

MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
of the Board of Education
Riverside School District No. 96
Held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010
Hauser Jr. High School
Cook County, Riverside, Illinois

AMENDED BUDGET HEARING

10-52 The 2009-10 Amended Budget Hearing was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and on roll call the following members were recorded as being present:

Mrs. Nancy Jensen
Mrs. Jennifer Leimberer
Mr. Giles McCarthy
Mrs. Mary Ellen Meindl
Mr. James Schraidt
Mrs. Mary Stimming
Mrs. Hareena Wakely (arrived at 7:35 p.m.)

Absent: None

Also present were: Dr. Jonathan Lamberson, Superintendent; Ames School Principal Colleen Lieggi; Blythe School Principal Bob Chleboun; Central School Principal Dr. Janice Limperis; Hollywood School Principal Melinda Keller; Hauser Principal Leslie Berman; Special Education Director Dr. Mary Polk; Technology Director Vern Bettis; Administrative Coordinator Meg O'Brien; approximately 25 staff, parents, and interested citizens of the community.

Supt. Lamberson remarked that the Finance Committee discussed the parameters of the 2009-10 Amended Budget in detail earlier this evening. Expenses will be increased in the areas of employee health care costs, special education service levels and staffing to reflect actual expenditures over the past twelve months. He noted that a corresponding increase in Revenue would leave overall fund balances unchanged.

10-53 There being no public comments regarding the proposed amendments to the 2009-10 Budget, a motion was made by Mr. Schraidt, supported by Mr. McCarthy, that the 2009-10 Amended Budget Hearing be adjourned. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Seven
Nays: None
Absent: None

The time was 7:40 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

10-54 Immediately following adjournment of the 2009-10 Amended Budget Hearing, the Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 7:41 p.m. by President Nancy Jensen and on roll call the following members were recorded as being present:

Mrs. Nancy Jensen
Mrs. Jennifer Leimberer

Mr. Giles McCarthy
Mrs. Mary Ellen Meindl
Mr. James Schraidt
Mrs. Mary Stimming
Mrs. Hareena Wakely

Absent: None

B.1. From Superintendent and Staff.

B.1.a. Dr. Lamberson reported that total District enrollment as of June 2nd, 2010 was 1,537 students including 20 students attending the ECE program at Blythe Park School and 9 students who attend ECE support programs off-campus. Of the 1,537 total students enrolled, there are 51 students in K-5th Grade who are attending outside of their attendance area due to the Flexible Boundary Plan.

Supt. Lamberson reviewed a portion of the District 96 student profile data recently submitted for publication on the Illinois District Report Card. He noted that students with Limited English Proficiency, those with Individual Education Plans and those from Low Income families are entitled to increased levels of service per federal requirements.

The percentage of students at each District 96 elementary school with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) is as follows:

- Ames: 8%
- Blythe: 7%
- Central: 3%
- Hollywood: 3%

When school enrollment is considered, the number of students requiring service at each school varies significantly, even though the percentage of students requiring service is similar or the same.

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| • Ames: | 8% | Enrollment: | 331 | Number of LEP students: | 26 |
| • Blythe: | 7% | Enrollment: | 203 | Number of LEP students: | 14 |
| • Central: | 3% | Enrollment: | 394 | Number of LEP students: | 12 |
| • Hollywood: | 3% | Enrollment: | 123 | Number of LEP students: | 4 |

Dr. Lamberson noted that the District Leadership Team utilizes this profile data when determining service levels at each school. He commented that based on these numbers it is conceivable that one school in the District may be allocated almost 200% more service time than another school depending on the number of students in need.

B.1.b. Mrs. Jensen and Supt. Lamberson thanked the Discipline Code Committee for their hard work in reviewing the District 96 *Discipline Code* at their recent annual review meeting. Dr. Lamberson recommended that the revisions to the *Discipline Code* be approved as presented, and posted on the District 96 website for the 2010-11 school year. He further asked the Board to forward any additional suggestions or changes to him for discussion with the Committee next year. He noted that dialogue with the Committee would commence earlier in 2010-11 to allow ample time for discussion of any possible substantive changes.

