

MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2009, IN THE BOARD ROOM, 1750 PLAINFIELD ROAD, LA GRANGE, IL, COOK COUNTY.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Hinshaw at 7:02 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Tom Hinshaw, President	☑	☐
Mr. Sean Conboy, Vice President	☑	☐
Dr. Irene Combs, Secretary	☑	☐
Mr. John Corcoran	☑	☐
Mr. Phil Palmer	☑	☐
Mrs. Reta Strecker	☑	☐
Mrs. Amy Jo Wittenberg	☑	☐

ADMINISTRATION

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Dr. Arleen Armanetti, Superintendent of Schools	☑	☐

RECORDING SECRETARY

Julie Phelps	☑	☐
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VISITOR COMMENTS

President Hinshaw welcomed all visitors and asked if there were any comments from the audience. There being none, President Hinshaw requested and the Board gave consensus to move the agenda to accommodate presenters attending the meeting.

EARTH PARTNERS - LAKEVIEW NATURE CENTER (DUPAGE COUNTY)

Dr. Vivian Powers Richard, Ms. Marianne Mohrhussen, and Mr. Jon Stoddard presented information regarding Earth Partners, a partnership with the Lakeview Nature Center and Highlands Elementary School. Dr. Powers-Richard reviewed the development and goals of the partnership which began about two years ago when Mr. Stoddard, a Highlands parent and staff member of the Lakeview Nature Center in DuPage County, approached the school about this opportunity. Mr. Stoddard explained what restoration is. Ms. Mohrhussen reported on the organization and steps to constructing the restoration project in the courtyard between kindergarten and 2nd grade wings, which was completed by approximately 30 third, fourth, and fifth graders. The Board thanked the committee for their work in developing this great partnership and opportunity for the students of Highlands.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

President Hinshaw asked the Board if there were any comments, questions, or items to be removed from the Consent Agenda. There being none, President Hinshaw entertained a motion to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda, as presented.

1. Approve minutes of November 10, 2009 Special Meeting of the Board
2. Approve minutes of November 10, 2009 Closed Session (to Remain Confidential)
3. Approve minutes of November 14, 2009 Special Meeting of the Board
4. Approve minutes of November 14, 2009 Closed Session (to Remain Confidential)
5. Approve minutes of November 16, 2009 Reconvened Special Meeting of the Board
6. Approve minutes of November 16, 2009 Closed Session (to Remain Confidential)
7. Approve minutes of November 17, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board
8. Approve minutes of November 17, 2009 Closed Session (to Remain Confidential)
9. Approve minutes of November 18, 2009 Reconvened Special Meeting of the Board
10. Approve minutes of November 18, 2009 Closed Session (to Remain Confidential)
11. Approve December 2009 Bills Payable
12. Approve November 2009 Financial Report
13. Ratify West 40 December 2009 Bills Payable
14. Ratify West 40 November 2009 Financial Report

Mrs. Wittenberg moved, and Mr. Corcoran seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Corcoran, Dr. Combs, Mr. Palmer, Mrs. Strecker, Mr. Conboy, Mrs. Wittenberg, and Mr. Hinshaw voted aye. Motion carried.

FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

President Hinshaw asked if there were any questions or comments the Board members may have regarding the contract with Food Service Professionals (FSP), which will provide a food service program for students of District 106 beginning February 1, 2010. There being none, President Hinshaw entertained a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Food Service Professions (FSP), as presented. Mr. Palmer moved, and Mrs. Strecker seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Conboy, Mrs. Wittenberg, Mr. Palmer, Dr. Combs, Mr. Corcoran, Mrs. Strecker, and Mr. Hinshaw voted aye. Motion carried.

IASB/IASA/IASBO CONFERENCE REPORT

Board members were asked to share information gathered at the IASB/IASA/IASBO Conference held in November. Mrs. Strecker reported on two workshops she attended, Data Base Decisions and Succession. Mrs. Strecker and Dr. Combs reported on a Gifted workshop and Mr. Palmer reported on an Education workshop he attended. Dr. Armanetti reported on the Race to the Top grants workshop.

CURRICULUM COUNCIL REPORT

Mrs. Cusick reported on the activities of the last Curriculum Council meeting held on December 8, 2009, which included an upcoming Gifted Training opportunity, the upcoming January Institute, and the RtI implementation checklist.

ADOPTION OF 2009 TAX LEVY

Dr. Birkenmaier reported that the Levy had not changed since last month. President Hinshaw asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the 2009 Tax Levy. There being none, President Hinshaw entertained a motion to approve the 2009 Tax Levy, as presented. Mr. Corcoran moved, and Mrs. Strecker seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wittenberg, Mr. Corcoran, Dr. Combs, Mr. Conboy, Mrs. Strecker, Mr. Palmer, and Mr. Hinshaw voted aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF CERTAIN FUND LEVIES FOR THE 2009 LEVY YEAR

Dr. Birkenmaier reviewed the purpose of the resolution. President Hinshaw asked if there were any questions regarding the resolution. There being none, President Hinshaw entertained a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing reduction of certain fund levies for the 2009 levy year, as presented. Mr. Palmer moved, and Mrs. Wittenberg seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Palmer, Mrs. Strecker, Mr. Corcoran, Mrs. Wittenberg, Dr. Combs, Mr. Conboy, and Mr. Hinshaw voted aye. Motion carried.

LAPTOP ACQUISITION 2010-2011

Mr Callis and Dr. Birkenmaier reviewed the long-range laptop replenishment plan developed in 2008 and presented the Board with an opportunity to purchase laptop replacements sooner at a reduced cost on a deferred billing basis. After a discussion regarding the replacement opportunity, the Board gave consensus to move ahead with the purchase of replacement laptops at a reduced cost on a deferred billing basis.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

President Hinshaw entertained a motion to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:53 p.m. to discuss matters related to the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of an employee, other matters relating to individual students, and the semi-annual review of closed meeting minutes. Mr. Corcoran moved, and Mr. Conboy seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mrs. Strecker, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Conboy, Mr. Corcoran, Mrs. Wittenberg, Dr. Combs, and Mr. Hinshaw voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION TO RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

President Hinshaw entertained a motion to return to Open Session at 10:59 p.m. Mrs. Strecker moved, and Mrs. Wittenberg seconded the motion. A voice vote carried the motion.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

President Hinshaw entertained a motion to approve the recommendation of Closed Session minutes from May 19, 2009 through October 20, 2009, as presented. Mrs. Strecker moved and Mr. Corcoran seconded the motion. A voice vote carried the motion.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
May 19, 2009 (7:02 p.m.)	Open to the Public
May 19, 2009 (7:05 p.m.)	Remain Closed
May 19, 2009 (9:59 p.m.)	Remain Closed
June 16, 2009	Remain Closed
July 14, 2009	Remain Closed
August 18, 2009	Remain Closed
September 15, 2009	Remain Closed
October 20, 2009	Remain Closed

President Hinshaw entertained a motion to approve the recommendation to destroy Closed Session audio taped minutes from January 15, 2008, through June 17, 2008, as presented. Mr. Palmer moved, and Mrs. Wittenberg seconded the motion. A voice vote carried the motion.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None discussed.

GENERAL INFORMATION

None discussed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

President Hinshaw entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m. Mr. Conboy moved, and Mr. Hinshaw seconded the motion. A voice vote carried the motion. We hereby certify the attached are the correct minutes of the regular meeting of the La Grange Highlands School District 106 Board of Education held on December 15, 2009.

President

Secretary