

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
FOR THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EVERGREEN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124  
December 15, 2010

1. A Regular Meeting for the Board of Education of Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124 was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on December 15, 2010 in the Multi-Purpose Room at Central Junior High School, Evergreen Park, IL.

The following Board Members were physically present at roll call:

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

Also present: Dr. Diane Cody, Mrs. Kathy Hatzel, Mrs. Fran LaBella, Mrs. Jennifer Volpe, Mr. Bill Smith, Mr. Tony Le, Mr. Jeff Nightingale, Mr. John Stanton, Ms. Shaton Wolverton, Mrs. Rita Sparks, and recording secretary, Mrs. Jan Stanton.

2. Mr. MacDonald 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 Mrs. Rohan to approve the agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

MOTION CARRIED (6-0)

4. Mr. MacDonald asked those in attendance to complete a card with basic information (and give the card to Jan Stanton) if they wish to address the Board during public comments.
5. Dr. Cody reported that the first 'Conversations and Coffee' was held on November 30, 2010 and that those in attendance asked that the Superintendent offer a 'coffee' on a monthly basis. Dr. Cody announced that they will rotate the 'coffee' from mornings to evenings to accommodate all schedules. Additionally, Dr. Cody noted that the next 'coffee' will be on January 12, 2011 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
6. Dr. Cody reported that Freedom on Information requests were made by Scott O'Connell and Kimberly Leonard.

7. The Southwest School Improvement Plan was presented by Kathy Hatczel and Sue Cihocki. The following information was presented:

- ◆ Components of the school improvement plan
- ◆ Demographics
- ◆ ISAT data analysis
- ◆ MAP data
- ◆ Building Goals/Activities

8. Mrs. Rohan provided highlights from workshops she attended at the Joint Conference. The following items were highlighted:

- ◆ Surround sound devise used by a teacher
- ◆ Yoga in the classroom for movement education
- ◆ Safe route to school grants
- ◆ The importance of using data for good school governance/decision making

9. Mrs. Boss read a statement on behalf of the Board of Education regarding a petition presented to the Board on November 17, 2010. (attached)

10. Mrs. Rohan outlined the process for members of the community to submit an application for the Board vacancy, noting that the deadline to submit a letter of interest is December 21, 2010.

11. A motion was made by Mrs. Boss and seconded by Mrs. Amado to open the floor for a Public Hearing on the Property Tax Levy. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

MOTION CARRIED (6-0)

12. Mrs. LaBella presented a PowerPoint presentation (attached) and answered questions regarding the tax levy. The following areas were reviewed:

- ◆ Assessed Valuation
- ◆ Cook county Property Tax Bills
- ◆ Equalized Assessed Valuation
- ◆ Local Tax Rate
- ◆ Maximum Homeowner's Exemption
- ◆ Property Tax Burden Shift
- ◆ Residential vs. Commercial

13. Thereafter, during the Public Hearing, the following comments were made/questions were asked:

- ◆ Concerns about tax increases

- ◆ Concerns about money wasted, i.e. Superintendent Search
- ◆ Questions regarding why the cash fund balances are high
- ◆ Questions on transportation

14. Under Public Comments the following concerns were expressed/comments were made:

- ◆ Community members reported that the Petition of No Confidence was put in place in response to what they heard from teachers. Additionally, other community members reported that did not bully anyone into signing the Petition of No Confidence
- ◆ Concerns were expressed regarding the teacher’s work environment, the atmosphere in the schools, Dr. Cody’s contract renewal, and the increase in taxes
- ◆ A community member stated that she has sent the Petition to a State education organization, a school search firm and will tell the next school district that Dr. Cody goes to
- ◆ A parent expressed her disappointment that there was not a Winter show at Southeast School
- ◆ A parent made a recommendation to put a Health and Wellness Committee in place

Regarding the Winter shows, Dr. Cody told Members of the Board that she will be happy to revisit this with the music teachers.

