



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
DISTRICT 127, LAKE COUNTY  
September 24, 2009 - 7:00 p.m. - Room 1850- Grayslake Central High School  
400 North Lake Street – Grayslake, Illinois 60030**

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING** of District 127, Lake County, Grayslake, Illinois (Room 1850-GCHS), held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

**1.) Call to Order**

President Hutchins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2.) Roll Call**

Members of the Board of Education who were present and absent

Board Members: Russell Chamberlin

Jon Cokefair

Ann Dingman, Vice President

Thomas G. Halloran, Sr.

Mike Hutchins, President

Douglas Nerge, Secretary

Suzanne Swanson

Members of the Leadership Team

Scott Fech, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Services, absent

Catherine M. Finger, Ed.D, Superintendent

Rita Fischer, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Eric Vance, GNHS Principal

Denise Kindle, Director of Special Education, absent

Syd Klocke, GCHS Principal, absent

Michael Zelek, Ed.D, Associate Superintendent for Business Services

**3.) APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Mr. Nerge, seconded by Mr. Halloran, that the Board of Education of District 127, Lake County, approve the Consent Agenda, as presented:

**a. Minutes...**

- August 27, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes
- August 27, 2009 Closed Session Board Meeting Minutes

**b. Payment of Bills**

**c. Financial Statements**

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Mr. Chamberlin, Mr. Cokefair\*, Mrs. Dingman, Mr. Halloran, Mr. Hutchins,  
Mr. Nerge and Mrs. Swanson

NAY: None ABSENT: None (Motion carried 7-0)

\*Mr. Cokefair abstained from only all invoices for Frankson Safety Courses.

**4.) RECOGNITION/GOOD NEWS**

Dr. Finger recognized and honored Karen Miller, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, with a lovely clock, noting her retirement after 20 years of outstanding service. As Superintendent she expressed her fond memories working with Karen.

Board members commented on their memorable moments working with Mrs. Miller, as Assistant to the Board of Education for District 127.

Mrs. Miller thanked Dr. Finger and the Board of Education for making her retirement special, noting she will miss everyone at District 127.

The Board took a brief recess at 7:08 p.m. to bid Mrs. Miller farewell and best wishes in her future endeavors.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 7:20 p.m.

### **5.) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

President Hutchins opened Public Participation at 7:21 p.m.

- There was no public present who wished to address the board.

President Hutchins closed Public Participation at 7:22 p.m.

### **6.) CLOSED SESSION – 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq.**

President Hutchins stated that a Closed Session was not necessary at this time.

### **7.) PERSONNEL**

It was moved by Mrs. Dingman, seconded by Mr. Cokefair, that the Board of Education of District 127, Lake County, accept the following personnel recommendations, as presented:

#### **A. Resignations/Leave Requests/Retirement Requests/Dismissal of Personnel**

##### **1. Resignations**

- Rebecca Sheridan, GCHS Hall Monitor, (Resignation effective September 25, 2009) - GCHS

##### **2. Leave Requests**

- Lori Esguerra, GNHS Athletic Department Secretary, (FMLA effective September 17, 2009 – approximately October 2, 2009 may be intermittent up to 60 days) – GNHS
- Patricia Miller, GNHS Registrar, (FMLA effective July 20, 2009 – October 5, 2009) - GNHS

##### **3. Retirement Requests**

- None at this time.

#### **B. Recommendations to Hire**

##### **1. Administrative Staff**

- None at this time.

##### **2. Certified Staff, per the GEA Contract**

- None at this time.

##### **3. Support Staff, per the GEA / ESP Contract**

- Janice Boesch, Executive Assistant for Personnel Services, (Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools, effective September 25, 2009) - District
- Zach Zayed, (District Coordinator of Business Services, effective October 5, 2009) - District

##### **4. Athletic Staff, per the GEA Contract**

**\*= Not a staff member**

- Todd Grunloh, GNHS Social Studies Teacher, (GNHS Fall Weight Room Co-Sponsor, effective 2009-2010 school year) – GNHS
- Josh Peterson, GNHS Special Education Teacher, (GNHS Fall Weight Room Co-Sponsor, effective 2009-2010 school year) – GNHS
- Andy Strahan, GNHS Life Fitness Teacher, (GNHS Winter Weight Room Sponsor, effective 2009-2010 school year) – GNHS

**5. Activity/Extracurricular Staff**

\*= Not a staff member

- None at this time.

**6. Daily Substitutes**

- Michael DeHaven, (GNHS Daily Substitute, effective September 25, 2009) – GNHS
- Walter Pituc, (GNHS Daily Substitute, effective September 25, 2009) – GNHS

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Mr. Chamberlin, Mr. Cokefair, Mrs. Dingman, Mr. Halloran, Mr. Hutchins, Mr. Nerge and Mrs. Swanson

NAY: None      ABSENT: None      (Motion carried 7-0)

**8.) OLD BUSINESS**

- There was no Old Business at this time.

**9.) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Facilities & Finance (F&F Committee)**

- Mr. Cokefair noted the F&F Committee minutes in this Board packet and remarked that F&F Committee discussions included various agenda items located in this Board packet; email accounts; and sizeable donations from vendors requesting possible advertising on District grounds.

**b. IASB**

- Mr. Nerge reminded the Board of the 2009 Tri-Conference/IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference - November 20-22, 2009 in downtown Chicago.

