

**Minutes of the SPECIAL Meeting of the Board of Education
Community Unit School District No. 4, Champaign County, Illinois
Central High School, 610 W. University Avenue, Champaign, Illinois
September 28, 2015 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, Laurie Bonnett, Chris Kloeppe, Kathy Richards, Kathy Shannon, Lynn Stuckey, Jonathan Westfield

Staff Members Present

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Executive Session

Member Bonnett 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 Emergency Security Procedures 120/(c)(8) and Student Discipline 120/(c)(9). The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

The Board convened into *Closed Session* at 5:34 p.m.

Open Session

The Board convened into *Open Session* at 6:00 p.m.

Action Agenda: New Business

Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2016 Budget: Tom Lockman

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Armstrong to open the Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2016 Budget. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

The public hearing began at 6:16 p.m.

The Illinois School Code, Article 17, requires that each school district in the State prepare a budget in tentative form and make it conveniently available for public inspection for at least 30 days prior to the Board taking action to approve the budget. The District published notices to hold a public hearing on the tentative budget in the News-Gazette on August 25, 2015. The time for the public hearing is set for September 28th.

The purpose of the public hearing is to allow Administration to present the highlights of the 2015-2016 Budget. After the presentation, the Board of Education took comments and questions from the general public regarding the budget.

Hearing no questions or comments from the public, Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Westfield to close the Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2016 Budget at 6:38 p.m. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

Resolution – Adoption of Fiscal Year 2016 Budget: Tom Lockman

Member Westfield moved, with a second by Member Stuckey to approve the Resolution – Adoption of Fiscal Year 2016 Budget. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

The Illinois School Code 105 ILCS 5/17-1 requires each school district to adopt its operating budget not later than September 30th of each year. The tentative budget has been available for public inspection starting August 25, 2015, and a public hearing was conducted earlier this evening to meet statutory requirements.

All administrators responsible for building, department, program and grant areas have participated in the budget development process and will be responsible for the management of their respective budget areas throughout the year. In addition, the Business Office will be closely monitoring all budgets and will communicate concerns to the appropriate parties.

The 2015-16 Budget presents Revenues and Other Financing Sources in the Operating Funds (Education, Operations & Maintenance, Transportation, IMRF/Social Security, Working Cash, Tort and Fire Prevention and Safety) of \$117,960,522 and Expenditures and other Financing Uses of \$118,818,471.

The other two funds of the District (Debt Service and Capital Projects) are utilized for specific purposes other than operations (to pay debt service and to account for capital projects). As such, they are not included in the above total. The budget for Debt Service revenues and other financing sources is \$10,841,260 and \$10,874,981 for expenses and other financing uses. The budget for Capital Projects revenues and other financing sources is \$1,147,900 and \$5,122,319 for expenses and other financing uses.

Administration recommended that the Board of Education adopt the Fiscal Year 2016 budget as presented.

Reports: New Business

C-U Schools Foundation Presentation: Dr. Judy Wiegand

C-U Schools Foundation's mission is to build a stronger community by developing and supporting innovative programs to make all C-U public school students college/career ready. Molly Delaney, Executive Director was present and talked about some of C-U Schools Foundation's initiatives.

Consent Decree Settlement: Implications for the Opening and Closing of Schools: Sally Scott, Partner – Franczek Radelet

As the Board of Education continues to engage in dialogue and discussion on facilities, one topic is the Settlement Agreement from the Consent Decree and policy specific to the opening and closing of schools. Sally Scott, attorney from Franczek Radlet shared information related to the Settlement Agreement and the policy developed as a result of this agreement. Ms. Scott served as lead counsel for the Champaign Unit #4 Schools at the time of the Settlement Agreement.

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

Consent Agenda: New/Unfinished Business

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

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

Application for Recognition of Schools: Dave Hohman

Annually, the District is required to forward information and assurances of compliance with provisions of School Code and Health/Life Safety through the Regional Office of Education to the Illinois State Board of Education. ISBE requires each individual school to complete the "Application for Recognition of Schools" form, which include the previously requested health/life safety information as well as the policy compliance.

Documents were prepared for submission in order to meet this requirement. Review by the Board of Education is required by the Department of Recognition and Supervision of the Illinois State Board of Education.

Administration recommended that the Board approve the 2015/2016 Annual Application for Recognition of Schools forms. At the same time the Board approved the submission to the Regional Office of Education for further submission to the Illinois State Board of Education.

Language Interpreter Wages: Ken Kleber

Currently, the wage for Language Interpreters is set at \$12/hour. The District has not adjusted this wage for many years. A recent review of this rate, other wages paid by the District, and wages paid by other organizations has led District Administration to conclude that this rate is no longer competitive. Having a competitive wage is important since the District relies on its Language Interpreters to assist families whose primary language is not English during their interactions with school staff. Therefore, District Administration recommended that the wage be raised to \$15/hour, effective October 1, 2015. The estimated annual cost of the change when applied to the District's existing pool of employees using the average total hours worked over the previous three years is approximately \$2,000.

Administration recommended that Board accept the proposed wage outlined above.

Student Discipline

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Stuckey that student #590893 should be expelled from Centennial High School for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year. He/she should be reassigned to READY for violating Conduct Code #16 Horseplay/Scuffling, #18 Physical Confrontation with Staff, and #24 Threats to/Intimidation of Staff. 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.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Richards, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

Board Approved: October 12, 2015