

Board of Education
COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 94
November 16, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.

Community High School
326 Joliet Street
West Chicago, Illinois

6952

ILLINOIS SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS' DAY

The Board members were treated to some light refreshments in the Administration Conference Room prior to the start of the meeting in support of Illinois School Board Members' Day.

OPENING ACTIVITIES

1. Call to Order
2. Mr. Fantozzi, President of the West Chicago High School Teachers' Association, led the Board and meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mr. Kotche read the Mission Statement:
"Community High School strives to promote and provide growth experiences in Learning, Leadership and Living."
4. Encouraging Words Quotation –
Mr. Gunderson read the following quotation: "Seek the lofty by reading, hearing and seeing great work at some moment every day." ~ Thornton Wilder
5. Roll Call – Present were: Mr. Campos, Mrs. Doremus, Mr. Gunderson, Mr. Kotche, Mr. Molinaro, Mr. Nagel, and Mr. Saake.
6. Additions to Agenda – Student Recognition
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education approve the addition of the topic(s) shown above to this agenda.
MOTION: Mr. Saake
SECOND: Mr. Molinaro
VOTE: Unanimous Approval on Voice Vote 7 - 0

**RECOGNITION OF RETIRING SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER –
JOHN P. JENSEN**

Mr. John Jensen resigned from the Board after more than seven years of service. It is easy to know what John is thinking because he tells you. His frank and honest interaction is missed. He set high standards for his performance and that of others while demonstrating passion and deep caring

for the students as he worked to maintain the excellence of our District. (Att. §C - p. 1)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education approve the Resolution read by the Board Secretary, recognizing Mr. Jensen's contributions during his tenure on the Board.

MOTION: Mr. Saake

SECOND: Mr. Kotche

VOTE: Unanimous Approval on Voice Vote 7 – 0

Mrs. Doremus stated that she had the opportunity to speak with Mr. Jensen last night. He told her how much he truly missed the Board meetings ... at least most of the time. She related his best wishes to all currently serving on the Board and will visit the next time he is in town on a Tuesday. She expressed appreciation for all he did for District 94. She expressed her personal appreciation for his mentorship, leadership and the level of integrity he brought to the Board.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

October 2010 Student-of-the-Month

Robbie Windisch

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda Items Only) — The Board recognized Valerie Eichenberger. She expressed her thoughts on the DVC journey which she began because her daughter would not have a chance at attaining All-Conference – something that only 208 kids have done since 2000. She acknowledged that everyone understands there needs to be a balance for kids to be successful for the rest of their lives. She is aware there was a split vote over going independent and that a compromise will need to be worked out, but being in a conference is very important. The “good ole boy network” has been West Chicago's worst enemy for 30 years. Athletes for the most part do not need to be told to be a starter, what they need is to be in the game. We have made strides in the last couple of years but we need time. The student athletes need to know they have a chance in any slot on any team. Kids know when someone is or is not in their corner. Wheaton-Warrenville South has 100 kids on the sidelines because they feel they can get on the field.

Schools in the DVC are mostly in our division. We can make any excuse, but we need to get better. It's not about bricks and mortar but encouraging everyone on the team and believing in each player's potential. At the end of the journey, you need to recognize everyone, not only Seniors. Knowing the fundamentals of the sport goes a long way. We need to embrace what's good and fix what is not in order for it all to work. Don't sink the We-Go ship!

Mrs. Eichenberger expressed her appreciation for the time the Board members volunteer and wished them a Happy Board Members' Day.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

1. Balanced Budget Update

Mr. Cole stated that the 2011-12 process started with packages distributed to Division Heads and Administrators to look at revenues and projections. The hope is to have some rough, overall numbers by the end of the year with a report to the Board by the end of January. A tentative budget is anticipated by the second Board meeting in June so that we can begin the year with a rough idea of where we stand.

Mr. Saake expressed disappointment that the tax receipts from the County are behind from other years. November 16th is the deadline for everyone to pay before publication of delinquent properties, but more will probably be coming.

Mr. Cole responded that about 2%, or \$400,000, has not yet been received. A lot are tied up with foreclosures and some are under protest.

Mrs. Doremus said she was very concerned as mortgage foreclosures would have a huge impact on payment of real estate taxes.

Additional discussion included an increase in EAV in Winfield (Mr. Nagel) [overall, down about 7% but about \$7 million in new growth]; which location(s) (Mr. Nagel) [a minimal amount in Wayne Township and a little over \$6 million in Winfield Township]; excavation on Route 59 south of Mack Road (Mr. Campos) [southwest of Mack is in Warrenville, and not in our District).

