

MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
Of the Board of Education  
Riverside School District No. 96  
Held on Tuesday, May 16, 2009  
Hauser Junior High School  
Cook County, Riverside Illinois

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

09-39 Board President Nancy Jensen called the Regular Business Meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. in the Learning Resource Center at Hauser Jr. High School and on roll call, the following members were recorded as present:

Mrs. Jensen  
Mrs. Leimberer  
Mr. McCarthy  
Mrs. Meindl  
Mr. Schraidt  
Mrs. Stimming  
Mrs. Wakely

Absent: None

Also present were: Dr. Jon Lamberson, Superintendent; Ames School principal Colleen Lieggi; Blythe Park School principal Bob Chleboun; Central School principal Dr. Janice Limperis; Hollywood School principal Vicki DeVylder; Hauser principal Leslie Berman; District technology director Vern Bettis; special education director Dr. Mary Polk; administrative intern Mindy Keller; and approximately 50 staff members, parents, students and interested citizens of the community.

President Jensen led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B.1.a. Board of Education Awards Program.

Following the Call to Order, Central School principal Dr. Janice Limperis announced the names of the District 96 students who won Certificates of Achievement for their participation and outstanding achievement in the following areas of competition during the 2008-09 school year:

- Elementary and Junior High Spelling Contest
- National Geographic Geography Bee
- WordMasters Challenge
- AAUW Poster and Essay Contest

- Illinois Reflections
- WSCAE Midwest Academic Talent Search

Board President Nancy Jensen and Supt. Lamberson presented the certificates and extended their congratulations to the students for their efforts and exceptional achievements. They wished the students continued success in their future endeavors.

B.1.b. Public Comment/Statement.

President Jensen asked for comments from anyone in the audience who wanted to address the Board. Audience members commented on the District's "1 to 1 Laptop Initiative" for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students in 2009-10.

District 96 parent Trish Smithing remarked on the District's maximum class size policy and flexible boundary plan. Mrs. Smithing asked the Board to consider overriding the current class size policy that limits the number of students in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade to 20 students per classroom. She requested the Board increase the class cap to 21 students in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade at Hollywood School in 2009-10 thereby allowing the enrollment of her child who will otherwise be displaced to another elementary school in the District. President Jensen stated that consideration of a class size policy override in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade at Hollywood would be included on the June Board meeting agenda for discussion and possible action.

A member of the audience urged the Board not to approve the entire draft Board Policy Manual at this meeting to allow further discussion of the maximum class size policy as it affects the existence of "neighborhood schools" in the District.

09-40 A motion was made by Mrs. Wakely, supported by Mrs. Stimming, that the Board approve the items listed under the *Consent Agenda (Enclosures B.3.a. through B.3.k.)* as follows:

- Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting of April 21, 2009.
- Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of April 21, 2009.
- Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of April 21, 2009.
- Minutes of the Special Board Organizational Meeting of May 5, 2009.
- Acceptance of the Financial Statement as of April 30, 2009.
- Payment of General Invoices – Schedule A-687.
- Accepted the resignations of Ames School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher Sonja Melton; Central School 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade teacher Kathleen Bracken; and Hauser Junior High School Special Education teacher Patricia Wittmann, effective at the close of the 2008-09 school year.
- Approved maternity leave request from Central School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher Erin McCarthy beginning on August 24, 2009 under the provisions of FMLA; and approved parental leave of absence request from District Speech Therapist Michelle Imes beginning on May 11, 2009 under the provisions of the REC contract.
- Accepted bids from CloverLeaf Farms Distributors and Arctic Ice Cream to provide milk products and ice cream products respectively for the 2009-10 school

year; and accepted a bid from Midland Paper Company to supply the District's copy paper needs for 2009-10.

- j. Approved the Application for Building Permits, ISBE Regional Office, for the summer 2009 Hardscape and Landscape project at Ames School and for the repair of the historic portico entrance to Hauser Junior High School on Woodside Road.
- k. Approved the appointment of Renee Lebegue to the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Grade teacher at Blythe Park Elementary School for the 2009-10 school year; and approved assignment changes for Barbara Johnson to the position of Fully Supported Special Education teacher at Central School; Barbara Lesko to the position of Kindergarten teacher at Central School and Amy Wright to the position of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher at Ames School in 2009-10.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Leimberer  
Mrs. Meindl  
Mr. McCarthy  
Mr. Schraidt  
Mrs. Stimming  
Mrs. Wakely  
Mrs. Jensen  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

B.4. Old Business.

