

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
FOR THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
EVERGREEN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
April 21, 2010

1. A Regular Meeting for the Board of Education of Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124 was called to order at 7:02 p.m. on April 21, 2010 in the Gymnasium at Southwest School, Evergreen Park, IL.

The following Board Members were physically present at roll call:

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

Absent: Mrs. Kathy Rohan

Also Present: Dr. Diane Cody, Mrs. Kathy Hatczel, Mrs. Fran LaBella, Mr. John Stanton, Ms. Denise Thomas, Ms. Shaton Wolverton, Mr. Jeff Nightingale, Mrs. Rita Sparks, Mr. Bill Smith, 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. Mr. Flanagan noted that the Board will recess to Closed Session after the 'Public Comments' portion of the agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy and seconded by Mr. MacDonald to approve the agenda as amended. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

MOTION CARRIED (6-0)

4. Mrs. Rohan arrived at 7:15 p.m.
5. Josephine Pogue, representing Southwest PTA, spoke to the Board about fundraising activities that the Southwest PTA sponsored this school year. Ms. Pogue noted that the Southwest PTA is moving toward sponsoring activities that families can work on together.
6. Under Student Highlights, Ms. Thomas, with the assistance of Jeri Harte, provided a video highlighting many aspects of student literacy at Southwest School.
7. Under Public Comments, the following comments were made:

- A Northwest parent complimented the district on wonderful schools, teachers and administration and expressed concerns about teachers not being ready for multiage classrooms in the upcoming school year.
- A Southwest parent expressed concerns that parents have not heard many details about technology instruction, repositioning of staff and other changes in the district - expressing that she would like minimal disruption in the schools and continuity for children.
- A Northwest parent commended the district on full-day kindergarten and acknowledged substitute teacher Ms. Anne Klioris by presenting the Board with a copy of a thank you letter sent to Ms. Klioris from parents of kindergarten students who had Ms. Klioris this school year.

8. At 7:45 p.m. motion was made by Mrs. Boss and seconded by Mrs. Amado to recess to closed session to discuss 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. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

9. At 8:15 p.m., after returning to Open Meeting, Mr. Flanagan referred to the District's Vision Statement with regard to 'a safe and nurturing learning environment for all students and staff'. Mr. Flanagan spoke of today's concern with adult/child obesity and the importance of encouraging children to be active and walk to school rather than be driven to school.
10. Dr. Cody introduced Jennifer Volpe, Executive Director of Student Support Services, effective July 1, 2010 and spoke of Mrs. Volpe's educational and work background. Mrs. Volpe told the Board and audience that she was very excited and honored to be part of the Evergreen Park school community.
11. Mrs. Hatczel provided the Board with a recap of the specific areas of bullying prevention that took place during the 2009-10 school year, as following:
- Provided each school staff with 'The ABC's of Bullying Prevention - A Comprehensive Schoolwide Approach' book and DVD's for their review.
 - Distributed a pamphlet entitled 'A Guide for Families - No Bullying Program' to every family in the District.
 - Provided staff at each school with an assembly that centered around bullying.

- Provided students at CJH with a presentation entitled 'Balance of Power' centering on students taking responsibility for their choices.
- Purchased the 'Preventing Bullying at School' Program.

Mrs. Hatzel reported that efforts by the bullying committee, administration and staff are on-going and the district is strongly committed to bullying prevention.

12. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of changing the May 12 Board meeting to May 19 due to activities taking place at Central Junior High on the evening of May 12. Board Members noted that they were able to make that change.

13. Consent Agenda items 1 through 8 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 March, 2010
2. Approve Fund Balance Reports for March, 2010
3. Approve Expenditure Report and Projected Payroll Report for April, 2010
4. Approve Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 24, 2010
5. Approve Closed Session Minutes March 24, 2010
6. Approve Destruction of Closed Session Tape from October, 2008
7. Personnel Recommendations (revised)
8. FOIA Request - Margie Crane, Status - Sent

FUND	EXPENSES April, 2010	EXPENSES April 2010	IMPREST ACCOUNT	PROJECTED PAYROLL April 2010	TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES April 2010
EDUCA- TION	0.00	503,414.95	1,788.43	1,409,127.66	1,914,331.04
TITLE I	0.00	4,959.44	0.00	23,378.34	28,337.78
Pre-K	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,767.90	10,767.90
TPI	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,620.57	7,620.57
TITLE II	0.00	3,030.23	0.00	546.87	3,577.10
DRUG FREE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
READ. IMPROV.	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,486.28	8,486.28
Ext. Day	0.00	250.76	48.35	16,114.86	16,413.97
PL94-402	0.00	724.00	70.00	0.00	794.00
BUILDING	0.00	66,742.53	231.00	75,246.09	142,219.62
BOND/INT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TRANS.	0.00	64,754.96	0.00	0.00	64,754.96
IMRF	0.00	0.00	0.00	59,052.12	59,052.12
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	643,876.87	2,137.78	1,610,340.69	2,256,355.34
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A roll call vote was taken with the following response:

Mrs. Beth Amado yea
Mr. John Kennedy yea
Mr. Jim Flanagan yes, abstain # 7
Mr. Terry MacDonald yea
Mrs. Joan Boss yea
Mr. Bob McDonald yea
Mrs. Kathy Rohan yea

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

14. Consideration was made by the Board to approve the second reading and adoption of revised Board Policies. Dr. Cody asked that Board Policy 5:330 be removed for further review, and, thereafter, a motion was made by Mr. Flanagan and seconded by Mrs. Amado to waive the reading and adopt recommended revisions to Board Policies. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

15. Consideration was made by the Board to approve a Resolution honoring retirees. A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy and seconded by Mrs. Rohan to approve the Resolution honoring retirees, Marcia Harroun, Pat Russell, Linda Pedernana, and Bob Mallo. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

16. Consideration was made by the Board to approve an AERO representative. A motion was made by Mr. Flanagan and seconded by Mrs. Boss to approve Mrs. Kathy Rohan as the AERO representative for the upcoming year. A voice vote was taken with the following results:

MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE (7-0)

17. Consideration was made by the Board to approve school fees for the 2010-11 school year. A motion was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Mr. MacDonald to approve the administrative recommendation not to increase the school fees for the 2010-11 school year with the exception of the full day kindergarten fee, which will be \$70.00. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

18. Consideration was made by the Board to approve the engagement of McGladrey & Pullen for the annual audit. A motion was made by Mrs. Amado and seconded by Mrs. Boss to approve the engagement of McGladrey & Pullen for the FY10 audit in the amount of \$22,550 to commence on July 19, 2010. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

19. Consideration was made by the Board to approve the Board Meeting date change from May 12, 2010 to May 19, 2010. A motion was made by Mrs. Rohan and seconded by Mrs. Amado to approve May 19, 2010 as the date for the May Board Meeting. A voice vote was taken with the following results:

MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE (7-0)

20. At 8:48 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Boss and seconded by Mrs. Amado to recess to Closed Session to discuss collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) 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). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Kathy Rohan	yea
Mr. John Kennedy	yea
Mr. Jim Flanagan	yea

Mr. Terry MacDonald yea
Mrs. Joan Boss yea
Mr. Bob McDonald yea
Mrs. Beth Amado yes

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

21. At 10:44 p.m. the Board returned to Open Meeting with the following Members returning:

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

22. There being no further business, at 10:45 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Flanagan and seconded by Mr. McDonald to adjourn the Meeting. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

23. The next scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held on May 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Central Junior High School, 9400 South Sawyer, Evergreen Park, IL.

President

Secretary

Jan Stanton, Recording Secretary