Following discussion, the Board agreed by consensus to approve later this evening, the amendments to the District 96 *Discipline Code* for the 2010-11 school year as presented.

B.2. From School Board Committees.

- B.2.c. Committee Chair, Jim Schraidt, noted that at tonight's Finance Committee meeting conversation took place regarding student fees as defined in current Board policy. By consensus, the Committee agreed that the existing policy language provides an accurate definition of school fees in District 96. Dialogue transpired regarding the benefit of promoting an accurate understanding of student fees to District 96 parents through the respective PTA/O's.

The Committee reviewed sample revenue and expense report formats being considered as supplemental information to existing budget reports, in an effort to provide a greater level of detail for those who are interested. Mr. Schraidt noted it is the Committee's recommendation that these supplemental reports be posted on the District's website in 2010-11.

The Committee discussed proposed amendments to the 2009-10 Budget. Mr. Schraidt stated that increases to the budget are required to account for an increase in employee health insurance costs and an increase in special education service levels and staffing, as presented by Supt. Lamberson in the Amended Budget Hearing.

- B.2.d. Committee Chair, Jennifer Leimberer, noted that the Flexible Boundary Committee would not meet again until September. She commented that during the summer she hopes to "congeal" a cohesive policy from the vast sum of information collected by the Committee during the 2009-10 school year.
- B.2.e. PTA /O Liaison, Mary Ellen Meindl, remarked that the 2009-10 and the newly-elected 2010-11 PTA/O Presidents recently enjoyed an end-of-the-school-year luncheon with Dr. Lamberson, the District Leadership Team, and the District Office staff. She commented that the luncheon provided an excellent opportunity to socialize, to reflect on the accomplishments of the current year, and to plan for the year ahead. Mrs. Meindl attributed the success of 2009-10 in part to the ongoing, open dialogue that occurred between Dr. Lamberson and the Parent Leadership Team (PLT) at their monthly meetings, each morning after the Board meeting. She noted these meetings provided an opportunity for the PLT to ask questions of Dr. Lamberson and for him to share pertinent information from the Board meetings for dissemination to the District 96 parent community.

There were no updates provided by the Building or Education Committees.

B.3. Public Comment/Statement. (@ 8:15 p.m.)

Friends and family of deceased Hauser Jr. High School teacher Bill Mathis addressed the Board regarding construction activity that included the Bill Mathis Memorial Marquis. Family members expressed disappointment that the Board did not notify them personally, in advance of construction, regarding the work being done and the care being taken to relocate the memorial marquis.

Mrs. Jensen thanked those present for their comments. She noted that discussion had taken place in public by the Building Committee regarding the current renovation project at Hauser for nearly two years. On behalf of the entire Board, Mrs. Jensen apologized for any disrespect the family may have felt as a result of not being personally

notified about the project, and commented that the memorial marquis (to be relocated) was included in the design drawings.

Supt. Lamberson recommended that any future memorials be recorded in Board Policy to ensure ready access to a list of memorials District-wide, and to prevent this information from being inadvertently filed in storage. He further recommended that future Board policy contain procedures regarding the notification of family in the event that an existing memorial must be relocated due to facility renovations.

B.3.a. Supt. Lamberson noted that a *Freedom of Information Act* request was received from the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT) Organization on May 27, 2010 requesting information regarding RFP's for school bus transportation in the District; violations of the current busing contract; and the name of the entities that handle special needs transportation. A response was sent on June 1, 2010 informing the IBT that District 96 does not issue RFP's for school bus transportation; that the District does not have a current busing contract or violations of a current contract; and that LADSE arranges transportation for the District's special needs students.

B.4. There was no update given by the REC.

C.1. Consent Agenda.

10-55 The Board removed the following item from the *Consent Agenda* for further dialogue:

a. Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of May 18, 2010.

A motion was made by Mr. McCarthy, supported by Mrs. Meindl, that the Board approve the items listed under the *Consent Agenda* (Items C.1.b. through C.1.i.) as follows:

b. Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting of May 18, 2010.

c. Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of May 18, 2010.

d. Financial Statement as of May 31, 2010.

e. Payment of General Invoices, Schedule A-699.

f. Acceptance of 2010-11 Bids:

- Milk & Dairy Products
- Ice Cream
- General Groceries
- Paper

g. Ratify parent notification letter.

h. Approval, Personnel Report.

i. Resignation, Classified Staff - Schedule B-388.