- a. Due to the length of conversation that might be required, President Jensen inquired whether the Board would like to move discussion about the draft Board Policy Manual to a later point in the meeting. By consensus, the Board agreed to address the agenda items listed under *New Business* and then return to the discussion about Board policies.

B.5. New Business.

In April, the Board authorized the administration to seek bids for the Hardscape and Landscape work to be done at Ames School, and for the repair of the historic portico entrance at Hauser Jr. High. All interested contractors were asked to attend a Pre-Bid Meeting where project specifications and the scope of work were explained. Bids were opened publicly at the District 96 Administration Offices on May 12, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. A bid summary prepared by architect Mark Miller from CONCEPT 3 Architects was presented to the Board with a recommendation that the two projects be awarded to J. Andersen Construction in the amount of \$70,577.50.

- 09-41 Based on this information, a motion was made by Mr. McCarthy, supported by Mrs. Leimberer, that the Board accept the bid from J. Andersen Construction (Brockway Landscape) to complete the Summer 2009 Hardscape and Landscape project at Ames School in the amount of \$63,252.50.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Meindl  
Mr. Schraidt  
Mrs. Stimming  
Mrs. Wakely  
Mrs. Leimberer  
Mr. McCarthy  
Mrs. Jensen

Nays: None

Absent: None

- 09-42 Additionally, a motion was made by Mrs. Wakely, supported by Mr. Schraidt, that the Board accept the bid from J. Andersen Construction (Brockway Landscape) to complete the Summer 2009 portico repair project at Hauser Junior High in the amount of \$7,325.00.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Schraidt  
Mrs. Stimming  
Mrs. Wakely  
Mrs. Leimberer  
Mr. McCarthy  
Mrs. Meindl  
Mrs. Jensen

Nays: None

Absent: None

- 09-43 Each year the Board must approve staff appointments for the following school year. A motion was made by Mr. Schraidt, supported by Mrs. Stimming that Board approve the appointment of support and instructional personnel for the 2009-10 school year as presented. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Stimming  
Mrs. Wakely  
Mrs. Leimberer  
Mr. McCarthy  
Mrs. Meindl  
Mr. Schraidt  
Mrs. Jensen

Nays: None

Absent: None

- 09-44 Following an election as part of the Board's reorganization process, the newly elected Board President must choose Committee Appointments and Special Assignments for a two (2) year term. A motion was made by Mrs. Wakely, supported by Mr. Schraidt, that these positions be filled as recommended and presented by Mrs. Jensen for the 2009-11 term:

The Building Committee

Giles McCarthy, Chair  
Hareena Wakely  
Mary Stimming

The Education Committee

Hareena Wakely, Chair  
James Schraidt  
Jennifer Leimberer

The Finance Committee

James Schraidt, Chair  
Giles McCarthy  
Mary Ellen Meindl

IASB Liaison: Jennifer Leimberer  
REC Contact: James Schraidt  
REEF Contact: James Schraidt  
PTA Liaison: Mary Ellen Meindl  
Discipline Code Committee Representative: Hareena Wakely

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Wakely  
Mrs. Leimberer  
Mr. McCarthy  
Mrs. Meindl  
Mr. Schraidt  
Mrs. Stimming  
Mrs. Jensen  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

- 09-45 A motion was made by Mrs. Wakely, supported by Mrs. Meindl, that the Board establish a Committee Meeting Schedule for the 2009-11 term. These meetings will take place prior to the Regular Board Meeting on the third Tuesday of the month, with the exception of the month of July, as designated in Enclosure B.5.f. This meeting schedule will be posted on the District 96 website as presented.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Leimberer  
Mr. McCarthy  
Mrs. Meindl  
Mr. Schraidt  
Mrs. Stimming  
Mrs. Wakely  
Mrs. Jensen  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

B.4. Old Business.

During the course of the 2008-09 school year Supt. Jon Lamberson, along with Board members Nancy Jensen and Hareena Wakely, conducted an extensive review of all District policies with the assistance of a representative from the Illinois Association of School Boards. The draft Board Policy Manual has been posted on the District's website since late March 2009 for public review and comment. Following discussion, the Board determined that certain sections of the draft Policy Manual could be formally adopted.

