

**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
November 13, 2017 within the Boundaries of Said District**

Regular Meeting

Board President Chris Kloeppe called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 5:34 p.m.

Board Members Present

Amy Armstrong, Gianina Baker, Bruce Brown, Chris Kloeppe, Kathy Richards, Kathy Shannon, Heather Vazquez

Staff Members Present

Superintendent Susan Zola, Deputy Superintendent Laura Taylor, Assistant Superintendent Angela Ward, Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Ivory-Tatum, Executive Director of Human Resources Ken Kleber, Chief Financial and Legal Officer Tom Lockman, Director of Operations Paul Douglas

Approval of Agenda

Item 15A Recommendation For Termination – Henry Ross was removed from the agenda. Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Vazquez to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

Guests

Representatives from CFT, local media and other interested persons

Executive Session

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Baker, to adjourn into *Closed Session* in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2c) to consider Employee appointments, employment, compensation, dismissals, complaints 120/2(c)(1), Property Acquisition/Lease/Purchase 120/2(c)(5), Student Discipline 120/2(c)(9) and The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students 120/2(c)(10) . The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

The Board convened into *Closed Session* at 5:35 p.m.

Open Session

The Board convened into *Open Session* at 6:03 p.m.

Reports: New Business

Building For The Future Update: Dr. Susan Zola

On Tuesday, November 8, 2016, the resolution put forth by the Board of Education to issue up to \$183.4 Million in bonds, was approved by the voters. The plan as outlined in the resolution will impact six of our schools; Central High School, Centennial High School, Edison Middle School, Dr. Howard Elementary, International Prep Academy and South Side Elementary.

As the District moves forward with these projects, the Board will be provided with periodic updates to ensure the Board and public are kept informed of the referendum work and our progress. The link to the presentation is:

[https://www.boarddocs.com/il/champil/Board.nsf/files/AT4NLF5F4313/\\$file/Board%20Meeting%20Referendum%20Update%2011.13.17.pdf](https://www.boarddocs.com/il/champil/Board.nsf/files/AT4NLF5F4313/$file/Board%20Meeting%20Referendum%20Update%2011.13.17.pdf)

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

2017 IASB Resolutions Committee Report: Tom Lockman

Dr. Gianina Baker is the IASB Governing Board Representative. Dr. Baker wanted the entire Board of Education to review the proposed revisions to the 2017 IASB Resolutions Committee Report prior to the Delegate Assembly at the IASB, IASA, IASBO Joint Annual Conference in Chicago, IL on November 18, 2017.

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

Abatement of Property Taxes for Levy Year 2017 – (Pay Debt Service on Outstanding Bonds – Series 2010A & Series 2010B and 2010C & 2010D): Tom Lockman

Consistent with the passage of the 1% County School Facilities Occupation Tax in April 2009, the District committed to its residents that it would abate all of the principal and interest owed on the then-outstanding Bonds of the District, as well as the Alternate Revenue Source Series 2010A & Series 2010B and Series 2010C & 2010D Bonds. This item was presented as a report for discussion with a recommendation for approval to follow at the December 11th Board meeting. The total amount of the abatement is \$3,092,892.50 for Series 2010A & 2010B and \$4,709,442.00 for Series 2010C & 2010D.

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

Resolution – Proposed 2017 Tax Levy: Tom Lockman

The Truth-in-Taxation Act requires that when a school district's proposed tax levy, as extended and less debt service, reflects an increase of more than 105% of the prior year's extension, the school district must publish a notice of such intent and hold a public hearing on the matter. The proposed 2017 Levy does not exceed the 2016 Levy by more than 105% and, therefore, neither a separate public hearing nor advertisement of a public hearing is necessary. Administration reviewed the information that is used to determine the property tax levy for 2017.

