

**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
October 13, 2014 within the Boundaries of Said District**

Regular Meeting

Board President Laurie Bonnett called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Laurie Bonnett, Jamar Brown, Kristine Chalifoux, Kerris Lee, Ileana Saveley, Lynn Stuckey
(arrived at 5:33 p.m.)

Board Members Absent

John Bambenek

Staff Members Present

Superintendent Judy Wiegand, Assistant Superintendent Laura Taylor, Assistant Superintendent Susan Zola, Assistant Superintendent Angela Smith, Executive Director of Business Services Matt Foster, School Attorney Tom Lockman

Approval of Agenda

Item 11C Human Resource Changes was removed from the agenda. Member Brown moved, with a second by Member Lee, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 5. Nays 0.

Executive Session

Member Brown moved, with a second by Member Lee, to adjourn into *Closed Session* in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2c) Personnel 120/2(c)(1), Emergency Security Procedures 120/2(c)(8), Student Discipline 120/2(c)(9), Placement of Individual Students in Special Education Programs and Other Matters Relating to Individual Students 120/2(c)(10) and Actual/Potential Litigation 120/2(c)(11). The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

The Board convened into *Closed Session* at 5:33 p.m.

Open Session

The Board convened into *Open Session* at 6:10 p.m.

Guests

Representatives from CFT, local media and other interested persons

Action Agenda

Administrative Appointment – Interim Assistant Principal at Garden Hills: Ken Kleber
Member Lee moved, with a second by Member Stuckey to approve the Administrative Appointment – Interim Assistant Principal at Garden Hills. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

The position of Interim Assistant Principal of Garden Hills Elementary was recently announced. Four candidates were interviewed by a team of Garden Hills administration and staff. Ms. Whitney Stewart was selected as the most outstanding candidate.

Ms. Stewart is currently serving Unit 4 Schools as an 8th Grade Science Teacher at Franklin Middle School. She has held this position since August 2006. In addition to her assignment as a science teacher at Franklin, she also serves as an AVID teacher, Science Department Building Leader, Team Leader, Track Coach, IMSA Fusion Academic Team Sponsor, and PBIS member. Ms. Stewart has also successfully received over \$10,000 in grant money from various sponsors to further support the education of Franklin students.

Ms. Stewart holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education (2006) from Illinois State University and a Master in Educational Organization and Leadership (2013) from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The effective date of Ms. Stewart's appointment will be determined as soon as a teacher has been hired to replace her at Franklin. The recommended salary is \$58,723 plus all appropriate Board-approved benefits, including Board-approved contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System and will be prorated based on her actual start date. This is 215 days/year position. Annual evaluation will be completed by the appropriate supervising administrator.

District administration recommended the appointment of Ms. Whitney Stewart as Interim Assistant Principal of Garden Hills Elementary School for the 2014-2015 school year.

Reports: New Business

2014 Illinois Solar Tour: Matt Foster

The Illinois Solar Energy Association (ISEA) is a non-profit organization promoting the widespread application of solar and other forms of renewable energy through education and advocacy. As the Illinois chapter of the American Solar Energy Society (ASES), ISEA is the state resource for renewable energy related policy developments, educational classes, events, and access to local renewable energy developers.

The National Solar Tour, coordinated by ASES, is the largest grassroots solar event worldwide with 48 to 50 states participating annually. ISEA has organized an Illinois Solar Tour since 2007, growing in size, scope and reputation, and had over 1,200 host site visits in 2012.

The 2014 Illinois Solar Tour took place on Saturday, October 4th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The Illinois Solar Tour is a free public open house to demonstrate how Illinois homes and businesses are using solar, wind, geothermal, passive solar design, and energy efficiency to be energy independent. Home and business owners with renewable energy installations were invited to open their homes and businesses to the public. This year, Carrie Busey Elementary joined the tour.

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

Master Facility Plan – Financial: Matt Foster

The District Master Facility Plan was designed to take an overall view of the District's facilities on a 20 year timeline. The plan focuses on meeting enrollment capacity, combining building function into fewer buildings, and improving educational adequacy and providing an option to the community for K-8 instruction. The plan is based on providing flexibility for future Boards.

- New Central: Referendum 2014
- Centennial Addition/Renovation: Referendum 2014
- Central Repurpose: Completed in phases using revenues from sale of property (consolidation of programs)
- Dr. Howard: 2025-26 with 1% sales tax revenues

- International Prep Academy (IPA): Continue to upgrade with existing O/M revenues
- Edison: 2034-35 with 1% sales tax revenues
- Franklin: 2034-35 with 1% sales tax revenues
- Jefferson: 2034-35 with 1% sales tax revenues
- Southside: 2034-35 with 1% sales tax revenues

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

Action Agenda: New Business

Approval of Robeson Change Order #10: Matt Foster

Member Brown moved, with a second by Member Chalifoux to Approve Robeson Change Order #10. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