- 09-46 A motion was made by Mrs. Stimming, supported by Mrs. Meindl, that *Section 1: School District Organization* of the draft Board Policy Manual be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Seven

Nays: None

Absent: None

- 09-47 A motion was made by Mrs. Wakely, supported by Mrs. Meindl, that *Section 3: General School Administration* of the draft Board Policy Manual be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Seven

Nays: None

Absent: None

- 09-48 By consensus, the Board agreed that Section 4:120 of the draft manual that deals with food services provided to students should be amended. Currently the draft manual states:

“Good nutrition shall be promoted in the District’s meal programs and in other food and beverages that are sold to students during the school day. The Superintendent shall manage a food service program that complies with this policy and is in alignment with School Board policy 6:50, *School Wellness*. The type and amounts of food and beverages sold to students before school and during the regular school day in any school that participates in the National School Lunch Program shall comply with any applicable mandates in the Illinois State Board of Education’s School Food Service rule and the federal rules implementing the National School Lunch Act and Child Nutrition Act.”

This section will be amended as follows:

“Good nutrition shall be promoted in the District’s meal programs and in other food and beverages that are sold ***or provided by the District*** to students during the school day. The Superintendent shall manage a food service program that complies with this policy and is in alignment with School Board policy 6:50, *School Wellness*. The type and amounts of food and beverages sold ***or provided by the District*** to students before school and during the regular school day in any school that participates in the National School Lunch Program shall comply with any applicable mandates in the Illinois State

Board of Education's School Food Service rule and the federal rules implementing the National School Lunch Act and Child Nutrition Act.”

A motion was made by Mr. McCarthy, supported by Mrs. Stimming, that *Section 4: Operational Services* of the draft Board Policy Manual be adopted as amended above. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Seven  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

- 09-49 By consensus, the Board agreed that Section 8:25 of the draft manual that deals with the advertisement and distribution of materials in District 96 schools provided by non-school related groups should be amended. Currently the draft manual states:

“Non-profit community, educational, charitable, recreational, or similar groups may, under procedures established by the Superintendent, advertise events pertinent to students’ interests or involvement.”

This section will be amended as follows:

***“If approved by the Superintendent***, non-profit community, educational, charitable, recreational, or similar groups may advertise events pertinent to students’ interests or involvement.”

A motion was made by Mrs. Meindl, supported by Mrs. Leimberer, that *Section 8: Community Relations* of the draft Board Policy Manual be adopted as amended above. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Seven  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

Mrs. Stimming provided the Board with a list of questions and suggested revisions pertaining to the remaining sections of the draft Manual. In light of these questions and proposed changes, the Board agreed by consensus, that further review of the remaining sections would be required. This item will be on the agenda for the June Board meeting.

- C.1. From Superintendent and Staff.
- a. Supt. Lamberson noted that he received a letter from the Illinois State Board of Education and a Certificate of Financial Excellence acknowledging the District’s strong financial position based on 2008 school year financial data. He further commented that the District may be contacted to serve as a mentor for other districts that are experiencing financial problems.
  - b. Dr. Lamberson reported that enrollment as of April 30, 2009 was 1,484 students.

09-50 A motion was made by Mrs. Wakely, supported by Mrs. Stimming, to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of considering appointment, employment, discipline or dismissal of employees and/or negotiations. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. McCarthy  
Mrs. Meindl  
Mr. Schraidt  
Mrs. Stimming  
Mrs. Wakely  
Mrs. Leimberer  
Mrs. Jensen  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

The time was 9:05 p.m.

09-51 A motion was made by Mrs. Wakely, supported by Mr. McCarthy, that the closed session be adjourned and that the Board return to open session. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Leimberer  
Mr. McCarthy  
Mrs. Meindl  
Mr. Schraidt  
Mrs. Stimming  
Mrs. Wakely  
Mrs. Jensen  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

09-52 There being no further business or reports, a motion was made by Mr. Schraidt, supported by Mr. McCarthy, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Seven  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

The time was 10:55 p.m.

Recorded: May 19, 2009

Approved: June 16, 2009

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Board Secretary

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Board President