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

Action Agenda: New Business

Public Hearing on Physical Education Waiver Request: Tom Lockman

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Richards to open the Public Hearing on the Physical Education Waiver Request at 7:44 p.m. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

Public Act 095-0223, as amended by Public Act 100-0465, requires that school districts in the state hold a public hearing in conjunction with requests for waivers of the Physical Education Section of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/27-6). In accordance with regulations pertaining to requests of this type, the District informed the public via website posting on October 27, 2017, and via legal notice in *The News-Gazette* on October 30, 2017. In addition, collective bargaining agents and state legislators were notified of the public hearing via written notice dated October 30, 2017. The public hearing was scheduled for November 13, 2017, at 5:30 p.m., at the E.H. Mellon Administrative Center Board Room, 703 S. New Street, Champaign, Illinois.

The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any resident or educator of the District affected by the proposed Physical Education Waiver to appear in person or by an attorney in support of the Waiver or to object to the granting of the Waiver. Evidence may be presented in support of his/her position.

Hearing no comments from the eight people that were in the audience, Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Brown to close the Public Hearing on the Physical Education Waiver Request at 7:47 p.m. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

Physical Education Waiver Request: Tom Lockman

Member Vazquez moved, with a second by Member Shannon to approve the Physical Education Waiver Request. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

On October 15, 2012, the Board approved the final two-year renewal of a Physical Education Waiver that allowed freshman and sophomore students who actively participated in IHSA-sanctioned, interscholastic athletics to opt out of physical education class for the period of time they were involved in the sport. This option allowed students to participate in a study hall, affording them an opportunity to better meet the objectives outlined in the state's Common Core standards. That waiver expired at the end of SY 2014-15 and, at that time, the District was not eligible to renew its waiver as the six-year limit had been reached.

Recently Public Act 100-0465 amended Public Act 095-0223 which governs waivers of the physical education requirement, to allow school districts to request five-year waivers of the physical education requirement, renewable upon application. The request for a five-year waiver would allow the District to reinstate the waiver that existed in the past and, if approved by the General Assembly, would take effect beginning with SY 2018-19 SY through SY 2022-23.

Members of the public, including parents, staff, and students, must be given the opportunity to react to the proposed waiver renewal request. Success of the waiver's intent would be measured by the number of student-athletes with passing grades.

Administration recommended that the Board of Education approve the five-year physical education waiver request.

Consent Agenda: Unfinished/New Business

Member Richards moved, with a second by Member Brown 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:

Human Resource Changes: Ken Kleber

The Human Resource Changes were approved as presented.

Bills and Treasurer's Report – October: Tom Lockman

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

Policy 830 Community Use of School Facilities: Dan Casillas

This policy update represents the District's effort to continue to update its Board Policy and Procedures manual. School facilities are available to the community for educational, civic, cultural, and other non-commercial uses consistent with the public interest when such use does not interfere with the school program or school-sponsored activities. The update to the policy seeks to make clear that outside organizations should expect to hold their activities during non-school hours. Organizations should also expect that any meetings with students will occur outside the school day.

Administration recommended approval of this policy.

Policy 450.08 Building & Grounds Management – Rental of Facilities: Dan Casillas

This policy update represents the District's effort to continue to update its Board Policy and Procedures manual. The District recognizes its responsibility to citizens of the District to make school facilities available to the general public insofar as such activities do not conflict or interfere with the school program. This updated policy seeks to make clear that outside organizations should expect to hold their activities during non-school hours; Organizations should expect that any meetings with students will occur outside the school day; And all volunteers or employees of organizations who will be supervising activities in District facilities may be required to submit to background checks by the District at the requestor's expense.

Administration recommended approval of this policy.

Minutes of October 10, 2017 and October 23, 2017

The minutes were approved as presented.

Approval of Amendment to Land Surveying Agreement – Clark Dietz (Centennial High School Project): Tom Lockman

In November 2016, District voters approved a facilities referendum to undertake facility improvement projects at several District facilities. At its meeting on July 10, 2017, the Board approved a Land Surveying Agreement for services related to the Centennial High School project. Administration recommended that the Board approve this Amendment to bring additional services within the scope of the existing Agreement with Clark Dietz. The Amendment has been prepared to reflect the minor revisions. The Board shall pay Clark Dietz the revised fee, not to exceed \$2,800.

