

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
FOR THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
EVERGREEN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
December 16, 2009

1. A Regular Meeting for the Board of Education of Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124 was called to order at 6:02 p.m. on December 16, 2009 in the gym at Northwest School, Evergreen Park, IL.

The following Board Members were physically present at roll call:

Mrs. Kathy Rohan
Mr. John Kennedy
Mrs. Beth Amado
Mr. Terry MacDonald
Mr. Jim Flanagan
Mrs. Joan Boss

Absent at roll call: Mr. Bob McDonald

Also Present: Dr. Diane Cody and Mrs. Jan Stanton,
Recording Secretary

2. Mr. Flanagan, led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Consideration to approve the agenda was made by the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy and seconded by Mr. MacDonald to approve the agenda. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Kathy Rohan	yea
Mr. John Kennedy	yea
Mrs. Beth Amado	yea
Mr. Terry MacDonald	yea
Mr. Jim Flanagan	yea
Mrs. Joan Boss	yea

MOTION CARRIED (6-0)

4. Mr. Bob McDonald arrived at 6:05 p.m.
5. At 6:08, a motion was made by Mrs. Amado and seconded by Mrs. Boss to recess to Closed Session to discuss the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (10). The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Kathy Rohan	yea
Mr. John Kennedy	yea
Mrs. Beth Amado	yea
Mr. Terry MacDonald	yea
Mr. Jim Flanagan	yea
Mrs. Joan Boss	yea
Mr. Bob McDonald	yea

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

6. At 7:15 p.m. Members of the Board returned to Open Meeting with the following Members returning:

Mrs. Kathy Rohan
 Mr. John Kennedy
 Mrs. Beth Amado
 Mr. Terry MacDonald
 Mr. Jim Flanagan
 Mrs. Joan Boss
 Mr. Bob McDonald

Also present: Dr. Diane Cody, Mrs. Kathy Hatzcel, Mrs. Fran LaBella, Ms. Shalema Blue, Mr. Jeff Nightingale, Mr. John Stanton, Ms. Denise Thomas, Mr. Bill Smith, Mrs. Sue Panico and Mrs. Jan Stanton, Recording Secretary

7. Mr. Flanagan opened the meeting to the public. Hearing no comments, Mr. Flanagan continued with the remainder of the agenda.
8. Mr. John Stanton, Northwest School Principal, welcomed the Members of the Board and audience to Northwest School and provided a short presentation on Literacy activities being conducted at Northwest School.
9. Under Staff Reports, Dr. Cody introduced Mr. Tony Le, Technology Director candidate being recommended to the Board, and spoke of Mr. Le's IT knowledge and experience.

Additionally, Dr. Cody spoke to the Board about the 'Race to the Top' funding from the federal government, reporting that we do not know enough about the federal initiative to know if we want to sign a Memorandum of Understanding, and that as she gets answers to the many unanswered questions she will report back to the Board. Dr. Cody told Members of the Board that a decision would need to be made by January 8, 2010.

10. Mrs. LaBella provided the Board with an update on Workmen's Compensation as follows:
- The premium quote for the upcoming year, from the district's current Workmen's Compensation carrier, reflects an increase of 29.3% (with a \$3,900 grant for the District to use for the purchase of winter safety items.)
 - Additional information/quotes were secured and, as a result, it was determined that CLIC was a better fit for our district.
 - The recommendation of the Administration is to provide the current carrier with a 90 day notice and secure CLIC thereafter.

11. Mrs. Rohan provided the Board with an update on the November 16, 2009 AERO Governing Board Meeting noting that AERO settled the teachers' contract and that the evaluation on AERO Director, Mr. Gunnell, has been completed. Additionally, Mrs. Rohan reported that there will be a PRIDE tour in January and that she will inform fellow Board Members of that date when it becomes available.
12. Members of the Board reported on the workshops they attended at the annual Joint Conference held on November 19-22, 2009.
13. Mr. Flanagan reported on the following items discussed at the District Review Team Meeting taking place on November 16, 2009:
 - A shared calendar for special education staff is being put in place
 - Edline/Gradequick were discussed
 - Concerns regarding problems with delivery of the Perspective Newsletter were mentioned
14. Mr. MacDonald provided the Board with a Facility Report highlighting that the Facility Committee did an assessment of the cost for air conditioners and is recommending to the Board that air conditioning units be placed in classrooms throughout the district.
15. A motion was made by Mrs. Amado and seconded by Mr. MacDonald to open the floor for a public hearing regarding the tax levy. A voice vote was taken with the following results:

MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE (7-0)
16. Mrs. LaBella provided the Board with a Powerpoint presentation highlighting the levy certificate indicating the amount the Board is levying in each of the district's funds. Additionally, Mrs. LaBella reviewed a spreadsheet used at the November 12, 2009 Board meeting outlining the assumptions the district will use to create the levy and the ultimate levy extension for 2009. Mrs. LaBella reported that a truth in taxation notice was published in the SouthtownStar on December 10, 2009.
17. Thereafter, a motion was made by Mrs. Boss and seconded by Mrs. Amado to close the floor for the public hearing. A voice vote was taken with the following results:

MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE (7-0)
18. Consent Agenda items 1 through 7 were reviewed by the Board and, thereafter, a motion was made by Mrs. Rohan and seconded by Mr. McDonald to approve the following items as recommended:
 1. Approve Monthly Transaction Reports for November, 2009
 2. Approve Fund Balance Reports for November, 2009
 3. Approve Expenditure Report and Projected Payroll Report for December, 2009
 4. Approve Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting of November 12, 2009 and the Special Meeting of November 18, 2009

5. Approve Closed Session Minutes November 18, 2009
6. Approve Destruction of Closed Session Tape from June, 2008
7. Personnel Recommendations

FUND	EXPENSES Dec 2009	EXPENSES Dec 2009	IMPREST ACCOUNT	PROJECTED PAYROLL Dec 2009	TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES Dec 2009
EDUCA- TION	0.00	356,090.94	0.00	911,852.61	1,267,943.55
TITLE I	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,234.93	12,234.93
Pre-K	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,798.86	7,798.86
TPI	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,295.58	6,295.58
TITLE II	0.00	3,324.00	0.00	0.00	3,324.00
DRUG FREE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
READ. IMPROV.	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,969.70	2,969.70
Ext. Day	0.00	23.31	0.00	6,959.42	6,982.73
PL94-402	0.00	116,545.65	0.00	0.00	116,545.65
BUILDING	0.00	56,700.91	0.00	52,083.67	108,784.58
BOND/INT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TRANS.	0.00	71,664.27	0.00	0.00	71,664.27
IMRF	0.00	0.00	0.00	36,894.64	36,894.64
TORT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
WK. CASH	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FIRE PREV. & SAFETY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS:	0.00	604,349.08	0.00	1,037,089.41	1,641,438.49

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Kathy Rohan	yea
Mr. Terry MacDonald	yea
Mr. John Kennedy	yea
Mrs. Beth Amado	yea
Mr. Bob McDonald	yea
Mr. Jim Flanagan	yea (abstain #4)
Mrs. Joan Boss	yea (abstain #4)

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

19. Consideration was made by the Board to approve the FY09 Tax Levy. A motion was made by Mr. Flanagan and seconded by Mr. McDonald to approve the FY09 Tax Levy. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Kathy Rohan	yea
Mr. Terry MacDonald	yea
Mr. John Kennedy	yea
Mrs. Beth Amado	yea
Mr. Bob McDonald	yea

Mr. Jim Flanagan yea
Mrs. Joan Boss yea

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

20. Consideration was made by the Board to approve Workmen's Compensation carrier. A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy and seconded Mrs. Rohan to approve CLIC as the Workmen's Compensation carrier and provided Illinois Public Risk Fund with a 90 day notice of termination. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Kathy Rohan yea
Mr. Terry MacDonald yea
Mr. John Kennedy yea
Mrs. Beth Amado yea
Mr. Bob McDonald yea
Mr. Jim Flanagan yea
Mrs. Joan Boss yea

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

21. Consideration was made by the Board to approve the purchase of air conditioners. A motion was made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mrs. Amado to approve the purchase of air conditions in the amount of \$25,500. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Kathy Rohan yea
Mr. Terry MacDonald yea
Mr. John Kennedy yea
Mrs. Beth Amado yea
Mr. Bob McDonald yea
Mr. Jim Flanagan yea
Mrs. Joan Boss yea

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

22. Consideration to approve the Hearing Officer's recommendation was made by the Board. A motion was made by Mrs. Amado and seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve the Hearing Officer's recommendation for student A 11-12-09. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Kathy Rohan yea
Mr. Terry MacDonald yea
Mr. John Kennedy yea
Mrs. Beth Amado yea
Mr. Bob McDonald yea
Mr. Jim Flanagan yea
Mrs. Joan Boss yea

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

23. At 8:25 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Flanagan and seconded by Mrs. Boss to tour Northwest School and recess to Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Kathy Rohan yea
Mr. Terry MacDonald yea

Mr. John Kennedy yea
Mrs. Beth Amado yea
Mr. Bob McDonald yea
Mr. Jim Flanagan yea
Mrs. Joan Boss yea

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

24. At 9:28 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Flanagan and seconded by Mr. MacDonald to return to Open Meeting with the following members returning.

Mrs. Kathy Rohan
Mr. Terry MacDonald
Mr. John Kennedy
Mrs. Beth Amado
Mr. Bob McDonald
Mr. Jim Flanagan
Mrs. Joan Boss

25. There being no further business, at 9:30 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Flanagan and seconded by Mr. MacDonald to adjourn the Meeting. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Kathy Rohan yea
Mr. Terry MacDonald yea
Mr. John Kennedy yea
Mrs. Beth Amado yea
Mr. Bob McDonald yea
Mr. Jim Flanagan yea
Mrs. Joan Boss yea

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

26. The next scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held on January 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-purpose room at Central Junior High School, Evergreen Park, IL.

President

Secretary

Jan Stanton, Recording Secretary

