

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  
July 12, 2010 Within the Boundaries of Said District

Regular Meeting

Board Vice President Sue Grey called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Board Members Present**

Kristine Chalifoux, Sue Grey, Tom Lockman, Scott MacAdam

**Board Members Absent**

Stig Lanesskog, Greg Novak, David Tomlinson

**Staff Members Present**

Assistant Superintendent Beth Shepperd, Assistant Superintendent Judy Wiegand, Chief Financial Officer Gene Logas

**Guests**

Representatives from CFT, and local media and other interested persons

**Approval of Agenda**

Member Lockman moved, with a second by Member MacAdam, to approve the amended agenda. The motion carried on voice vote. Grievance Policy – added as discussion topic.

**Executive Session**

Member MacAdam moved, with a second by Member Lockman, to adjourn into *Closed Session* in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2c) to consider Personnel related to employee appointments, employments, compensation, dismissals, complaints, staffing allocations 120/2(c)(1), Negotiations 120/2(c)(2), Student Discipline 120/2(c)(9), and Potential Litigation 120/2(c)(11). The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 4. Nays 0.

The Board convened into *Closed Session* at 6:33 p.m.

**Open Session**

The Board convened into *Open Session* at 7:04 p.m.

Member Novak joined the meeting at 7:04 p.m.; Member Lanesskog joined the meeting telephonically at 7:04 p.m.

President Tomlinson joined the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

**Reports**

School Resource Officer Update 2009/2010

Lieutenant Joe Gallo, Supervisor of the School Resource Officers, thanked everyone for allowing them to opportunity to speak on behalf of the SRO program. Officers Rob Wills, Brandon Thomas, Jonathan Westfield, Ed Wachala, and Shelly DeMay shared their experiences and their positive interactions with the students. The SRO program is a collaborative effort between the Champaign Police Department and the Champaign Community Unit 4 School District. Following the conclusion of the 2005-2006 school year, central office and campus administrators

collaborated to discuss options to improve the culture and climate of the district to ensure all students were afforded an opportunity to learn in a safe and welcoming environment. The cost for the program in FY09 was \$237,948.

### **Board**

Member Novak stated that President Tomlinson had failed to follow Board policy dealing with a recent complaint against the Superintendent.

President Tomlinson clarified that the complaint was made by an employee related to the scope of the employee's employment and, therefore, the complaint was covered by the collective bargaining agreement. He also stated that he sought advice from the Board's attorney on how to deal with the complaint and acted accordingly.

### Review of Proposed Ten-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Chief Financial Officer Gene Logas introduced Bruce Knight, City of Champaign Planning Director. He publicly thanked Mr. Knight for his hard work, leadership and assistance in developing the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). As a result of the Great Schools Together Project and the passage of the one percent increase in the sales tax, Unit 4 has prepared its first Ten-Year Capital Improvement Plan. The CIP should allow the District to better plan for and provide resources for future capital projects. Administration also expressed appreciation to the Facility Committee members who volunteered their time, energy and insights into the project. After gaining Board input, administration will submit the plan for approval at the August Board study session.

Planning Director Bruce Knight presented a brief overview of the proposed Ten-Year Capital Improvement Plan which will run through 2019/2020.

Stu Brodsky, OWP/P, provided a broad categorical description of the identified working list on the BTW cost reduction items. Charlie Scheele and Mike Stilger, PKD, also provided an update on the identification of the working list.

### C.O.R.E. Committee Discussion

Member Lockman provided an overview on his recommendation to establish a special Board committee on Cultivating Ownership, Responsibility and Expectations (C.O.R.E.). The committee would look at attendance and truancy, discipline management, school climate, alternative education, and technology. A further discussion will be held at a special Board meeting on July 26. Board members supported the creation of the special committee.

### **Consent Agenda**

Member MacAdam moved, with a second by Member Novak, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

The Board of Education approved the following Consent Agenda items:

### Proposed Board of Education Policies/Procedures (Procedure 725.01R ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT - Grading

The Board of Education approved the grading policy as presented.

Bids – Cafeteria Equipment, Centennial High School Cooling Tower Replacement, Pool/Domestic Water Heating Systems (Exhibit “A”)

The Board of Education awarded the bids as follows:

- cafeteria equipment to KEC Design in the amount of \$33,290; will be paid for from the National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant
- cooling tower replacements at Centennial High School to A & R Mechanical for \$108,990; will be charged to Fund 61 (FY10-11)
- new pool/domestic water heating system to A & R Mechanical for \$102,800; will be charged to Fund 61 (FY10-11)

Board policy states that bids will be solicited when items are expected to exceed a total of \$10,000. As part of the bidding process, bids were advertised in the News-Gazette and formal requests were mailed to vendors.

Title I School Wide Plan - Robeson

The Board of Education approved the Robeson Elementary school improvement plan and granted Title I school-wide status to Robeson Elementary. Robeson Elementary received Title I targeted funds during the SY2009 school year. Targeted funds are restricted to students identified by the school for services, including the use of materials purchased with the funds. Any Title I school with a low-income rate of 40% or more may go through a year of planning to become a Title I school-wide program following local Board approval of the plan. School-wide status allows Title I funds and materials purchased with them to be used for the benefit of any child in the school. Robeson Elementary conducted school-wide planning during SY2010.

Centennial Choir Trip to Nassau, Bahamas

The Board of Education approved the Centennial High School Choir trip to Nassau, Bahamas. Students took part in Festivals at Sea, on Monarch of the Seas, with the Royal Caribbean Cruise line. Each student/adult chaperone was responsible for the cost of the trip.

Signature Authorizations (Exhibit “B”)

The Board of Education approved the list of staff as co-signatures on the respective banking accounts for fiscal year 2010-2011. By direction of the Board, two signatures are required on all checks written against checking accounts for the District.

Board Minutes

The Board of Education approved the May 24, 2010 & June 14, 2010 Board meeting minutes as presented.

Bills & Treasurer’s Report (Exhibit “C”)

The Board of Education approved the Bills and Treasurer’s Report as presented.

Human Resource Changes (Exhibit “D”)

The Board of Education approved the Human Resource Changes as presented.

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120/2(c)(1), Negotiations 120/2(c)(2), and Potential Litigation 120/2(c)(11). The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

The Board convened into *Closed Session* at 9:25 p.m.

President Tomlinson left the meeting, and Member Lanesskog ended telephonic participation, at 9:50 p.m.

### **Open Session**

The Board convened into *Open Session* at 9:52 p.m.

### **Student Discipline**

Member MacAdam moved, with a second by Member Chalifoux, to expel student #650399 from Centennial High School for the 2010/2011 school year and will be alternatively placed at READY for the 2011/2012 school year for violating Conduct Code #18 (Physical Confrontation with Staff/School District-Authorized Personnel) of the Champaign Unit #4 Student Code of Conduct. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Member Novak moved, with a second by Member Chalifoux, to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m. The motion carried on voice vote.

*Board Approved: August 9, 2010*