

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF  
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 21, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS,  
HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATION CENTER  
999 WEST DUNDEE ROAD, WHEELING, ILLINOIS  
ON THURSDAY, JULY 17 2008, AT 7:30 P.M.**

Present: Members Edmonds, Rosen, Pritzker, Becker Dean, Harrison, Allan, and Gould

Absent: None

Mr. Harrison opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He requested that electronic devices be turned off and that anyone wishing to speak should fill out a comment card.

**BOARD COMMUNICATION**

- Board members congratulated the Village of Wheeling, its residents, parks, schools, and businesses, for earning Wheeling a distinction of a "Top 10 Town" in the Family Circle magazine.
- Mrs. Edmonds updated the Board on the policies reviewed at the previous Committee meeting. She reported on NSSEO negotiations and recommended that the Communication Committee investigate paperless Board packets.
- Mr. Rosen was advised by Congressman Mark Kirk to contact the National Education Association (NEA) regarding NCLB. Mr. Rosen discussed the Wheeling TIF with various legislators, thanked Indian Trails Public Library for voting against the TIF, and noted that the district will receive money back on the River Mills TIF. He also thanked the Wheeling Park District for their involvement and support in sponsoring the pool party for the Family Learning Program.
- Mr. Pritzker informed the Board of the exciting concept and plan presented by the Wheeling Park District for Heritage Park.
- Mrs. Becker Dean attended the Family Learning Program. She informed the Board that she will make information available to them from her office regarding NCLB. She also stated that there have been negative comments regarding the ISAT contractor.
- Mrs. Allan thanked Board members, Park Commissioners, legislators, and all that attended the Family Learning Program and noted that approximately 350 were in attendance. She thanked the Park District for their gift of a free concert pass to all attendees. She recognized Ross Katz and Andy Lynch from The RAM Restaurant and encouraged everyone to support the July 21 food drive. She reminded everyone that August 6 is National Night Out and encouraged the Board to view the HBO Documentary on NCLB.
- Mr. Gould attended the grand opening of Tahoe Park hosted by the Wheeling Park District. He also attended the Family Learning Program.
- Mr. Harrison attended the Family Learning Program, an Illinois Association of School Boards Leadership symposium, and a meeting with area legislators hosted by the Buffalo Grove Chamber of Commerce related to budget discussions in Springfield.

**SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION**

- Dr. Mical congratulated Mrs. Edmonds on her appointment as Vice President at NSSEO.

- Dr. Mical commented on the recent Family Circle magazine article that lists Wheeling as one of the top 10 best towns. He noted that the family highlighted in the article are Field School parents, Mr. & Mrs. Smith.
- Dr. Mical thanked The RAM for their support of the district.
- Dr. Kate Hyland and Janelle Hockett presented the annual update on the goals, projects and initiatives of the Professional Learning Community. Student assessment data was presented from the Measurements of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment. Board members questioned the process of goal setting with students, tracking regular education and ELL students, and staff reaction to the process.
- Daniel Schuler reviewed the Joint Review Board meetings he attended related to the Village of Wheeling's recommended TIF districts and their affect on School District 21. Board members discussed aspects of the River Mill and Manchester TIF. The Board reached consensus to publish a position paper similar to that approved by District 214.

### **CITIZENS**

- Cheri Klump, thanked the school district for their compliments on behalf of the Wheeling Park District.

### **CONSENT AGENDA & ADDENDUM**

Mr. Pritzker reviewed the disbursement items. The disbursement list for W. W. Grainger from both disbursements were pulled from the consent agenda. On a motion by Mr. Pritzker, seconded by Mrs. Edmonds, the following resolution was proposed:

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Consent Agenda Items be approved as presented: the Board minutes dated June 19, 2008; the hiring of certified full-time staff effective August 25, 2008 for Jeremy Holtmeier, Dana Mattero, Amanda Concaildi, Laura O'Day, Meghan Petersen, Julia Miller, Colleen Sawosko, Laurie Klose, Marla Goldberg, Allyson Baisden, Mellisa Roemer; the hiring of certified part-time staff effective August 25, 2008 for Heather Deardorf; the hiring of non-certified full-time staff effective August 25, 2008 for Rebecca Lossie, Edna Roque, Cherie Phillips, Alana Werth; the hiring of non-certified full-time staff effective July 7, 2008 for Eric Zimmerman; that Chris Lapetino be granted tenure; the re-hiring of certified part-time staff effective August 25, 2008 for Noreen Segal; the change in job status for certified full-time staff for the 2008/9 school year for Eugeniya Kovaleva from Special Ed. Resource teacher to Learning Coach at Twain School, Robert Gurney from Math Resource teacher at London to Dean of Students at Cooper, Pamela Rogers from BIL 4/5 at Tarkington to BIL 4 at Whitman, Carol Steckling from BIL kindergarten at Frost to BIL ELL at Twain, Paola Pichardo from BIL5 at Twain to BIL4/5 at Field, Kelly Thorstenson from 6<sup>th</sup> grade Core at Cooper to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Kilmer, Jaye Marban from Preschool at Hawthorne to BIL kindergarten at Frost, Sandy Edelstein from Intervention Specialist to Special Ed Resource Teacher at Frost, Kevin Olson from 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Riley to 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Poe, Chris Zima from 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Whitman to 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Poe, Loretta Cordova from BIL ELL at Holmes to BIL 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Poe, Rachel Lauzon from 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Twain to Art teacher at Tarkington/Riley, Ryann Rivers from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Longfellow to LMC teacher at Tarkington, Carmen Morin from kindergarten at Twain to BIL Leaders at Hawthorne, Matt Walz from PE teacher at Cooper to Adaptive PE teacher at Hawthorne, Sheila Valdes from BIL2 at Twain to Science Team teacher at Hawthorne, Jodi Flanigan from 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Tarkington to PDS Program at Hawthorne, Chris Schieffer from 7<sup>th</sup> grade Core teacher to Math Resource teacher at London, Dayna Pierce from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Field to Reading Specialist at Field, Kim Miller from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher to LMC teacher at Frost, Lauren Davis from 50% teacher to 100% music and tech teacher at Holmes; the change in job status for non-certified full-time staff effective July 2008 for Mary Mueller from Receptionist to Receptionist/Office of the

