

**Minutes of the REGULAR Meeting of the Board of Education  
Community Unit School District No. 4, Champaign County, Illinois  
Mellon Administrative Center, 703 S. New Street, Champaign, Illinois  
January 11, 2016 within the Boundaries of Said District**

Regular Meeting

Board President Chris Kloeppe called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 5:31 p.m.

**Board Members Present**

Amy Armstrong, Laurie Bonnett, 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, Executive Director of Operations Matt Foster, Chief Financial and Legal Officer Tom Lockman

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Executive Session**

Member Westfield moved, with a second by Member Shannon, to adjourn into *Closed Session* in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2c) to consider Negotiations 120/2(c)(2), Property Acquisition/Lease/Purchase 120/2(c)(5), and Student Discipline 120/2(c)(9). The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

The Board convened into *Closed Session* at 5:32 p.m.

**Open Session**

The Board convened into *Open Session* at 6:08 p.m.

**Guests**

Representatives from CFT, local media and other interested persons

**Student Discipline**

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Westfield that student #540705 should be expelled from Centennial High School for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year and should be reassigned to an alternative setting at the administration's direction for violating Conduct Code #8 Drug-Related Offenses. Such expulsion shall be held in abeyance so long as the student meets the attendance and behavioral requirements of the assigned placement. If such requirements are met, upon expiration of the reassigned term, the expulsion will be vacated and the student may return to his/her regularly assigned school. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0. Abst 1. Member Bonnett abstained.

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Armstrong that student #590519 should be expelled from Centennial High School for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year and first semester of the 2016-17 school year and should be reassigned to an alternative setting at the administration's direction for violating Conduct Code #8 Drug-Related Offenses. Such expulsion shall be held in abeyance so long as the student meets the attendance and

behavioral requirements of the assigned placement. If such requirements are met, upon expiration of the reassigned term, the expulsion will be vacated and the student may return to his/her regularly assigned school. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0. Abst 1. Member Bonnett abstained.

Member Richards moved, with a second by Member Armstrong that student #580353 should be expelled from Centennial High School for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year and first semester of the 2016-17 school year and should be reassigned to an alternative setting at the administration's direction for violating Conduct Code #8 Drug-Related Offenses. Such expulsion shall be held in abeyance so long as the student meets the attendance and behavioral requirements of the assigned placement. If such requirements are met, upon expiration of the reassigned term, the expulsion will be vacated and the student may return to his/her regularly assigned school. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Abst 2. Member Bonnett and Member Stuckey abstained.

### **Reports: New Business**

#### Presentation of 2014-15 Audit by Baker Tilly: Tom Lockman

Administration is pleased with the independent auditor's opinion on the 2014-15 financial statements. For the eleventh straight year the District received a "clean" or unqualified opinion that the Financial Statements were prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. This is the best opinion that an audit client can receive.

The "clean" opinion will result in lower interest rates on bonded debt, which may be sold in the future. Rating agencies like Standard & Poor's and Moody's take the unqualified opinion into consideration when issuing a rating on a governmental unit. A positive audit equals a positive rating and, thus, lower interest rates.

Tim White from Baker Tilly was present to answer questions from the Board.

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

#### School Report Card: Dr. Judy Wiegand

Per Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/10-17a) Districts are required to present the Report Card at a regular school board meeting. The Leadership Team highlighted the main sections of 2015 Illinois District Report Card. A link to the 2015 Illinois District Report Card can be found on the District's website (<http://www.champaignschools.org/pages/district/district-report-cards>) and a link to each school's Report Card can be found at each school's website.

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

#### Special Board Committee to Develop Facility Plan: Dr. Judy Wiegand

Board Policy 255 states that the Board may create special committees for specific purposes or to investigate issues. Administration recommended to the Board that consideration be given to the development of a Special Committee to assist in the development of a facility plan. A draft of a proposed committee structure was shared. The Board provided comments and feedback to Administration.

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

**Action Agenda: New/Unfinished Business**

2016-17 Proposed School Calendars: Maria Alanis

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Bonnett to approve the 2016-17 Proposed School Calendars. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

A committee comprised of parents, teachers, support staff, principals, and District administrators met throughout the current school year to develop the 2016-17 school calendars.

