

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR 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, MAY 19, 2011**

Present: Members Edmonds, Arreola, Pritzker, Becker Dean and Gould

Absent: Allan & Harrison

Mrs. Edmonds opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, welcomed everyone to the meeting, requested that electronic devices be turned off and that anyone wishing to speak should fill out a comment card.

**BOARD COMMUNICATION**

- Mrs. Arreola attended the Opening Doors workshop at Hawthorne School. Opening Doors is a Latino parent leadership training to help young children become ready to learn. The ten week sessions were held on consecutive Saturdays. Mrs. Arreola thanked Dr. Gwen Gage for her coordination of the program.
- Mr. Pritzker announced that he has new granddaughter, Grace, born just after the last Board meeting. He presented an update of the IASB North/Cook Division including upcoming meetings on September 21, 2011 and March 21, 2012 and that he will be attending a quarterly division meeting in Springfield. Mr. Pritzker stated that when the Board sees the quality of staff every year it's like a blink of an eye when it gets to this meeting to say goodbye. He offered the retirees thanks for their years of service.
- Ms. Becker Dean echoed the sentiments towards the retirees. She encouraged everyone to vote for the Buffalo Grove High School Expressions as one of 4 show choirs selected in a competition. She also noted high school Principal Awards presented to Michael O'Konis and Samme Quintel-Lenzi.
- Mr. Gould attended the American Idol/District 21 homecoming event for alumnae Haley Reinhart. He stated that the event was a tribute to Wheeling High School and District 21 for their music programs. While at Wheeling High school, they toured the school and saw the STEM program. He also congratulated the retirees and noted they are a tribute to the educational program of District 21 and have helped make this a better society. Mr. Gould reported that he had been asked to be on the Board of the North/Cook Intermediate Service Center by Bob Ingraffia.
- Mrs. Edmonds announced the birth of her second grandson on May 13. Mrs. Edmonds also identified the members of the three Board committees. They are:  
Finance Committee: Phil Pritzker, Chair; Kathy Edmonds, Arlen S. Gould  
Policy Committee: Staci Allan, Chair; Elva Arreola, Bill Harrison  
Communication Committee: Pam Becker Dean, Chair; Staci Allan, Arlen S. Gould

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- Mrs. Edmonds and Pat McAndrews Smith presented gifts to the retirees and Board members congratulated them on this milestone and wished them success in the future.

The retirees are:

Mary Floyd, Cynthia Hand, Jose Montano, Janet Wade, Jack Wendt (Cooper Middle School); Rosalie Byrne (Cooper & Whitman Schools); Alfonso Lopez (Frost School); Helene Potish, Cynthia Webber (Holmes Middle School); Julianne Nagle (London Middle School); Debra Serbin (Longfellow School); Judith Kellen (Poe School); Geraldine Hunt, Pamela Yaeger (Twain School)

Pat McAndrews Smith also recognized Ulrike Kay, a community member that has volunteered in the district for 36 years beginning in 1974. For the past many years she has volunteered her time at Holmes Middle School in the LMC. She has also been a substitute for support staff throughout those years at many of the buildings. Mrs. Kay was presented a bouquet of flowers and was thanked by the Board of Education for her commitment and dedication to the students of the district.

Dr. Mical extended his appreciation to all the retirees and noted that Debby Serbin has epitomized what a great leader is in her role as principal.

- Gregg Crocker presented a report on the Family Learning Program and community partnerships with Harper College, Wheeling Park District, The Volunteer Center of Northwest Suburban Chicago, Wheeling High School, and the United Way Grant agencies that have supported our students including OMNI and the Greater Wheeling Area Youth Organization (GWAYO). He thanked the volunteers for their dedication to the program. He announced the annual FLP pool party at the park district with an anticipated 600-700 participants. The middle school before & after school programs have expanded, 30 students attended a student leadership conference at the Administration Center where they developed 4 activities (cooking, soccer, dance & video games) to be held during the after school programs. Board members recognized the phenomenal job Gregg Crocker has done and thanked him for his leadership. Dr. Mical said that after recommending the program 6 years ago, it is one of the programs of which he is most proud.
- Rosemarie Meyer and Jennifer Vukelich presented the annual Title I update which included the implementation of Title I for the six schools that did not make AYP during the 2010-11 school year. She also provided a summary of the current funding, program goals and activities and a preliminary forecast for next year. This was the second year accepting Title I funding and next year the ARRA funds of approximately one million dollars will not be available. There is a possibility that Hawthorne Early Childhood may become a Title I school in an effort to represent our preschool students. If AYP is not met next year then the district will go into federal improvement status. Ms. Meyer reviewed the three options that would be available should the district be required to offer choice to families. Once AYP results are reported results will be brought back to the Board for a decision.
- Andrew Kruzich reported on the 2010-11 Food Service Program. Highlights of his report included the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program Grant, the Illinois State Board of Education and the USDA monitoring visits, equipment usage and needs. He also reported on participation rates that have increased significantly for both breakfast and lunch. Additionally, he explained the changes expected from the new Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. A report will be provided once the details of the Act are known.
- Dr. Jason Klein, Dr. Kate Hyland, Tracy Crowley, Laura Newcomer and Randy Peterson reported on the submission of the 2011-2014 Technology Plan to the Illinois State Board of Education. Committee members and staff were thanked for the development process to integrate the Tech Plan with the District Improvement Plan. Both student and staff technology usage was reviewed along with internet use at home. The group reviewed the Learning 21 principles of learning as they relate to technology.