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

- 10-56 Following discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Meindl, supported by Mrs. Leimberer, that the Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of May 18, 2010 be approved with an amendment made to the first sentence in section B.2.d. on page 2:

Previously, the first sentence in section B.2.d. on page 2 read as follows:

“Conversation has taken place over the past several months between the Administration and the Board regarding the need to find a new location for the ECE program, currently housed at Blythe Park.”

The first sentence in section B.2.d. on page 2 was amended as follows:

“Over the past several months the Administration has informed the Board of the need to find a new location for the ECE program, currently housed at Blythe Park.”

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

C.2. Old Business.

C.3. New Business.

- 10-57 Dr. Lamberson remarked that, as summarized by Mr. Schraidt, the Finance Committee discussed the proposed budget amendments at their meeting earlier this evening. He recommended that the Board approve the amendments as presented.

Following these comments, a motion was made by Mr. McCarthy, supported by Mr. Schraidt, that the Board adopt a resolution amending the 2009-10 Budget as presented.

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

10-58 Annually, the Board must establish a date for the public budget hearing prior to adopting the official budget for the new fiscal year; and it must confirm the dates of the new fiscal year. In keeping with past practice, Supt. Lamberson recommended that the Board establish the dates of the new fiscal year as July 1st through June 30th and that the Tentative Budget Hearing take place in September immediately prior to the Regular Business Meeting.

Following these remarks, a motion was made by Mrs. Wakely, supported by Mrs. Stimming, that the Board adopt a resolution determining that the Tentative Budget Hearing for the 2010-11 fiscal year will take place on September 21, 2010, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Ames Elementary School; and establishing the dates of the 2010-11 fiscal year as July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

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

10-59 Dr. Lamberson stated that a permanent transfer of interest from the Education Fund to the Transportation Fund is being recommended due to higher than anticipated transportation costs for off-campus special education students in 2009-10; and due to a lack of receipt of anticipated state-aid revenue. He noted the transfer is required for District 96 to be in a balanced position as of June 30th, 2010.

Following these comments, a motion was made by Mrs. Wakely, supported by Mr. McCarthy, that the Board adopt a resolution authorizing the transfer of \$150,000 of interest from the Education Fund to the Transportation Fund.

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

C.3.d. Action on the employment and reappointment of the District Leadership Team and the Assistant Principal at Hauser Jr. High School was deferred until after Closed Session.

10-60 As agreed to in discussion earlier this evening, a motion was made by Mrs. Stimming, supported by Mrs. Wakely, that the Board approve the revisions to the District 96

Discipline Code as presented by the Discipline Code Committee following their recent annual review meeting.

The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Seven
Nays: None
Absent: None

10-61 A motion was made by Mrs. Wakely, supported by Mr. Schraidt, that the Board adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing:

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity.
- Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules or one or more classes of employees.

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

The time was 8:23 p.m.

10-62 A motion was made by Mrs. Wakely, supported by Mr. Schraidt, that the Closed Session be adjourned and that the Board return to Open Session.

The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Seven
Nays: None
Absent: None

The time was 9:30 p.m.

10-63 A motion was made by Mr. Schraidt, supported by Mr. McCarthy, that the Board approve the employment and reappointment of the following members of the District Leadership Team as presented during Closed Session:

- Colleen Lieggi, Principal, Ames Elementary School
- Robert Chleboun, Principal, Blythe Park Elementary School
- Dr. Janice Limperis, Director of Instructional Systems and Principal Central Elementary School
- Leslie Berman, Principal, Hauser Jr. High School

- Dr. Mary Polk, Director of Special Education and Assessment Systems
- Vern Bettis, Director of Technology Systems

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

10-64 There being no further business or reports, a motion was made by Mrs. Wakely, supported by Mrs. Leimberer, that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Seven
Nays: None
Absent: None

The time was 9:34 p.m.

Recorded: June 15, 2010

Approved: August 17, 2010

Board Secretary

Board President