

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  
August 9, 2010 Within the Boundaries of Said District

Regular Meeting

Board President David Tomlinson called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Board Members Present**

Kristine Chalifoux, Sue Grey, Thomas Lockman, Scott MacAdam, David Tomlinson

**Board Members Absent**

Stig Lanesskog, Greg Novak

**Staff Members Present**

Superintendent Arthur Culver, Deputy Superintendent Dorland Norris, Assistant Superintendent Beth Shepperd, Assistant Superintendent Judy Weigand, Chief Financial Officer Gene Logas

**Approval of Agenda**

Member Grey moved, with a second by Member MacAdam, to approve the amended agenda. The motion carried on voice vote. Moved to Action Agenda – Construction Re-Bids for BTW Project; Added discussion item – Report on the Plan to Cool Buildings on Hot Temperature Days.

**Executive Session**

Member Grey 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, employee appointments, employment, compensation, dismissals, complaints 120/2(c)(1), Negotiations 120/2(c)(2), and Actual/Potential Litigation 120/2(c)(11). The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 5. Nays 0.

The Board convened into *Closed Session* at 6:32 p.m.

**Open Session**

The Board convened into *Open Session* at 7:00 p.m.

**Guests**

Representatives from CFT, local media and other interested persons

**Public Comment**

Donald Atkins shared concerns regarding the renewal of the MTD contract.  
Reverend Troy Burks asked for information on the CORE committee.

**CESP**

Mary Logsdon thanked the negotiating team for their hard work and support during negotiations.

**Reports**

Plan to Cool Buildings on Hot Temperature Days

Director Orlando Thomas provided a brief update on the development of an action plan to cool buildings during hot temperature days. Once finalized, the plan will be shared with the Board and posted on the Unit 4 web site.

**Action Agenda**Ratification of CESP Tentative Agreement (Exhibit "A")

Member MacAdam moved, with a second by Member Grey, to approve the Tentative Agreement ratified by the Champaign Educational Service Professionals (CESP) for the 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013 school years. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 5. Nays 0.

The CESP contract expired on June 30, 2010. The District's team was led by Board President Tomlinson and Attorney Sally Scott. The team spent many hours in negotiation with CESP leadership to determine economic and language issues. A Tentative Agreement between the Board of Education and the CESP for a three-year contract was reached on July 19, 2010. The Tentative Agreement was presented to CESP membership on Thursday, August 5, and was ratified by its membership on that date. Terms in the Tentative Agreement include no raise beyond the employee's step movement. This represents approximately 2.2% annually. Increases to health insurance contributions and increased hourly rates for teacher aides of \$.65, \$.50, and \$.50 were key issues. These increases bring hourly rates for Unit 4 teacher aides closer to the prevailing wage for these positions in neighboring districts. Funding for year one of the contract is included in the current budget. Years two and three of the contract will be included in future budgets.

Statement & Apology Regarding Board Member's Remarks (Exhibit "B")

Member Lockman moved, with a second by Member MacAdam, to read the Statement and Apology regarding Board member's remarks into the Board meeting minutes. President Tomlinson read the statement into the minutes. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 5. Nays 0.

Resolution Providing for Public Hearing on Tentative 2011 Budget (Exhibit "C")

Member Grey moved, with a second by Member Chalifoux, to adopt the "Resolution to Provide for a Public Hearing on the Tentative 2011 Budget" and its publication in the News-Gazette. The Board President read the resolution into the minutes. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 5. Nays 0.

The Illinois School Code requires that at least one public hearing be conducted prior to the adoption of the annual budget. In addition, the school district must advertise for at least 30 days prior to the public hearing that the tentative budget is available for public inspection. The advertisement will appear in the August 10, 2010 edition of the News-Gazette. As such, the following resolution sets the time for the public hearing on the 2011 Budget to be 7:00 pm on September 13, 2010. Preliminary 2011 budget information was shared with the Board of Education on October 26, 2009, January 25, 2010, February 22, 2010, March 8, 2010 and April 26, 2010.