Superintendent Secretary; the resignation of full-time certified staff effective at the end of the 2007/8 school year for Erica Sostrin; the leave of absence request for the 2008/9 school year for Wendie Orkin Cheyney; the special leave of absence request for Noreen Segal from late October 2008 to mid-April 2009; the disbursement list for FY2008 in the amount of \$506,341.11 and the imprest detail in the amount of \$6,742.90; the disbursement list for July in the amount of \$424,435.68 and the imprest detail in the amount of \$2,955.66; the Financial Review for July; that the Board of Education will not release closed session minutes from February 2008 through June 2008 at this time due to continued confidential nature of subject matters contained therein and that the Audio Taped minutes from July 2006 through January 2007 be destroyed as required by law; the closed session minutes dated June 19, 2008; and that the Musical Instrument bid 2008-2009 be awarded to the various vendors for a total bid award of \$27,223.00.

Upon roll call, the vote was approved. The chairperson declared the foregoing resolution adopted.

**Item #3 - Disbursement Lists**

On a motion by Mr. Pritzker, seconded by Mrs. Allan, the following resolution was proposed:

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the disbursement lists for W. W. Grainger in the amount of \$95.29 for FY08 and \$76.77 for July, 2008 be approved.

AYES: Rosen, Pritzker, Becker Dean, Harrison, Allan, and Gould  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: Mrs. Edmonds

The chairperson declared the foregoing resolution adopted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item #1 - Budget Presentation**

Daniel Schuler reviewed the adoption process and the significant dates before filing the budget on September 30, 2008. Board members thanked Daniel for his expertise and conservative planning.

On a motion by Mr. Pritzker, seconded by Mr. Gould, the following resolution was proposed:

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Board of Education approves the resolution placing the 2008-2009 Preliminary Budget on public display for a minimum of 30 days to be adopted at the September 18, 2008 Board of Education meeting.

Upon roll call, the vote was unanimously approved by present Board members. The chairperson declared the foregoing resolution adopted.

**Item #2 - Employee Wellness Program**

Daniel Schuler and Dave Hall from Wellness, Inc. explained the proposed health assessment services for staff. This service would provide participants the opportunity to receive detailed information that could help uncover unknown adverse health conditions so that early treatment could be provided.

On a motion by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mrs. Allan, the following resolution was proposed:

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Board of Education directs the Administration to enter into a contractual agreement with Wellness, Inc., to implement an employee wellness program for the fall of 2008, the cost of which will be based upon total employee participation at an individual price of \$70 per participant.

Upon roll call, the vote was unanimously approved by Board members present. The chairperson declared the foregoing resolution adopted.

**Item #3 - 403(b) Program Review - Independent Consultant**

Daniel Schuler explained the IRS Code that will require the district to become compliant with the 403(b) Program by January, 2009. The contractual agreement with Group Benefit Associates to facilitate a plan will help district employees put more money away. On a motion by Mr. Pritzker, seconded by Mrs. Edmonds, the following resolution was proposed:

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Board of Education directs the Administration to enter into a contractual agreement with Group Benefit Associates to facilitate a 403(b) plan design that will meet the Internal Revenue Service Code changes at a fee of \$9,200. On-going quarterly investment meetings will be handled on a per-meeting cost of \$400 per meeting.

Upon roll call, the vote was unanimously approved by Board members present. The chairperson declared the foregoing resolution adopted.

**Item #4 - Extra Duty Assignments**

On a motion by Mr. Pritzker, seconded by Mrs. Allan, the following resolution was proposed:

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Extra Duty Assignments for the amount of \$15,779.41 be approved as presented.

Mr. Gould question one line item regarding missed planning time that was explained. Upon roll call, the vote was unanimously approved by Board members present. The chairperson declared the foregoing resolution adopted.

**Item #5 - Board Policies (First Reading)**

Dr. Mical informed the Board that the presented policies are being reviewed in order to be in compliance prior to the beginning of school. The Board will be asked to approve the policies at the August Board of Education meeting.

**Miscellaneous Information**

Dr. Mical updated the Board on the 2008-2009 State of the Schools meetings. Information included tentative dates along with possible breakout sessions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Rosen, seconded by Mrs. Allan, the regular meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.