

MINUTES OF THE
BUDGET HEARING AND
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
of the Board of Education
Riverside School District No. 96
held on Tuesday, September 21, 2008
A. F. Ames Elementary School
Cook County, Riverside, Illinois

2008-09 BUDGET HEARING

The 2007-08 Budget Hearing of the Board of Education, District 96, Riverside, Illinois, Cook County, was held on Tuesday, September 21, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in Multi-Purpose Room at Ames Elementary School, 86 Southcote Road, Riverside, Illinois.

08-49 President Ms. Cheryl Berdelle called the budget hearing to order at 7:40 p.m. and on roll call the following members were recorded as being present:

Mrs. Linda Bade
Ms. Cheryl Berdelle
Mrs. Nancy Jensen
Mr. Giles McCarthy
Mr. James Schraidt
Mr. Richard Volpe
Mrs. Hareena Wakely

Absent: None

Also present were: Dr. Jonathan Lamberson, Superintendent; staff members Janice Johnson and Judy Sayre; and approximately 15 parents and interested citizens of the community.

Ms. Berdelle led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Ms. Berdelle opened the Budget Hearing and asked Supt. Lamberson for his comments and rationale for the 2008-09 budget document as prepared and presented for review and approval.

Supt. Lamberson stated that a Tentative Budget for 2008-09 was prepared and presented to the Board of Education for discussion and assessment in July and was placed on display in the Board of Education Offices for public review, as required by Illinois School Code, since July 15, 2008.

Dr. Lamberson provided the Board members and those present in the audience with a 2008-09 Budget Summary Information report that gave an overview of the anticipated revenues and expenditures for each of the District's fund for the 2008-09 fiscal year (7/01/08 - 6/30/09) noting that there were no changes made to the tentative budget adopted in August, 2008.

The district's annual audit is scheduled to be completed during the first week of October by the firm of Evans, Marshall & Pease, Inc. of Rolling Meadows, IL. Therefore, the balances reflected in the summary report are from the end-of-the-year financial statement and not from the 2007-08 audit. Supt. Lamberson noted that the audited balances will not show much difference.

Also included in the report were commentary pages detailing specific expenditures and anticipated revenues, by fund, that have an impact on the budget including a 9% increase in health and dental premiums and the addition of one full time teacher for the new kindergarten transition program.

Full tax revenue available from the March 2004 referendum is anticipated in the Education Fund, restricted only by the tax cap.

Contracted building repairs are included and estimated at \$240,000.

Student fees will be kept at the same level as in 2007-08.

Overall, the district's financial condition continues to improve as a result of ongoing community support and sound, rigorous financial oversight as evidenced by positive balances in all funds at the close of the 2007-08 fiscal year and will continue through the end of 2008-09.

Time was provided for questions and answers regarding the proposed 2008-09 budget.

08-50 There being no questions or comments regarding the proposed 2008-09 Final Budget, President Berdelle adjourned the Budget Hearing at 7:43 p.m. on a motion from Mrs. Wakely, supported by Mr. McCarthy, and approved by the Board by a vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

08-51 The Regular Business Meeting was immediately called to order at 7:44 p.m. by President Ms. Cheryl Berdelle and on roll call the following members were recorded as being present:

Mrs. Linda Bade
Ms. Cheryl Berdelle
Mrs. Nancy Jensen
Mr. Giles McCarthy

Mr. Jim Schraidt
Mr. Richard Volpe
Mrs. Hareena Wakely

Absent: None

Also present were: Dr. Jonathan Lamberson, Superintendent; staff members Janice Johnson and Judy Sayre; and approximately 15 parents and interested citizens of the community.

B.1. Information and Proposals.

There were no comments from the R.E.C.

A question was asked by Mr. Tim Walsh, a Hauser parent, regarding the difference in class size practices at Hauser compared with the elementary schools. The Board's class size policy limits classes in grades K-5 to no more than 23 - 20 in 1st and 3rd and 23 in K, 2, 4 and 5. Mr. Walsh noted that many of Hauser's classes are in excess of 26 or more students. Board members Cheryl Berdelle and Nancy Jensen noted that this is not the first time that situation has occurred in the junior high specifically with the physical education and music classes. The introduction of the middle school philosophy has helped lower class sizes and every effort is being made to keep class sizes at a reasonable number. However, in some cases that is not always possible. The Board continues to review the policy limits to find the best way to accommodate the increasing enrollment and still provide the best possible educational environment for the students.

08-52 A motion was made by Mr. McCarthy, supported by Mrs. Jensen, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda items (Enclosures B.3.a. to B.3. g.) as follows:

- a. Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of August 19, 2008.
- b. Financial Statement as of August 31, 2008.
- c. Payment of General Invoices, Schedule A-679.
- d. Accepted the letter of resignation from Hollywood School night custodian Joseph Zboinski for retirement purposes effective October 31, 2008.
- e. Appointed Rachael Pellegrini to the position of special education paraprofessional and Deborah Czubik to the position of mid-day assistant, both at Hollywood Elementary School.
- f. Approved the 2008-09 ISBE Applications for Recognition of Schools.
- g. Personnel report.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Bade
Mrs. Jensen
Mr. McCarthy
Mr. Schraidt
Mr. Volpe

Mrs. Wakely
Ms. Berdelle
Nays: None
Absent: None

Action on approval of the 2008-09 District Goals, Board Agenda Calendar, and Committee Meeting schedule (Enclosures B.4.a., B.4.b., and B.4.c.) was deferred to the October 21, 2008 regular business meeting.

- 08-53 Following review by the Finance Committee and discussion during the 2008-09 Budget Hearing prior to the start of this meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Schraidt, supported by Mr. Volpe, that the Board adopt the following resolution: That the fiscal year of the Riverside School District 96, Cook County, Illinois, shall begin on July 1, 2008 and end on June 30, 2009; and further that the budget as presented on Enclosure B.5.a. containing an estimate of amounts available in each Fund, separately, and of expenditures from each, be adopted as the official budget of Riverside District 96 for fiscal year 2008-09. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Jensen
Mr. McCarthy
Mr. Schraidt
Mr. Volpe
Mrs. Wakely
Mrs. Bade
Ms. Berdelle
Nays: None
Absent: None

C.1. From Superintendent and Staff.

Supt. Lamberson reported that as of September 3, 2008, sixth day enrollment figures for 2008-09 show a total of 1,456 District 96 students in grades K-8. This includes the 20 students enrolled in the ECE program. This is an increase of 82 students over the close of school in June 2008.

- 08-54 A motion was made by Mr. McCarthy, supported by Mrs. Wakely, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. McCarthy
Mr. Schraidt
Mr. Volpe
Mrs. Wakely
Mrs. Bade
Mrs. Jensen
Ms. Berdelle

Nays: None
Absent: None

The time was 7:55 p.m.

Recorded: September 16, 2008

Approved: October 21, 2007

Judith Novak, Board Secretary

Cheryl Berdelle, Board President