Construction Re-Bids for BT Washington Elementary School Project (Exhibit "D")

Member Lockman moved, with a second by Member Chalifoux, to award the re-bid of the general trades contract to Felmley-Dickerson Co for \$3,322,000 plus the alternate of \$166,500;

the electrical package to T. Davis Electric Inc with a base bid of \$1,411,790 plus an alternate of \$1,797; and the masonry package to Otto Baum Company, Inc in the amount of \$625,900 for a total of \$5,527,987 in construction re-bids. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 5. Nays 0.

Chief Financial Officer Gene Logas presented the re-bids for the BTW construction project. On August 5, 2010, sealed bids were opened for the construction of B T Washington Elementary School. Bid results are as follows:

Bid # 4	General Trades Contractor – Felmley-Dickrson Co.	\$3,322,000
Bid # 10	Electrical Contractor – T. Davis Electric Inc.	\$1,411,790
Bid # 11	Masonry Contractor – Otto Baum Co, Inc.	<u>\$ 625,900</u>
		\$5,359,690

Previously Awarded Contracts	<u>\$6,661,797</u>
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Total Recommended Contracts – BTW Project	<u>\$12,021,487</u>
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As the result of the construction manager's and architect's review of project cost, the BTW project cost is significantly under budget. In addition, the budget contains \$631,000 for general conditions and a soils contingency of \$50,000 for a total new construction cost of \$12,702,487. It was noted on page 4 of 4 of the analysis that the total project budget now stands at \$16,897,000. Administration also recommended that the Board select alternates 12, 13, 14 and 16 totaling \$168,297. In addition, the total project budget includes \$104,000 for changes required to the foundation and other miscellaneous changes related to re-bidding plus conservation demonstration additions of \$100,000 and added architectural fees of \$185,000 due to re-bidding. The total BTW Project estimated cost, therefore, equals \$17,454,297 (with an \$18 million project budget).

Kerry Leonard, OWP/P, reviewed the results of the re-bids.

Mike Stilger and Charlie Scheele, PKD, provided a brief report on the recommended alternates.

### **Consent Agenda**

Member MacAdam moved, with a second by Member Lockman, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 5. Nays 0.

The Board of Education approved the following Consent Agenda items:

#### Grant FY11 State Consolidated Grant Application to Serve Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students

The Board of Education approved the submission of the Fiscal Year 2011 Consolidated Grant Application to serve Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students: State Transitional Bilingual Education/Transitional Program of Education (TBE/TPI) in the amount of \$228,512 and Title III Language Instruction Programs for Limited English Proficient Students (LIPLEPS) in the amount of \$67,650 for a combined total of \$296,162.

The District applied for State Transitional Bilingual Education/Transitional Program of Education (TBE/TPI), Title III Language Instruction Programs for Limited English Proficient Students (LIPLEPS), and Title III Immigrant Education Program (IEP) grants to serve English

language learners (ELLs), grades K-12, during the 2010-2011 school year. The application was written with input from the Bilingual Parent Advisory Council (PAC). The purpose of the grants is to provide the District with supplemental funding so it can continue meeting the needs of its English language learners.

Grant – FY11 NCLB Consolidated Application – Titles I & IIA

The Board of Education approved the submission of the FY11 NCLB Consolidated grant application in the amount of \$2,640,125.

The ***FY11 Title I*** grant, Basic, totaling \$2,107,277 will be used by nine school-wide elementary school programs (CECC, Carrie Busey, Dr. Howard, Garden Hills, Kenwood, Robeson, Stratton, Washington, and Westview), and two targeted-assistance elementary schools (Bottenfield and South Side) to provide language arts, math and science instruction to educationally disadvantaged students. The District's portion of the grant is \$2,090,429 and \$16,848 will be distributed by the two private schools participating in the grant.

The ***FY11 Title IIA*** grant, Teacher Quality, totaling \$532,848 will be utilized to support professional development in math, science, social science, fine arts, ELA, and gifted areas; as well as curriculum writing and workshop/conferences. The Teacher Quality grant also funds 6.0 classroom teachers through the Class-size Reduction section of the grant (\$379,000). The total amount allocated for professional development is \$118,636. The District's portion of the grant is \$508,636 and \$24,212 will be distributed among the private schools.

