

**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, AUGUST 20, 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 welcomed everyone back to the start of the new school year and are anticipating the open houses and ice cream socials.
- Mr. Gould thanked teachers and administrators in advance for hard work they will put in over the course of the school year. Mr. Gould would like to have a Board retreat scheduled to discuss future issues.
- Mrs. Allan participated in the Annual Night Out Tour through Wheeling noting that the whole neighborhood poured out at Twain. She thanked the Wheeling Police Department for their participation in night out and hospitality.
- Ms. Becker Dean discussed information related to general achievement trends of 3 years of NCLB data noting supplemental tables that showed comparison data and ACT composite scores for states.
- Mr. Pritzker participated with Daniel Schuler on a conference call regarding the Tax Anticipation Warrant sales. He reminded Board members that the September 30th Fall Dinner meeting will be with North & West Cook Divisions. The program will be former LaGrange Superintendent Mark VanClay and co-author of *School Board Fieldbook: Leading with Vision*. Mr. Pritzker announced that it will probably be his last meeting as chair of the North Cook division as he is slated to be the Director of the division and be one of 23 members of IASB governing Board. He noted that in the consent agenda the Board will be approving an insurance savings of over \$200,000 thanks to Daniel Schuler.
- Mrs. Arreola attended IASB seminar on how to be effective Board member.
- Mrs. Edmonds reported that the Policy Committee meeting continued the review of section 7 and section 4 is being brought tonight for first reading. She noted that the director at her office believes in a team and personal building philosophy and recommended reading "The Gold Standard: Building a World Class Team" by Coach K.
- Mr. Harrison encouraged members to attend the kickoff breakfast on Monday at Chevy Chase, that this Board meeting is the last night of summer casual wear, and members can receive daily updates from the American School Board Journal through facebook. He was also involved with TAW's meetings, attended the National Night Out at Twain and Buffalo Grove High School, and recognized Cheri Klump and Rich Rosen. He also reported that his son turned 18 and they drove him to college today and thanked the many teachers that had a part in his educational growth.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

- Dr. Mical identified the State of the Schools meetings as September 29 at Cooper, October 5 at London and October 8 at Holmes.

- Pat McAndrews Smith presented an update on enrollment and staffing. She identified specific areas that are being watched due to larger class sizes. Enrollments are continuing to increase possibly as a result of private school transfers. Staffing figures have also increased including some that reflect staff members paid using grant funds such as Title I positions. As a result of a large class size at Twain, the Board reached consensus to give the Administration latitude to add an additional teacher if needed. Dr. Mical stated that we now have \$1.5 million for Title I, however, this money will have no impact on the district's bottom line, stating that having this additional money should not give anyone the impression that since we will have additional staff we also have extra money.

CITIZENS

- Mr. Rosen, as a representative of the Wheeling Rotary, encouraged participation in an award that will give \$5,000 for proposing something that will benefit the Village of Wheeling.

CONSENT AGENDA & ADDENDUM

Mr. Pritzker reviewed the disbursement and financial report and found everything in order.

Item #1-Minutes of the Board meeting dated July 16, 2009, Item #3 For W. W. Grainger, Item #6-Closed Session minutes semi-annual approval, and Item #9-Extra Duty Contracts 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 hiring of certified full-time staff effective August 24, 2009 for Nancy Thornberry, Hillary Byker, Jacquelyn Miller, Robbin Bedard, Jeffrey Isoe, Heather Novak, Sandy Jauregui; the hiring of part-time certified staff effective August 24, 2009 for Elizabeth Felageller, Genevieve Klein, Hemlata Singapori, Julissa Reyes, Spiridon Anton; the hiring of full-time non-certified staff effective August 25, 2009 for Barbara Jacobus; the returning from leave of absence effective August 24, 2009 for Jennifer Ramamoorthi; the rehiring of certified part-time staff effective August 24, 2009 for Diane Anstadt, Nina Colonna, Lynne Duffy, Debra Huebner, Dennis Northway, Deborah Padzensky, Laura Roscoe, Barbara Ross, Noreen Segal, Sylvia Smith, Patricia Dockery, Tony Abel; the change in job status for certified staff effective August 24, 2009 for Caryn Normyle and Michelle Carter from job share to full time at Tarkington, Dina Oberman from 1st grade teacher to Learning Coach at Tarkington; the leave of absence request for the 2009/10 school year for Brigid Addanki; resignation for full-time certified staff Michelle Sidman Friedman; the disbursement list for September in the amount of \$1,880,072.70 and the imprest detail in the amount of \$21,019.11; the Financial Review for August 2009; the Recertification of the Serious Safety Hazard Finding, thereby requesting free student transportation of the identified population for the 2009/2010 school year; to direct the Administration to complete the necessary paperwork in order to move its Dental insurance coverage for employees to MetLife and to move its Group Life/AD&D and LTD insurance coverage for employees to Lincoln Financial; the Title I Schoolwide plans for Whitman, Twain, Holmes, Field, Frost and Kilmer for the 2009/2010 school year and directs the Administration to submit the NCLB Consolidated Application and the ARRA NCLB Consolidated Application accordingly.

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

Item #1- Minutes of the Board Meeting Dated July 16, 2009

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Board of Education meeting dated July 16, 2009 are approved as presented.

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

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

Item #3- Disbursement List for W. W. Grainger

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the disbursement list item for W. W. Grainger in the amount of \$590.74 be approved.

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

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

Item #6- Closed Session Minutes Semi-Annual Approval

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education will not release Closed Session Minutes from January 2009 through July 2009 at this time due to continued confidential nature of subject matters contained therein and that the Audio Taped minutes from August 2007 through January 2008 be destroyed as required by law.

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

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

Item #9 -Extra Duty Contracts

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That Extra Duty Assignments for the amount of \$17,883.50 be approved as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1 - Policy - First Reading

The Policy Committee has reviewed these policies. Mr. Gould questioned why references about involving the community in current policies have been eliminated in the proposed newly revised policy 4:10. It was reported that the Budget Development Committee no longer exists.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Edmonds seconded by Mrs. Allan, the regular meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

Date