



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DISTRICT 127, LAKE COUNTY
November 12, 2009 - 7:00 p.m. - Room A135- Grayslake North High School
1925 North Route 83 – Grayslake, Illinois 60030**

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING of District 127, Lake County, Grayslake, Illinois (Room A135-GNHS), held on the 12th day of November, 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, absent

Members of the Leadership Team

Scott Fech, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Services

Catherine M. Finger, Ed.D, Superintendent

Rita Fischer, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Eric Vance, GNHS Principal, absent

Denise Kindle, Director of Special Education, absent

Syd Klocke, GCHS Principal

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

3.) APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

a. Minutes

- *October 8, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes*
- *October 8, 2009 Board Meeting Closed Session Minutes*

b. Payment of Bills

Upon roll call, the following members voted:

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

NAY: None ABSENT: Mrs. Swanson (Motion carried 6-0)

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

Mrs. Swanson arrived at 7:01

4.) RECOGNITION

The recognition of three GNHS teachers for their efforts to raise \$14,079.70 for breast cancer was postponed until the December 10, 2009 meeting.

5.) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President Hutchins opened Public Participation at 7:02 p.m.

A representative from Holy Cross Church addressed the Board regarding a service opportunity for District 127 students and staff. There is a need for volunteers for The Feed My Starving Children campaign that will be held at the Lake County Fair Grounds from December 4, 2009 – December 6, 2009.

Dr. Finger and President Hutchins thanked the representative for bringing the information to the meeting. Dr. Finger also indicated that there are students and staff planning to be involved in the project from GCHS and GNHS.

President Hutchins closed Public Participation at 7:05 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, approve the following personnel recommendations, as presented.

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

1. Resignations

- None at this time.

2. Leave Requests

- Jeremy Paul, GNHS Special Education Teacher, (FMLA effective April 5, 2010 – April 16, 2010) – GNHS Special Education Teacher, (FMLA effective February 1, 2010-February 12, 2010) - GNHS
- Joe Volante, 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

- James Plaza, GCHS Permanent Substitute Teacher, (GCHS Military Leave Social Studies Teacher, effective October 27, 2009)- GCHS

3. Support Staff

- None at this time.

4. Athletic Staff, per the GEA Contract

* = Not a Staff Member

- None at this time.

5. Activity/Extracurricular Staff, per the GEA Contract

* = Not a Staff Member

- None at this time

6. Daily Substitutes

- None at this time

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

- None at this time

9.) COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Facilities & Finance (F&F Committee)

- Mr. Cokefair reported that the F&F Committee met on November 5, 2009. Many of the items discussed at the meeting are on this Board of Education Agenda.

b. IASB

- Mr. Nerge presented a report sent to IASB representatives with resolutions to be voted on at the Tri-Conference next week. Dr. Finger and Mr. Nerge reviewed the resolutions with the Board to get input on these resolutions.
- Mr. Nerge reminded the Board of the 2009 Tri-Conference/IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference - November 20-22, 2009 in downtown Chicago. The Board members will e-mail President Hutchins their session choices.
- Mrs. Dingman and Dr. Zelek attended the IASB dinner on October 29, 2009 and reported that the Lake County Region of IASB would like to set up a Governing Board. This Board would include one representative from each district.

c. Program, Policy & Personnel (PPP Committee)

- Mrs. Dingman reported that the PPP Committee met on November 5, 2009 and that many of the items discussed are on this Board of Education Agenda.
- The Committee also reviewed new course proposals for the 2010-2011 school year as well as the pilot trip to China this summer. The students that participate in the China trip will receive one semester of Social Studies credit.
- School calendars were presented at the November 5, 2009 meeting and will be reviewed again in December.

d. SEDOL

- The next SEDOL Board meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2009.

10.) SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Finger informed the Board of the FOIA request in their packet.
- Dr. Finger reviewed the Board Operating Principles Agreement. The agreement has both items from the Board retreat as well as agreed upon additions. All Board members like the agreement and want to adopt it through a resolution at the December Board meeting.

11.) NEW BUSINESS

a. Policy – 1st Reading

Dr. Finger noted updates and footnote changes for the first reading recommendation of the following policies for the Board's review. The policies were reviewed in great detail at the November PPP meeting. These will be brought to the December 10, 2009 meeting for a 2nd reading.

