty: Complete asbestos abatement of the remainder of tile, at approximately \$89,000 to complete and replace in all classrooms; casework installation for additional storage cabinets for teachers at approximately \$150,000; some removals around perimeter walls and replacing the unit ventilators with remote condensers on the roof, including replacement and pipe work for \$300,000. The Board discussed how this work could be funded at this time. Six of the seven Board members were in favor of moving forward with the abatement. Dean Casper indicated that Ron Giles should move forward with that project. Ron Giles had the permit signed by the Board today.

Ron Giles also gave the Board an update on Fulton. Fulton received the Silver LEED certification by US Green Building Council, who looks at energy efficient buildings and determines the certification level by the number of points needed for Silver rating. A press release will be sent out tomorrow on this good news.

The discussion turned towards the transition of students from Memorial to Sandidge for the start of the 2010-11 school year. Susan Mulchrone has had several meetings with SIP team members, voluntary staff meetings and parent meetings to keep everyone abreast of the situation. Teachers were grateful that they were asked for their input and grateful that they have somewhere to go.

Discussion ensued whether students should move into Memorial mid-year or stay at Sandidge for the entire year. There were many concerns such as: Continuity of instruction and learning for students, special needs students, new routines, bussing, Susan Mulchrone stated that at a recent staff meeting, staff members overwhelmingly indicated that they stay at Sandidge for the entire school year. Parents stated the same. Susan Mulchrone stated that either way, they will make it work. She also stated that trying to make a move in January with the weather conditions at that time of year; we need to keep the safety of students at the highest priority. Susan also talked about the interruption of services in moving into a new building with emergency drills, etc.

Parents stated that whatever happens at Sandidge, the students still want to be recognized as Memorial students.

12. Investment Report – Mark Schilling provided the quarterly investment news to the Board. The District's portfolio is made up of two different types of investments. Certificates of deposit account for 70.9% of the investments and 29.1% of the District investments are in the money market. The total value of the District's quarterly portfolio is \$34,103,421.68.
13. Early Learning Update – While the State is reporting that there will be funding available for the Preschool for All program and the 0-3 program, the amount of funding the District will receive has not been confirmed. Denise Bettenhausen provided the Board with four possible options to consider with all the unknowns and

asked for direction from the Board on how to proceed with the programs in question for the upcoming school year. The Board agreed to proceed with Plan C until further notice from the State. Plan C calls for one classroom at Kruse, Fierke, Fulton, Memorial and Early childhood special education students will attend their home school. Returning at-risk students will be added to classrooms and additional at-risk students will be added from the waiting list until it is filled. An additional 1.5 classrooms will be added when the grant funding is confirmed and a parent educator/coordinator will be hired on a part time basis.

14. The Reading Improvement Grant is one of the grants whose funding may be cut because of the State budget crisis. This grant money was used to pay the Reading tutors' salaries in past years. Nancy Schwab stated that if the funding does not come through, she will divert monies from the textbook allocations to cover the costs. Nancy asked the Board whether they want to keep this program as a reoccurring program. Nancy will be able to provide the money to save the program this year if the funding does not come through, but funding is questionable for future years.
15. Nancy Schwab reported on the rationale for adopting the new K-8 science curriculum along with the new resources and textbooks for the middle school (grades 6-8). The estimated cost of resources/texts for grades 6-8 is \$60,000. Additional resources for the elementary schools are also recommended to enrich and enhance the new curriculum for 2011-12. Teachers will attend staff development classes over the next two years to become skilled at utilizing the resources.
16. Board members have requested that the District look at their policy on student photographs by outside agencies such as local newspapers, etc. Board members felt that the policy should be updated so that some of the success stories of the District can be shared with the newspaper and the community, with photos and the names of students included, for some of the events that go on in the District.

Dr. Hoyda stated that the Board does not have a school policy as such but there is a practice in place and an administrative procedure that has been followed in the past. Nancy Schwab crafted some language that might be used to update the consent form so that photos of students can be published and shared it with Board members.
17. The final piece of the Special Education Audit has been completed with the interviews of the paraprofessional focus group. The Board was given the list of questions the group answered, followed by recommendations that occurred as a result of the interviews with staff. Denise Bettenhausen reviewed the recommendations with the Board.
18. Nancy Schwab reported that although Fulton and Central did not make adequate yearly progress (AYP) in reading, no federal sanctions have been imposed on District 146 for the 2010-11 school year. This is because the same cohort group that impacts AYP status must fail to reach safe harbor for two years in a row before sanctions are imposed. Nancy reported on the trends in the District over the last three years related to AYP.

19. Summer Facilities – Scott Slager reviewed summer projects that are under way and some of which have been completed. These projects are part of regular maintenance and some are included in his five year plan.
20. Under communications, Jack Carey thanked everyone for the calls and concerns, cards and flowers.
21. Dean Casper motioned to move the meeting into closed session. Jack Carey seconded. Roll call revealed the following vote: AYES - Jack Carey, Amy Connolly, John Malloy, Denis Ryan, Donna Framke, Julie Jackson and Dean Casper. NAYES – None. The motion carried.
22. The meeting moved into closed session at 9:41 p.m.
23. Dean brought the meeting back to open session at 11:00 p.m.
24. Dean Casper motioned to adjourn the meeting. Donna Framke seconded. All Board members indicated their approval by saying Aye. None were opposed.
25. The meeting adjourned at 11:01p.m.

Board President

Attest

Board Secretary

Date