

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PROSPECT HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 23  
JULY 14, 2010  
GRODSKY ADMINISTRATION CENTER

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Martha Olsen, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mr. DeCoursey, Mr. Hess, Mrs. Olsen, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Zimmerman,  
Mrs. Botwinski, Mr. Bowes

ABSENT: None

ALSO

PRESENT: Dr. Guarrine, Superintendent; Dr. Deb Wilson, Assistant  
Superintendent for Instruction; Ms. Luann Mathis, Business Manager

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Zimmerman moved and Mr. DeCoursey seconded the motion to adjourn to Executive Session for purposes of discussing negotiations.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. DeCoursey, Mr. Hess, Mrs. Olsen, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Zimmerman,  
Mrs. Botwinski, Mr. Bowes

NAYS: None

The Board returned to open session at 7:07 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND VISITOR PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Sheila Trossman, 1715 N. Dover Lane, Arlington Heights, district parent, asked to address the Board regarding the cost of postage to mail the final report cards. Mrs. Trossman suggested sending the report cards home with students or a least grouping families to save on postage. Mrs. Trossman asked

whether an electronic or web-based report card is something the district could investigate.

Mrs. Sue Lorey, 2023 E. Waverly Lane, Arlington Heights, district parent, asked to address the Board regarding the district's Accelerated Reader Program. Mrs. Lorey feels this program fails to encourage independent reading and to develop an enjoyment of reading by students. Students read books that may be at their reading level, but are not necessarily age appropriate. Also, students tend to read just to accumulate points. Mrs. Lorey asked that the district look at other programs that will motivate students to learn to read for enjoyment.

Eileen Owens, 2166 Lake Shore Circle, Arlington Heights, resident of the district, asked to address the Board regarding the Accelerated Reader Program. Mrs. Owens reiterated much of what Mrs. Lorey said asking the Board to discontinue the program, which she believes doesn't encourage children to read for enjoyment and has no instructional component.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communication items.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

##### APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Bowes moved and Mrs. Zimmerman seconded the motion to approve the Regular Minutes of June 10, 2010 as presented.

##### ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. DeCoursey, Mr. Hess, Mrs. Olsen, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. Botwinski, Mr. Bowes

NAYS: None

##### APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Mr. Bowes moved and Mrs. Zimmerman seconded the motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes of June 10, 2010 as presented.

##### ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. DeCoursey, Mr. Hess, Mrs. Olsen, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. Botwinski, Mr. Bowes

NAYS: None

#### PERSONNEL REPORT

Mr. Bowes moved and Mrs. Zimmerman seconded the motion to approve the Personnel Report as presented, a copy of which is included with these minutes.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. DeCoursey, Mr. Hess, Mrs. Olsen, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. Botwinski, Mr. Bowes

NAYS: None

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Hess moved and Mr. DeCoursey seconded the motion to approve the Financial Report as presented consisting of bills in the amount of \$667,482.55 and the payroll for July in the amount of \$266,153.74.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. DeCoursey, Mr. Hess, Mrs. Olsen, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. Botwinski, Mr. Bowes

NAYS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings and Sites: No report.

IASB/ED-RED: No report.

Policy: No report.

School/Community Relations: Mrs. Botwinski reported on the meeting held July 13<sup>th</sup>. The committee discussed going green with newsletter by distributing it electronically. Suggestions on how to inform the public are being explored. There will be two newsletters instead of three this year as another way to cut costs. Emails received in the Board mailbox and monitored by Mrs. Botwinski were also discussed.

NSSEO: No report. The NSSEO central office will be moving to another location for four months during renovation.

Finance: Mrs. Peters reported on the committee meeting held July 7<sup>th</sup>. The committee discussed the Tentative Budget and other topics being presented under the Superintendent's Report, including employee health insurance costs to the district and the wind consortium.

Negotiations: No report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT  
2010-2011 TENTATIVE SCHOOL BUDGET

The Board reviewed the 2010-2011 Tentative School Budget sent to them electronically last week for their review.

