

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 21, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
999 WEST DUNDEE ROAD, WHEELING, ILLINOIS
ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2009, AT 7:30 P.M.**

Present: Members Edmonds, Arreola, 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 wished every a safe holiday season and Happy New Year.
- Mrs. Edmonds informed the Board that the NSSEO Board had approved the articles of agreement and copies would be given to the District 21 Board in January.
- Mrs. Arreola attended the Family Learning Program presentation at the Joint Conference and thanked the presenters for their efforts.
- Mr. Pritzker reminded the Board of the January 25 ED-RED dinner meeting, the North Cook dinner meeting on March 8 involving a Superintendent's Roundtable, and he commented on the excellent speakers at the Joint Conference. He also informed the Board that he attended his first Illinois Association of School Board Director Meeting and felt it was a very collaborative group and reported that the Executive State Director was retiring. Additionally, the Board Finance Committee met prior to the Board meeting and began the discussion of the deficit reduction plan.
- Ms. Becker Dean reported that the Race to the Top grants are expected to be awarded in January.
- Mr. Gould visited one of the H1N1 clinics and felt the process went well. He attended the Joint Conference and congratulated Mr. Pritzker again for his advancement in the IASB membership.
- Mrs. Allan thanked the community for their efforts with the coat drive and food collection for the holidays.
- Mr. Harrison attended the Education Advisory Committee meeting with Representative Sid Mathias and state that the group is working on waivers. He attended the Joint Conference and went to the legal presentation by Lynn Himes and the Freedom of Information Act session identifying new legal requirements. He also thanked Staci Allan, Gregg Crocker, Jan Buchs from the Wheeling Park District, and Pat Salvatini from Twain for their efforts in their presentation of the Family Learning Program at the conference. He attended several PTO meetings and band concerts including the London Jazz Band at Belmont Village.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

- Dr. Mical identified three Freedom of Information requests that have been processed including two from the Daily Herald requesting Board calendar dates and retiree information and one from a parent requesting student data.

- Dr. Mical thanked family members that came in support of the recipients of Celebrating Excellence. Mr. Harrison and Dr. Kate Hyland presented pins of recognition and they were thanked for their dedication and hard work. They included:
Cooper: Cherie Carlson; Field: Erin Gunsteen; Holmes: Laura Becker; Kilmer: Warren Wilson; Longfellow: Kelly Kruk; Poe: Katie Gore; Riley: Marsha Diamond; Tarkington: Laura Porras; Twain: Pam Yaeger, Petra Otero, Lisa Moore; Whitman: Steve Hamann
- Dr. Jason Klein presented a technology update identifying actions that have already taken place along with upcoming projects and goals. He noted that a Technology Plan must be submitted every three years to access the e-rate and explained the server infrastructure. The Board questioned the safety and security of the system and was informed that Skyward, financial and student information is encrypted and secure.

CITIZENS

- None

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Pritzker reviewed the disbursement list and found everything in order. Item #2-Personnel Transactions, Item #3-Disbursement List for W. W. Grainger and the minutes from the November 5 and November 19 Board meetings were pulled from the Consent Agenda. On a motion by Mrs. Edmonds, seconded by Mr. Pritzker, the following resolution was proposed:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Consent Agenda Items be approved as presented: the disbursement list for December in the amount of \$1,714,566.30 and the imprest detail in the amount of \$12,079.65; and that the Board of Education accepts the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Annual Audit.

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

Item #1 – Minutes of the Board Meeting Dated November 5, 2009

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves the minutes of the November 5, 2009 Board of Education meeting.

AYES: Allan, Harrison, Pritzker, and Gould
 NAYS: None
 ABSTAIN: Arreola, Becker Dean, Edmonds
 ABSENT: None

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

Item #1 – Minutes of the Board Meeting Dated November 19, 2009

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves the minutes of the November 19, 2009 Board of Education meeting.

AYES: Allan, Harrison, Edmonds, Becker Dean
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Arreola, Pritzker, and Gould
ABSENT: None

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

Item #2 – Personnel Transactions

Mr. Gould had questions regarding a specific hire related to salary and qualifications. It was noted that the candidate came very highly recommended. On a motion by Mr. Pritzker, seconded by Mrs. Allan, the following resolution was proposed:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves the hiring of part-time certified staff Christine Herzog effective November 16, 2009 and the hiring of full-time certified staff Blanca Perez effective November 19, 2009.