15. Consent Agenda items 1 through 7 were reviewed by the Board and, thereafter, a motion was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Mrs. Rohan to approve the following items as recommended:

1. Approve Monthly Transaction Reports for November, 2010
2. Approve Fund Balance Reports for November, 2010
3. Approve Expenditure Report and Projected Payroll Report for November, 2010
4. Approve Board Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2010 and the Special Meeting Minutes of November 29, 2010
5. Approve Closed Session Minutes of November 17, 2010 and November 29, 2010
6. Approve Destruction of Closed Session Tape from June, 2009
7. Personnel Recommendations - (see attached)

FUND	EXPENSES Dec, 2010	EXPENSES Dec 2010	IMPREST ACCOUNT	PROJECTED PAYROLL Dec 2010	TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES Dec 2010
EDUCATION	0.00	218,294.56	2,829.86	992,327.84	1,213,452.26
TITLE I	0.00	3,872.74	0.00	14,892.36	18,765.10
Pre-K	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,817.28	7,817.28
TPI	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,157.10	3,157.10
TITLE II	0.00	2,996.48	0.00	0.00	2,996.48

DRUG FREE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
READ. IMPROV.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ext. Day	0.00	0.00	315.52	9,183.68	9,499.20
PL94-402	0.00	1,000.00	70.00	0.00	1,070.00
BUILDING	0.00	44,408.69	156.00	57,004.27	101,568.96
BOND/INT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TRANS.	0.00	2,535.00	0.00	0.00	2,535.00
IMRF	0.00	0.00	0.00	37,956.61	37,956.61
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	273,107.47	3,371.38	1,122,339.14	1,398,817.99

A roll call vote was taken with the following response:

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

MOTION CARRIED (6-0)

16. Consideration was made by the Board to approve District/School Improvement Plans. A motion was made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve the District and School Improvement Plans as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Beth Amado                    yea  
Mr. John Kennedy                    yea  
Mr. Terry MacDonald                yea  
Mr. Bob McDonald                    yea  
Mrs. Kathy Rohan                    yea (as long as changes are reflected)  
Mrs. Joan Boss                        yea

MOTION CARRIED (6-0)

17. Consideration was made by the Board to adopt the 2010 Property Tax Levy. A motion was made by Mrs. Rohan and seconded by Mr. McDonald to adopt the 2010 Property Tax Levy as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Beth Amado                    yea (with no referendum)  
Mr. John Kennedy                    yea

Mr. Terry MacDonald        yea  
Mr. Bob McDonald         yea  
Mrs. Kathy Rohan         yea  
Mrs. Joan Boss            yea

MOTION CARRIED    (6-0)

18. Consideration was made by the Board to approve the completion of the Superintendent's 2009-10 goals. Mr. MacDonald reported that Dr. Cody's goals are aligned with the Strategic Plan and that those goals were completed during the 2009-10 school year. A motion was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Mrs. Rohan to approve the completion of Dr. Cody's goals for the 2009-10 school year. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

MOTION CARRIED    (6-0)

19. Consideration was made by the Board to approve Dr. Cody's contract. A motion was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Mrs. Rohan to approve Dr. Cody's contract. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

MOTION CARRIED    (6-0)

- \* Mrs. Amado told the audience that she respects the role of those distributing the petition - she realized the time and dedication it took to do that. Additionally, Mrs. Amado said that she is voting to renew Dr. Cody's contract because she wants to and not because she has to (due to the great advancements being made in the district)

20. Consideration was made by the Board to approve Mrs. LaBella's contract. Dr. Cody announced that the Technology Department will report to Mrs. LaBella and that she is recommending a three year contract and a change in title for Mrs. LaBella to Assistant Superintendent of Business Services. A motion was made by Mrs. Amado and seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve a three year contract for Mrs. Labella with a change in title to Assistant Superintendent of Business Services. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

Mrs. Kathy Rohan            yea  
Mrs. Joan Boss              yea

MOTION CARRIED    (6-0)

21. At 9:07 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Boss and seconded by Mr. McDonald to recess to Closed Session to discuss the selection of a person to fill a public office, including a vacancy in a public office, when the District is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the District is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance. 5 ILCS 120/2 ( c ) (3) and 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. 5 ILCS 120/2 ( c ) (1).

22. There being no further business, at 10:22 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Rohan and seconded by Mr. MacDonald to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

MOTION CARRIED    (6-0)

23. The next Special Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on January 5, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Administrative Office, 9400 South Sawyer, Evergreen Park.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