**c. Program, Policy & Personnel (PPP Committee)**

- Mrs. Dingman noted the PPP Committee minutes in this Board packet and remarked that PPP Committee discussions included various agenda items located in this Board packet; a draft of 2009-10 District Goals; 6-day count review; summer school; summer curriculum work; and the District Improvement Plan.

**d. SEDOL – No report.**

**10.) SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Dr. Finger thanked the Board for attending the recent IASB Board workshops conducted by Barbara Toney, IASB representative, noting discussions included a variety of subject matters for building a new governance team, various objectives, and operating principles.
- Dr. Finger informed the Board of the new state requirement regarding the posting of salaries and compensation of all District Administrators on the District's website by October 1, 2009.
- Mrs. Fischer, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, gave an informative Power Point presentation on the 2009 District Improvement Plan as required by the ISBE. Her presentation of various charts and information included:
  - Process and guiding philosophy to improve student achievement
  - Strategies on how to improve student performance to meet state requirements
  - Implementing an RtI Plan to develop strategies
  - AYP in Illinois for NCLB
  - AYP target for the academic process
  - Various charts of data and analysis

- Action plans to meet state requirements
- Objectives
- Development and Implementation
- Mr. Chamberlin shared newspaper articles regarding a job well done, as both Grayslake Varsity football teams won on the same night, being the first time in District 127 history. Also shared was an article regarding the Varsity football teams visiting the elementary schools and reading to the children. President Hutchins congratulated Grayslake coaches on a good job.

## **11.) NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip**

It was moved by Mrs. Dingman, seconded by Mrs. Swanson, that the Board of Education of District 127, Lake County, approve the following proposed out-of-state/overnight field trip, as presented. (Travel expenses will be funded by student participants. *District 127 Student Parent Handbook* rules will be in effect and it will be organized according to District Policy.)

- GCHS Choir Walt Disney World Trip, Orlando, FL, March 26, 2010 – March 31, 2010

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0

### **b. District Improvement Plan**

It was moved by Mrs. Swanson, seconded by Mr. Chamberlin, that the Board of Education of District 127, Lake County, approve the District Improvement Plan, as presented.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0

### **c. Approval of Revised ICSA Special Education Procedures**

It was moved by Mrs. Dingman seconded by Mr. Cokefair, that the Board of Education of District 127, Lake County, approve the revised IASB Special Education procedures, as presented.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0

### **d. AED Agreements with Grayslake Colts and Lake Villa Timberwolves**

It was moved by Mr. Cokefair, seconded by Mr. Nerge, that the Board of Education of District 127, Lake County, approve the Grayslake Colts and Lake Villa Timberwolves AED Agreements, as presented.

Motion carried by voice vote, 6-0. Mr. Halloran abstained on his vote due to his association with the Grayslake Colts.

### **e. TDS Metrocom Service Agreement Annual Renewal**

It was moved by Mr. Chamberlin, seconded by Mr. Cokefair, that the Board of Education of District 127, Lake County, approve the renewal of the telecommunications service agreement with TDFS Metrocom, as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Mr. Chamberlin, Mr. Cokefair, Mrs. Dingman, Mr. Halloran, Mr. Hutchins,  
Mr. Nerge and Mrs. Swanson

NAY: None      ABSENT: None

(Motion carried 7-0)

**f. ARRA Grant Expenditures**

It was moved by Mr. Cokefair, seconded by Mrs. Dingman, that the Board of Education of District 127, Lake County, approve the ARRA grant proposed expenditures. The total grant award will be for two years (2009-10, 2010-11), as presented.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Mr. Chamberlin, Mr. Cokefair, Mrs. Dingman, Mr. Halloran, Mr. Hutchins,  
Mr. Nerge and Mrs. Swanson

NAY: None ABSENT: None (Motion carried 7-0)

**g. Donations Recommendation for GCHS and GNHS**

It was moved by Mr. Halloran, seconded by Mrs. Swanson, that the Board of Education of District 127, Lake County, accept the following donations, as presented. *Voice vote.*

- o \$6,000.00 donation from the Grayslake Youth Lacrosse Association to the Grayslake Central Lacrosse program to use as they see fit at GCHS. \*
- o \$3,000.00 donation from the Grayslake Rams Booster Club to the Grayslake Central Cheerleading program for use toward their trip to the Liberty Bowl.
- o \$250.00 anonymous donation in gift cards to Pro Bass Shop for the Grayslake North Fishing Club.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0 \*

\* Mr. Cokefair abstained on his vote to only the donation from the Grayslake Youth Lacrosse Association to the Grayslake Central Lacrosse program, due to his association with this group.

**12.) CLOSED SESSION – 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq.**

It was moved by Mr. Halloran, seconded by Mr. Cokefair, that the Board of Education of District 127, Lake County, adjourn to a second Closed Session at 8:22 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to Pending, Probable or Imminent Litigation, as allowed under 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq.

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

AYE: Mr. Chamberlin, Mr. Cokefair, Mrs. Dingman, Mr. Halloran, Mr. Hutchins,  
Mr. Nerge and Mrs. Swanson

NAY: None ABSENT: None (Motion carried 7-0)

**OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:10 p.m.

**14.) ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mrs. Swanson, seconded by Mrs. Dingman, that the Board of Education of District 127, Lake County, adjourn their Board Meeting of September 24, 2009 at 9:12 p.m.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0 Absent: None

Respectfully submitted,