

**Minutes of the SPECIAL Meeting of the Board of Education  
Community Unit School District No. 4, Champaign County, Illinois  
Mellon Administrative Center, 703 S. New Street, Champaign, Illinois  
August 15, 2016 within the Boundaries of Said District**

Special Meeting

Board President Chris Kloeppe called the Special Meeting of the Board to order at 5:32 p.m.

**Board Members Present**

Amy Armstrong, Gianina Baker, Chris Kloeppe, Kathy Richards, Kathy Shannon, Lynn Stuckey, Jonathan Westfield

**Staff Members Present**

Superintendent Judy Wiegand, Deputy Superintendent Laura Taylor, Assistant Superintendent Susan Zola, Assistant Superintendent Angela Smith, Executive Director of Human Resources, Ken Kleber, Chief Financial and Legal Officer Tom Lockman, Executive Director of Operations Paul Douglas

**Approval of Agenda**

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Richards to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

**Guests**

Representatives from CFT, local media and other interested persons

**Reports: New Business**

Facilities Discussion: Dr. Judy Wiegand

The Board continued discussions on the facilities plan, project costs, and funding sources for the projects; including draft language for a November, 2016 referendum.

The Board of Education determined it will utilize \$25 million in existing fund balance to offset the cost of a school referendum that would provide for improvements at six of the District's schools. The \$25 million reduction, combined with some reduction in the scope of projects, would bring the total referendum amount to \$183.4 million. The Board will take a vote on the final version of the referendum question on Thursday, August 18, 2016.

Superintendent Dr. Judy Wiegand recommended to the Board that it establish a community oversight committee to oversee the use of the funds secured through the passage of a referendum. Dr. Wiegand also recommended the Board assemble an exploratory committee to discuss a possible capital campaign that could assist with fundraising to support these projects.

The Board discussed reducing the scope of its renovations at Central and Centennial to reduce overall cost but still provide for a total renovation of classrooms and common spaces. In each of the projects, the Board prioritized system updates and then addressed renovation needs, according to the District's construction management team from O'Shea Builders.

The plans do not provide for expanded middle school capacity at the present time but Board members discussed the need to do so in the future.

The Board also discussed holding off on the classroom expansion of the International Prep Academy that would provide space for students in grades 6-8, but kept in the plans renovation of classrooms, expanded common spaces (gym, cafeteria, and library), and a new secured front entrance.

The Board landed on the following projects as part of what it would like to see included in a draft referendum question for discussion on August 18, 2016:

**Central High School - \$87.1 Million (reduced from \$96 Million)**

- Exterior upgrades
- Interior renovations (medium to heavy renovation)
- Three story academic addition with Career & Technical Education (CTE)
- Property acquisition and demolition of surrounding properties currently with option agreements in place
- PE Fields/Competition Soccer (turf)/Competition Softball (sod)
- Gymnasium Addition (3 courts and main level lockers & support)

**Centennial High School - \$63.3 Million (reduced from \$66 Million)**

- Exterior upgrades
- Interior renovation (medium to heavy renovation)
- Two story academic addition
- Single story cafeteria/administration addition
- Career & Technical Education (CTE) spaces
- Gymnasium addition
- Football Field (turf)

**Edison Middle School - \$15 Million**

- Exterior Upgrades
- Accessibility enclosures and upgrades
- Health Life Safety upgrades
- Classroom renovations
- Cafeteria and gymnasium replacement
- HVAC system upgrades
- Higher efficiency systems

**International Prep Academy - \$6 Million**

- Renovation of Existing Building (medium renovation)
- Building Additions
  - Gym/Stage/Support
  - Cafeteria Expansion
  - Relocate/Expand Library

**Dr. Howard Elementary School - \$16.1 Million**

- Demolition of existing school
- Three story replacement school facility

**South Side Elementary School - \$11.1 Million**

- Exterior upgrades
- Complete renovation with Health Life Safety upgrades
- Addition: gym, stage, art, and administration
- Remove portable classrooms

**Central High School Fields at South Side - \$6.2 Million**

- Competition track & field/JV football (turf)
- Practice football (sod)
- Support building (restrooms, lockers, concessions, and storage)
- Additional parking

**Central High School Fields at Franklin/Spalding - \$3.6 Million**

- Competition baseball (sod)
- Practice baseball (sod)
- Additional tennis courts
- Dugouts, concessions, restrooms, bleachers

More information on the planning efforts leading to this conversation can be found at <http://facilityplanning.champaignschools.org>.

This was an informational item and no action was required by the Board.

**Consent Agenda: New/Unfinished Business**

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Richards to approve the Consent Agenda: New/Unfinished Business. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

The following Consent Agenda item was approved:

Resolution to Provide for a Public Hearing on Tentative 2017 Budget: Tom Lockman

The Illinois School Code requires that at least one public hearing be conducted prior to the adoption of the annual budget. In addition, the school district must advertise for at least 30 days prior to the public hearing that the tentative budget is available for public inspection. The advertisement will appear in the August 25th edition of the News-Gazette. As such, the resolution sets the time for the public hearing on the 2017 Budget to be 5:30 p.m. on September 26, 2016. This allows the District to spend monies until final adoption of the budget.

Administration recommended that the Board approve the "Resolution to Provide for a Public Hearing on the Tentative 2017 Budget" and its publication in the News-Gazette.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Member Stuckey moved, with a second by Member Richards, to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 7. Nays 0.