AYES: Allan, Harrison, Edmonds, Becker Dean, Arreola, Pritzker
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Gould
ABSENT: None

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

Item #3 – Disbursement List of W. W. Grainger

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves the W. W. Grainger disbursement amount of \$227.37.

AYES: Harrison, Allan, Becker Dean, Arreola, Pritzker and Gould
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Edmonds
ABSENT: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1 – 2009 Property Tax Levy Request

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education meeting of December 17, 2009 be recessed until after the public hearing on the 2009 Property Tax Levy.

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

Mr. Harrison called the Public Hearing on the 2009 Property Tax Levy for Community Consolidated School District 21, Cook County, Illinois to order.

Present: Citizens

Also present were Board Members Edmonds, Arreola, Gould, Allan, Harrison, Becker Dean, and Pritzker and District 21 administrators. Daniel Schuler reviewed specific details of the proposed Tax Levy funding fiscal year 2009-2010 and stated that it equates to a 0.96% increase over the 2008 property tax request. He reported that only one call was received from the public questioning the difference between District 21 and

High School District 214. It was explained that the high school district amount was spread through all the feeder school areas where District 21's is only for one specific area.

On a motion by Mr. Pritzer, seconded by Mr. Gould, the Public Hearing was adjourned and the Board of Education reconvened its regular December 17, 2009 meeting. Upon roll call, the vote was unanimously approved. The chairperson declared the foregoing resolution adopted. The Board continued their discussion on the proposed levy request and the impact on the district funds. On a motion by Mrs. Edmonds, seconded by Mr. Pritzker, the following resolution was proposed:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves the following Resolutions to properly file the 2009 Property Tax Levy Request: 1) 2009 Tax Levy Resolution; 2) Resolution provided for the direction to the Cook County Clerk as to which funds would be limited under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Act, PA 89-01 for Community Consolidated School District 21; 3) Certificate of Compliance with the Truth-In-Taxation Act; 4) Certificate of Tax Levy Resolution & Estimated Revenues for 2010-2011.

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

Item #2 – Board Policies – SECOND READING

Dr. Mical informed the Board that there have been no further changes to the policies presented last month for First Reading. On a motion by Mrs. Edmonds, seconded by Mr. Gould, the following resolution was proposed:

BE IT RESOLVED: The Board of Education has reviewed and approves the adoption and revisions of the identified policies including 5:60-Expenses; 5:70-Religious Holidays; 5:80-Court Duty; 5:140-Solicitations By or From Staff; 5:160-Release of Credit Information; 5:170-Copyright for Instructional Materials and Computer Programs Developed by Employees; 6:10-Educational Philosophy & Objectives; 6:30-Organization of Instruction; 6:40-Curriculum Development; 6:60-Curriculum Content; 6:65-Student Social & Emotional Development; 6:70-Teaching About Religions; 6:80-Teaching About Controversial Issues; 6:90-Kindergarten.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1 – Apple, Inc. Lease Purchase Agreement

Daniel Schuler reviewed the direction from the Board, at the May Board meeting, to act on recommendations made in the current ISBE approved Technology Plan. Included in the Plan was the purchase of 600 MacBook computers that will provide certified staff a mobile tool to assist them in the performance of their positions in areas such as assessment and teaming. District counsel has reviewed and is satisfied with the lease language. On a motion by Mr. Pritzker, seconded by Mrs. Allan, the following resolution was proposed:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education adopts the Resolution Authorizing the Negotiation and Execution of a Lease Purchase Agreement for Computer Equipment with Apple, Inc., pending legal counsel approval. Said lease purchase agreement will not exceed a length of four (4) years and will not exceed an annual cost of \$175,000 per year for the duration of the lease purchase agreement.

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

Item #2 – Wireless Networking Request for Proposal

Daniel Schuler reviewed the direction from the Board, at the May Board meeting, to act on recommendations made in the current ISBE approved Technology Plan for both wireless networking across the district and ceiling mounted projectors in identified classrooms. The submissions for the ceiling mounted projectors exceeded original cost estimates and that portion of the proposal is not being considered at this time. The bid from CDW for a Cisco solution wireless networking is being presented for approval. On a motion by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mrs. Allan, the following resolution was proposed:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education adopts the Resolution Authorizing the Negotiation and Execution of a Contract for Wireless Networking Equipment and Installation Services with CDW, pending legal counsel approval. Said contract will not exceed a cost of \$500,000.

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

CLOSED SESSION

The Board moved to closed session at 9:20 p.m. and noted that there would be no actions presented when they return to the regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Edmonds, seconded by Mr. Pritzker, the regular Board meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

APPROVED:

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

Date