Using parameters established by the Illinois State Board of Education and District-specific considerations, the committee developed the proposed calendars. The considerations and parameters included:

- Attention to factors that promote positive learning and work environments for students and staff members, respectively (e.g., continuity of instructional time, state testing, etc.).
- Holding semester exams at the end of the first semester, before winter break.
- Adherence to contract language relative to the design of the school calendars.
- Alignment of the Regular and Balanced calendars to allow all District staff members to participate together in professional development on designated Institute days or District school improvement days.
- Placement of the fall and spring holidays to ensure sensitivity to families traveling over designated holiday breaks and/or to other variables.
- Alignment of the District's spring break with the University of Illinois' spring break.

A fundamental goal in the development of the District calendars is to incorporate the maximum amount of considerations into a well-designed calendar that meets the needs of the majority of the diverse stakeholders served by Champaign Unit School District #4. There are no foreseen ADA implications that can impact District funding by the State of Illinois.

Administration recommended that the Board approve the proposed 2016-17 calendars.

Approval of Application for Qualified School Construction Bond Designation: Tom Lockman

Member Bonnett moved, with a second by Member Shannon for Approval of Application for Qualified School Construction Bond Designation. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5) authorized the issuance of Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCBs) to finance school construction and other eligible projects for public school districts. Under this program, qualified districts can issue bonds and borrow funds, managed by the Illinois State Board of Education, with little to no interest cost. The proceeds from the bonds can be used for rehabilitation or repair of facilities, allowing the District to use these low or no interest bonds in lieu of Health Life Safety bonds.

ISBE is affording school districts the opportunity to submit an application to receive the authority to issue these bonds. The District intends to apply for sufficient authority to complete certain Health Life Safety projects previously approved by the State which are required to be completed by 2019.

Administration recommended approval of the Application for Qualified School Construction Bond Designation.

**Consent Agenda: Unfinished/New Business**

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

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

Joint Data Share and Use Agreement – Champaign Unit #4, Urbana School District #16, and C-U Cradle to Career: Tom Lockman

This Agreement outlines what guidelines will be followed by both school districts and CUC2C as it relates to the use of information and data for students with respect to FERPA, ISSRA and other applicable law.

Administration recommended approval of this Joint Data Share and Use Agreement.

Resolution – Preparation of Tentative 2016-17 Budget: Tom Lockman

The Board of Education must, by resolution, designate some person or persons to prepare a tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. The appropriate resolution was prepared.

Administration recommended Board approval of the resolution to designate Tom Lockman, Chief Financial and Legal Officer, as the person to prepare the tentative budget for 2016-17.

Resolution – Permanent Transfer of Working Cash Fund Interest: Tom Lockman

Section 20.5 of The School Code of Illinois provides for the permanent transfer of interest earned from investments of the Working Cash Fund. Interest earned from investments during fiscal year 2014-2015, as reported in the June 30, 2015 Audit, total \$23,523.74. The appropriate resolution was prepared providing for the permanent transfer of such interest to the Educational Fund.

Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Interest from the Working Cash Fund to the Educational Fund.

Human Resource Changes: Ken Kleber

The Human Resource Changes were approved as presented.

Bills and Treasurer's Report – December: Tom Lockman

The Bills and Treasurer's Report – December was approved as presented.

Minutes of December 14, 2015 and December 17, 2015

The minutes were approved as presented.

Approval of July, 2015 – December, 2015 Closed Session Minutes

The minutes were approved as presented.

**Executive Session**

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The Board convened into *Closed Session* at 8:02 p.m.

**Open Session**

The Board convened into *Open Session* at 8:36 p.m.

**Student Discipline**

Member Stuckey moved, with a second by Member Richards that student #570072 should be expelled from Centennial High School for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year, the entire 2016-17 school year and first semester of the 2017-18 school year and should be reassigned to an alternative setting at the administration's direction for violating Conduct Codes #14 Gang-Related Activities, #19 Physical Confrontation with Student, and #34 Weapon-Related Activities of the Champaign Unit #4 Student Code of Conduct. Such expulsion shall be held in abeyance so long as the student meets the attendance and behavioral requirements of the student's alternative placement. If such requirements are met, upon expiration of the reassigned term, the expulsion will be vacated and the student may return to his/her regularly assigned school. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Richards, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

Board Approved: February 8, 2016