- Updates to reflect changes in school code/state and/or federal law:
 1. 2:20 – Powers and Duties of the School Board
 2. 2:40 – Board Member Qualifications
 3. 2:110 – Qualifications, Terms, and Duties of Board Officers
 4. 3:40 – Superintendent
 5. 4:30 – Revenue and Investments
 6. 4:40 – Incurring Debt
 7. 4:100 – Insurance management
 8. 4:110 – Transportation

9. 4:140 – Waiver of Student Fees
 10. 5:30 – Hiring Process and Criteria
 11. 5:90 – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
 12. 5:100 – Staff Development Program
 13. 5:120 – Ethics
 14. 5:250 – Professional Personnel – Leaves of Absence
 15. 5:280 - Educational Support Personnel – Duties and Qualifications
 16. 5:330 – Educational Support Personnel – Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves
 17. 6:300 – Graduation Requirements
 18. 7:190 - Student Discipline
 19. 7:240 – Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities
 20. 8:100 – Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies
- Footnote Changes:
 1. 7:100 – Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations: Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students

b. Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trips

It was moved by Mr. Nerge, seconded by Mrs. Dingman, that the Board of Education of District 127, Lake County, approve the following proposed out-of-state field trips, 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 ENCORE and GNHS Green Room, Illinois High School Theatre Festival, Illinois State University, Normal, IL – January 7, 2010 – January 9, 2010
- GCHS Boys’ Varsity Basketball Tournament, State Farm Classic, Bloomington, IL – December 28, 2009 – December 31, 2009
- GCHS AP Government Trip, Washington, DC – January 19, 2010 – January 22, 2010

Motion carried by voice vote – (7-0)

c. Adopt the 2009 Tax Levy Resolution of Intent – Schedule a Public Hearing

It was moved by Mrs. Dingman, seconded by Mr. Cokefair, that the Board of Education of District 127, Lake County, approve a Resolution of Intent to Levy 2009 Taxes, and schedule the 2009 Tax Levy Public Hearing for December 10, 2009 at 6:45 p.m. in room A135 of the District’s North High School, 1925 North Route 83, Grayslake, Illinois 60030, and to publish a legal notice pertaining to said hearing.

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)

d. TDS Metrocom Service Agreement Renewal for North

It was moved by Mr. Cokefair, seconded by Mr. Halloran, that the Board of Education of District 127, Lake County, approve the renewal of the telecommunications service agreement with TDS Metrocom for Grayslake North High School, 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)

e. Recommendation for Bid Award for District Dump Trucks

It was moved by Mr. Chamberlin, seconded by Mr. Nerge, that the Board of Education of District 127, Lake County, accept the recommendation for awarding the bid for two dump trucks for District 127 to Packey Webb Ford as lowest responsive bidder for a cost not to exceed \$90,990.00 for the vehicles, 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. Recommendation for Lease Contract for District Dump Trucks

It was moved by Mrs. Dingman, seconded by Mr. Cokefair, that the Board of Education of District 127, Lake County, accept the recommendation for leasing contract for two dump trucks for District 127 to M/M Funding, as presented. *Roll call vote.*

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 – GCHS

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

- Donations totaling \$310.00 from various donors for the Cheerleading program at GCHS for their trip to the Liberty Bowl.
 - Mr. and Mrs. Christensen, \$25.00
 - Triangle Construction & Design, Inc., \$50.00
 - American Outfitters LTD, \$100.00
 - Mr. and Mrs. Oas, \$25.00
 - Mr. and Mrs. Brennan, \$20.00
 - Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, \$50.00
 - Dan Catanzaro, \$20.00
 - Kristin Carlson, \$20.00
- \$100.00 donation from Kessler's Team Sports, Inc. for the Cheerleading program at GCHS for their trip to the Liberty Bowl.
- \$1,000.00 donation from the Kiwanis Club of Grayslake Foundation for the GCHS Key Club to offset convention expenses.

Motion carried by voice vote – (7-0)

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

It was moved by Mr. Halloran, seconded by Mrs. Swanson, that the Board of Education of District 127, Lake County, adjourn to a second Closed Session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to Pending, Probable or Imminent Litigation; Matters Pertaining to Student Discipline, 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 9:06 p.m.

a. Potential Action on Student Discipline: Case 111209
No Board action is required in this matter.

13.) ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Cokefair, seconded by Mr. Halloran, that the Board of Education of District 127, Lake County, adjourn their Board Meeting of November 12, 2009 at 9:10 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Nerge, Secretary
Board of Education, District 127

Michael Hutchins, President
Board of Education, District 127