## **CITIZENS**

- None

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Item #1-Board Minutes dated April 28, 2011 and Item #3-Disbursement List for W. W. Grainger were pulled from the consent agenda. On a motion by Mr. Pritzker, seconded by Mr. Gould, the following resolution was proposed:

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Consent Agenda Items be approved as presented:

- the resignation of full-time certified staff Patty Puetz effective June 8, 2011;
- the special leave of absence for Candace Koenigs for the 2011/2012 school year;
- the supplemental disbursement dated May 2, 2011 in the amount of \$13,000.00 and the regular disbursement list for May in the amount of \$1,084,369.64 including replenishment of the imprest fund in the amount of \$2,604.62;
- the financial report for May 2011;
- the closed session minutes of the April 28, 2011 Board of Education meeting;
- the Bond Interest payment request to Amalgamated Bank of Chicago for Bond Series 2005A in the amount of \$363,413.75 and Bond Series 2005C in the amount of \$485,375.00;
- to approve the NSSEO FY2012 annual budget;
- the Illinois Association of School Boards annual dues for 2011-2012 in the amount of \$11,124.00; and
- the Extra Duty Assignments for the amount of \$46,491.56 be approved as presented.

Upon roll call, the vote was approved. The chairperson declared the foregoing resolution adopted. Mrs. Becker Dean was absent for the Consent Agenda vote.

## **Item #1 – Minutes of the April 28, 2011 Board of Education Meeting**

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 minutes of the April 28, 2011 Board of Education meeting.

AYES: Becker Dean, Pritzker and Gould

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Arreola

ABSENT: Harrison, Allan

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 April disbursement amount of \$692.25.

AYES: Arreola, Becker Dean, Pritzker and Gould

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Edmonds

ABSENT: Harrison, Allan

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Item #1 – Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Amended Budget**

Daniel Schuler addressed the need to amend the budget in order to comply with the Illinois School Code Section 17-1 regarding line item changes. The Operating Funds continue to remain balanced while other budgetary line items needed adjustment stemming from the finalization of both Federal and State source grant funding. The Amended Budget was on display for the required 30 days and the public notice of the Budget Hearing was completed. A Public Hearing will be held at the June Board of Education Meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Item #1 – Food Service Contract Renewal**

Andrew Kruzich reviewed the renewal of Chartwells as the District's food service management company. Prior to last year's bid award, Chartwells had managed the District's food service operations for five years with satisfactory performance documented and presented annually to the Board. The recommended changes will not result in an increase in student fees. On a motion by Mr. Pritzker, seconded by Mrs. Arreola, the following resolution was proposed:

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Board of Education approves the Chartwells School Dining Services 2011-2012 Contract Renewal Agreement at cost per meal rates of the following: \$1.3702 reimbursable breakfast, \$2.3345 reimbursable lunch, \$2.3345 a la carte equivalents fee.

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

### **Item #2 – Classroom Projector Project**

Daniel Schuler and Dr. Jason Klein discussed the proposals for the installation of ceiling mounted classroom projectors. Existing IDEA ARRA funds will cover \$160,000 on hand in the Education Fund and the remaining project amount of \$608,000 is to be expended from the existing funds in the Capital Projects Fund. Over 426 classroom projectors will be purchased. Board members were concerned that staff will not use the projectors if they are installed in the classrooms. Dr. Mical stated that a report would be generated to show staff usage and the item will be placed on the Board Reoccurring Calendar in the fall. On a motion by Mr. Pritzker, seconded by Mr. Gould, the following resolution was proposed:

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Board of Education awards the 2011 District 21 district-wide classroom projector project to Midwest Computer Products in the amount of \$705,381 for the base proposal and \$62,191 for Alternate #3 for the installation.

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

### **Item #3 – IASB Board of Directors Nomination**

Board member, Mr. Phil Pritzker, as the district's representative in the North Cook Division of the Illinois Association of School Boards and the current division director, was asked to submit a request to the IASB Nominating Committee for the position of Vice President of the Board of Directors. In order to be interviewed, a formal resolution from the home district is needed. On a motion by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mrs. Becker Dean, the following resolution was proposed:

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 21 recommends that Mr. Pritzker be strongly considered by the IASB Nominating Committee for the position of Vice President of the Board of Directors.

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

**Miscellaneous Information**

Mrs. Edmonds announced the start of summer attire at the upcoming Board of Education Meetings. She also thanked Rosemarie Meyer for the invitation to the annual Bilingual/ESL ceremony. Mrs. Edmonds also reminded everyone of the upcoming promotion ceremonies.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mrs. Arreola, and unanimously approved by Board members, the regular Board of Education meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

APPROVED:

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

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Date