Arlene Vespa has authority to approve change orders up to \$25,000. After that she must check with the Board President and a designated Board Member before signing the paperwork which leads to a change order. That process was adhered to. It was necessary for the entire Board of Education to approve the following change orders processed through August 2014. Please note that the total project contingency on this project is \$142,200.00, which leaves the current total at **-\$5,851.68**.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 10 (Phase 2 work)		
CHANGE ORDER AUTHORIZATION	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
COA 40	Unforeseen Field Condition: Changes in District Calendar (snow days) and Abatement Scope Increase (extension of abatement project time). Cost is for overtime to maintain to recover project schedule. This work was performed on a time and material not-to-exceed basis.	\$15,000.00
COA 46	Unforeseen Field Condition and Drawing Coordination: Remove and reconfigure existing wiremold in classrooms to coordinate with new casework. This work was performed on a time and material not-to-exceed basis and came in under the original estimate of \$4,178.35.	\$2,335.58
COA 47	Unforeseen Field Condition / Code Item: Corridor C100 and Lunch Room 320/322 code required upgrades for existing J-boxes discovered post-demolition. This work was performed on a time and material not-to-exceed basis and came in under the original estimate of \$4,772.20.	\$3,375.26
TOTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 10:		\$20,710.84

The total of the change orders for Robeson is:

CHANGE ORDER	AMOUNT
Change Order No. 01 – 09	\$127,340.84
Change Order No. 10	\$20,710.84
TOTAL CHANGE ORDERS:	\$148,051.68

Minority and Female Business Enterprise (MAFBE) Update: No change.

Administration recommended Board approval of the change order for Robeson totaling \$20,710.84.

2014 Summer Youth Employment Program Report: Orlando Thomas

Member Chalifoux moved, with a second by Member Brown to approve funding for the 2015 Summer Youth Employment Program in the amount of \$75,000. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

In the summer of 2014, the City of Champaign and Unit 4 Schools supported the SYEP by providing a total of \$150,000. The program resulted in 147 Unit 4 students being placed at 73 job sites. At the end of the summer, approximately a \$12,000 surplus remained. The school district will submit a proposal to the City of Champaign to utilize some the surplus funds to host quarterly lunches to monitor students who participated in the program last year to ensure they maintain a 2.0 GPA, a 90% attendance rate, and fewer than two total days of in-and out-of-school suspensions.

The program continues to afford at-risk students from low socioeconomic backgrounds an opportunity to experience true career exploration, receive job-skills training, and become active within the community through participation in civic engagement projects. The program is founded on the 4E Model: Experience, Exposure, Engagement, and Education and supports two of the Superintendent's goals, developing strong partnerships with community organizations and ensuring that every Unit 4 graduate has a post-secondary plan.

One of the recommendations is to secure SYEP funding as early as possible to enable staff to recruit students, develop a detailed budget, plan trainings, and secure employers. The recommendation is for the Board of Education to approve at least \$75,000 in District funds to support SYEP for the summer of 2015. End-of-the-year program evaluation is completed in August. An Executive Summary was provided to the Board.

Administration recommended that the Board of Education approve funding for the 2015 Summer Youth Employment Program in the amount of \$75,000.

Bills and Treasurer's Report – September: Matt Foster

Member Brown moved, with a second by Member Lee to approve the Bills and Treasurer's Report - September. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

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

Consent Agenda: Unfinished/New Business

Member Brown moved, with a second by Member Lee to approve the Consent Agenda – New/Unfinished Business. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

Minutes of September 8, 2014, September 22, 2014 and September 29, 2014

The minutes were approved as presented.

Human Resource Changes: Ken Kleber

This item was removed from the agenda.

Executive Session

Member Brown moved, with a second by Member Chalifoux, to adjourn into *Closed Session* in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2c) to consider Personnel 120/2(c)(1), Emergency Security Procedures 120/2(c)(8), Student Discipline 120/2(c)(9), Placement of Individual Students in Special Education Programs and Other Matters Relating to

10/13/2014 Regular Meeting

Individual Students 120/2(c)(10) and Actual/Potential Litigation 120/2(c)(11). The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

The Board convened into *Closed Session* at 7:16 p.m.

Open Session

The Board convened into *Open Session* at 8:20 p.m.

Student Discipline

Member Chalifoux moved, with a second by Member Stuckey, to expel student #510528 from Edison Middle School for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year. He/she should be reassigned based on the recommendations of the IEP Team for violating Conduct Codes #34 (Weapon-Related Activities) and #36 (Mob Action) of the Champaign Unit 4 Student Code of Conduct. The student may return to his/her regularly assigned school following the expulsion period. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

Member Stuckey moved, with a second by Member Chalifoux, to expel student #541149 from Edison Middle School for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year. He/she should be reassigned to READY for violating Conduct Codes #34 (Weapon-Related Activities) and #36 (Mob Action) of the Champaign Unit 4 Student Code of Conduct. The student may return to his/her regularly assigned school following the expulsion period. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Member Stuckey moved, with a second by Member Chalifoux, to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. The motion carried on voice vote.

Board Approved: November 10, 2014