Administration recommended approval of the Amendment to the Land Surveying Agreement with Clark Dietz for land surveying services related to the Centennial High School project.

Approval of Amendment to Land Surveying Agreement – Clark Dietz (Central High School Project): Tom Lockman

In November 2016, District voters approved a facilities referendum to undertake facility improvement projects at several District facilities. At its meeting on July 10, 2017, the Board approved a Land Surveying Agreement for services related to the Central High School project. Administration recommended that the Board approve this Amendment to bring additional services within the scope of the existing Agreement with Clark Dietz. The Amendment has been prepared to reflect the minor revisions. The Board shall pay Clark Dietz the revised fee, not to exceed \$2,900.

Administration recommended approval of the Amendment to the Land Surveying Agreement with Clark Dietz for land surveying services related to the Central High School project.

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding – Spalding Park – Champaign Park District: Tom Lockman

On Tuesday, November 8, 2016, the resolution put forth by the Board of Education to issue up to \$183.4 Million in bonds was approved by the voters. The plan as outlined in the resolution includes the development of facilities at Spalding Park. As part of the Spalding Park project, the District is working in collaboration with the Champaign Park District on project logistics as well as operational, use, and maintenance terms once the project is complete. The Memorandum of Understanding has been developed to outline the initial structure of these terms which will further be evidenced through a Definitive Intergovernmental Agreement and Lease Agreement. The Park District Board of Commissioners approved this Memorandum of Understanding at its meeting on November 8th.

Administration recommended approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Champaign Park District for Spalding Park.

Approval of Real Estate Purchase Agreement – 105 N. James Street: Tom Lockman

On Tuesday, November 8, 2016, the resolution put forth by the Board of Education to issue up to \$183.4 Million in bonds was approved by the voters. The plan as outlined in the resolution includes the construction of a new Dr. Howard Elementary School campus.

To allow for expansion of the Dr. Howard Elementary School campus, the District has pursued the acquisition of property bordering the current site. Administration recommended that the District enter into an Agreement with Nicholas Gordon and Kalin Skelton for the purchase of 105 N. James St. The purchase price will be paid from the Education Fund.

Administration recommended approval of the Real Estate Purchase Agreement for the property at 105 N. James St.

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The Board convened into *Closed Session* at 8:01 p.m.

Open Session

The Board convened into *Open Session* at 10:10 p.m.

Action Agenda: New Business

Student Discipline – Student #201148

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Vazquez that student #201148 should be expelled from Centennial High School for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year for violating Conduct Code #18 Physical Confrontation with Staff and #15D Sexual Harassment of Staff of the Champaign Unit #4 Student Code of Conduct. The duration of the expulsion is based on the egregiousness of the violation of Code #18 and Code #15D and the significant detrimental impact of the student's conduct on the learning environment. The removal of the student from the learning environment is in the best interest of the school because the student's continuing presence would constitute a disruption. 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 7. Nays 0.

Student Discipline – Student #214778

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Armstrong that student #214778 should be expelled from Edison Middle School through third quarter of the 2017-18 school year for violating Conduct Code #34 Weapon-Related Activities of the Champaign Unit #4 Student Code of Conduct. The duration of the expulsion is based on the egregiousness of the violation of Code #34 and the significant detrimental impact of the student's conduct on the learning environment. The removal of the student from the learning environment is in the best interest of the school because the student's continuing presence would constitute a disruption. Such

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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 7. Nays 0.

Recommendation For Termination – Henry Ross: Ken Kleber

This item was removed from the agenda.

Recommendation For Termination – Almeda Wright: Ken Kleber

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Armstrong to approve the Recommendation For Termination – Almeda Wright for repeated misconduct as discussed in closed session. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 1. Member Brown voted no.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Vazquez, to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

Board Approved: December 11, 2017