Mrs. Peters moved and Mrs. Zimmerman seconded the motion that the Resolution to adopt the 2010-2011 Tentative Annual School Budget be approved as presented.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. DeCoursey, Mr. Hess, Mrs. Olsen, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. Botwinski, Mr. Bowes

NAYS: None

The 2010-2011 Tentative School Budget will be on display for 30 days. A Public Hearing will be held at the September 8 Regular Meeting of the Board before being presented for Board approval.

SCHOOL WIND CONSORTIUM – INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Dr. Guarrine shared information on the wind consortium joint board meeting held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, at which Mr. Bowes and Mrs. Zimmerman represented the District 23 Board. Mr. Bowes, along with the district's volunteer wind consortium consultant Mr. Rick Ewanio, reviewed the meeting and the progress of the wind farm project. Data has been gathered and reviewed, all wind studies completed and the law permitting a consortium has been passed by the Illinois legislature.

The next phase is to establish the consortium and develop by-laws. Bonds must be issued by December 2010 for tax credits. Heston Wind is providing investors and backing the project costs. The resolution being presented for approval by the Board is for the purpose of establishing the consortium.

Mrs. Zimmerman moved and Mr. Bowes seconded the motion to approve the Resolution providing for the execution of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Establishing the School Wind Consortium Joint Action Renewable Energy Agency as presented.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. DeCoursey, Mr. Hess, Mrs. Olsen, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Zimmerman,  
Mrs. Botwinski, Mr. Bowes

NAYS: None

### NOVEMBER 2010 REFERENDUM

Mrs. Zimmerman initiated a discussion on the possibility of District 23 placing a tax referendum question on the election ballot. The last time the district passed a tax referendum was in 1987. The question could be placed on either the November 2010 or April 2011 election ballot.

Dr. Guarrine introduced Elizabeth Hennessy from William Blair & Company to discuss the particulars of putting a referendum question on the ballot. If the Board wishes to get the question on the November ballot, the deadline is August 16, 2010. Ms. Hennessy explained the pros and cons of placing the question in November vs. April.

The Board discussed when to place the question on the ballot. As there are certain state financial issues that won't be known in time for an informed decision by the August deadline in order to have the question on the November ballot, and in order to have more time for preparation, the Board members were in consensus to place the question in April.

### STUDENT REGISTRATION UPDATE

Dr. Guarrine provided information on summer registrations. Although there are some uncertainties and no firm numbers on incoming students, the numbers seems to be approaching many class size guideline limits. The Board will have to consider expanding the class size guidelines or capping enrollment in certain grades. Physical space in classrooms will need to be considered also. More information will be available after the registration night, which is August 11.

### REVIEW OF 2009-2010 ANNUAL DISTRICT OBJECTIVES

Dr. Wilson had a PowerPoint presentation on Interactive whiteboards showing what is needed for student success, the levels of student engagement, how much the whiteboards are being used, and the teacher comfort levels and enthusiasm utilizing the whiteboards in their lessons.

As part of the Board Objective, recommendations for the 2010-2011 school year include continued staff development, measuring the amount of usage and student engagement again next year, and obtaining more whiteboards with grant monies.

#### RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND VISITOR PARTICIPATION

No one addressed the Board.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### RE-SCHEDULE DATE FOR AUGUST 11, 2010 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

Mr. DeCoursey moved and Mr. Hess seconded the motion to re-schedule the date for the August 11, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board to August 18th.

#### ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. DeCoursey, Mr. Hess, Mrs. Olsen, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. Botwinski, Mr. Bowes,

NAYS: None

#### 2010-2011 ANNUAL DISTRICT OBJECTIVES

The Board and Administrators discussed potential objectives for 2010-2011, including developing an objective for the consideration of moving to a grade level center configuration, continuing the whiteboard technology objective adding a component of building curriculum around whiteboard technology, and continuing the financial objective by updating the verbiage. Drafts of potential objectives will be brought to the August Board meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Mrs. Olsen appointed Mrs. Botwinski as Board Secretary to review the confidential Executive Session Minutes and make a recommendation at the August Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bowes moved and Mrs. Zimmerman seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:12 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. DeCoursey, Mr. Hess, Mrs. Olsen, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. Botwinski, Mr. Bowes,

NAYS: None

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President

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Secretary