Grant – IDEA Part B Flow-Through Grant & IDEA Preschool Grant

The Board of Education approved the submission of the FY11 IDEA Preschool Grant for \$89,034 and the FY11 IDEA Flow-Through Grant for \$2,268,861.

The FY11 IDEA Part B Preschool and Flow-Through Grant applications were written in keeping with projected funding levels provided by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). Generally, the grant funds are used to fund salaries and benefits of staff that have direct contact with students, mainly teacher assistants. The District is required to expend 6% of the Flow-Through grant on professional development.

Grant – FY11 Reading Improvement Block Grant

The Board of Education approved the submission of the FY11 Reading Improvement Block Grant in the amount of \$297,637.

The Reading Improvement Program Grant is offered through the Illinois State Board of Education to provide funds to local school districts in Illinois to improve the reading skills of children from kindergarten through sixth grade. Unit 4 will utilize these grant funds to provide salary and benefits to literacy support and Reading Recovery teachers in the elementary schools.

Contract with Futures in Rehabilitation Management for Fingerprinting Services (FIRM) (Exhibit "E")

The Board of Education approved signing the contract with FIRM fingerprint services for the 2010/2011 school year.

Futures in Rehabilitation Management (FIRM) served as the district's provider for finger print identification services last year at a cost of \$10 per finger print identification in addition to the fees charged by the Illinois State Police and/or FBI. FIRM provides the equipment and training for the process. This contract was developed in December of 2005 with input from and reviewed by the District's legal counsel. The amount of money charged to the District is reduced by sharing substitute fingerprinting costs with other districts through the ROE. Each District who uses the ROE certified subs will pay a portion of the costs. The District paid \$28,501.24 during the 2009-2010 school year for required finger print checks.

#### Signature Authorizations (Exhibit "F")

The Board of Education approved the signature authorizations as presented 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.

#### FY11 District Depositories

The Board of Education approved the addition of Multi-Bank to the list of approved financial institutions as direct depositories for District funds for fiscal year 2010-11.

Annually, the Board needs to formally approve depositories used for financial activities of the District. One local bank (First Midwest Bank) serves as the main depository for the District, with other local banks being used when investments are made. The State channels payments to the District through First Midwest Bank and The Illinois Funds. The administration requested the addition of Multi-Bank to the list of approved financial institutions. For fiscal year 2010-11, the following financial institutions may be used for financial activities:

Busey Bank	First Midwest Bank
Centrue Bank	Heartland Bank
Chase	The Illinois Funds
Commerce Bank	Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund (IMET)
First Bank of Savoy	ISDLAF (Illinois Liquid Asset Fund)
First Federal Savings Bank	Multi-Bank
First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust	National City Bank
	Regions Bank

As funds become available for investment purposes, the District's Chief Financial Officer solicits bids from these banking institutions to secure the best interest rates on Certificates of Deposits, Treasury Notes and Commercial Paper. All transactions are in compliance with Board's Policy 410.04 for the investment of District funds.

#### MTD Contract FY11 (Exhibit "G")

The Board of Education approved the Transportation Agreement between the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District and the Champaign Unit 4 School District for 2010-2011.

The school district has provided transportation for high school students via an agreement with Champaign-Urbana MTD since 1977 and started transporting middle school students in 2004. This service has been a major assistance in getting students both to and from school at a reasonable cost to the district. The annual cost to transport our secondary students in 2010-11

will be \$280,386. Last year it was \$271,215. Part of the increase is due to late starts and early dismissals due to testing.

Minutes – June 21 & 28, 2010 & July 12, 2010 Board Meetings

The Board of Education approved the minutes as presented.

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

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

Human Resource Changes (Exhibit “I”)

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

**Executive Session**

Member Grey 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 Student Discipline 120/2(c)(9). The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 5. Nays 0.

The Board convened into *Closed Session* at 7:57 p.m.

**Open Session**

The Board convened into *Open Session* at 8:17 p.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Member Lockman moved, with a second by Member MacAdam, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. The motion carried on voice vote.

*Board Approved: September 20, 2010*