2. Policy ¶9006 - Parental Involvement

Mr. Ponce stated that this policy (Att. §C - pp. 3 - 4) is required and should be on the books now. It will be reviewed as part of the broader review process already scheduled. It incorporates additions and changes made by our legal counsel and will be brought to the December 7th Board meeting for action.

Board comments/discussion included concern that the policy specifically talks about Title I and not everyone in the school (Mr. Nagel) [Would be happy to include Mr. Nagel's recommended language]; the government's intent (Mr. Gunderson) [tied to funds we receive related to programs we offer and the oversight the Federal government wants to exercise over these funds]; the hope that parental involvement is actively going on (Mr. Nagel) [just a report tonight].

3. Student Attendance and Discipline Reports

Mr. Ponce referred the Board to the October reports (Att. §C - pp. 5 - 6) noting that attendance for this October was larger than the same month for any of the last five years.

Mr. Campos complimented the Deans' Office and Dr. Cheng on the lack of recent gang representation, saying they did a fine job.

4. DVC Conference Update

Dr. Cheng stated that at the conclusion of the discussion at the last Board meeting regarding the exploration of going independent, he was asked to bring a recommendation to this meeting as to other options; e.g., joining other conferences, swapping or partnering with other schools, etc. While all are good suggestions, no recommendation will be made for any change. Given the suggestions from the Board, it will take some time to tease out and explore those options. He said that there will not be any recommendation to withdraw. As things unfold, we will bring those back to the Board under the Reports and Information section of the Agenda.

Reminiscent of the letters sent out to various districts by the Board, Mr. Nagel suggested that perhaps Board members need to be more aggressive and go out to various meetings throughout the community. Letters may not have gotten the same attention as someone going to a board meeting. Sometimes that has more impact than a letter. Former Board President, John Jensen, thought that if you got closer to the people involved they would be more empathetic.

Dr. Cheng noted that the responses to the letters from districts revealed that the decision would be more or less up to Administration. A lot of conversation takes place on a principal to principal and/or athletic director to athletic director level. The letters were distributed from Board president to Board president and asked for consideration at that level. Mr. Ponce added that Boards of multi high school districts do not get involved in conference affiliation discussion. We are unique in that we are a one high school district. Glenbard has four high schools and their board would not typically get involved in what conference the schools would be affiliated. It is a high school association, so it is left to the principal and the athletic director. Dr. Cheng advised that IHSA compares all the results from all schools every year.

Mr. Ponce stated that as personal contact is always stronger perhaps there might be some interaction this weekend at the IASA-IASB-IASBO Conference. Mr. Nagel stated he would be willing to participate.

Additional discussion included whether anyone else was interested (Mrs. Doremus); how to know which schools to go in front of (Mr. Kotche); would have to go in front of the Conference, if you could get on their agenda (Mr. Gunderson); that has been done (Mr. Saake); attendees to IHSA meetings (Mr. Campos) [Mr. Mullaney and Dr. Cheng went to Addison Trail last week]; and whether IHSA meeting minutes available to the public (Mr. Campos) [Unsure].

Mrs. Doremus stated that she is quite comfortable with Dr. Cheng handling it and keeping the Board apprised. Dr. Cheng should let the Board know if and

when there is a time for appropriate Board involvement. She feels approaching various boards would be inappropriate and uncomfortable for some.

Mr. Ponce added that while the Board can influence the Principal, it is the principal who has those discussions. Mrs. Doremus reminded the Board that a representative from Glenbard south had come to a Board meeting. There are people in the community who may have the ability to open doors and we can feed the information back to Dr. Cheng.

Mr. Nagel stated that somehow we need to get it back into the heads of athletes and coaches that if we are in the DVC we need to work within the DVC. We are in it and we are going to work within it or we will always have that carrot on a stick. In the meantime, we are here. We have to move ahead with what we are dealing. If we are constantly out looking, there is this feeling we are not entrenched in the DVC and do not need to do those things characteristic of success. He continued that we have to decide as a Board if we are going to do something definitive so that everyone knows where we are.

Dr. Cheng responded that, while he did not disagree with Mr. Nagel, any decisions about conference affiliation does not hang on the action of other schools. Should something occur requiring movement to another conference, he does not want us to miss an opportunity that could be beneficial for our kids. He believes that our coaches coach to win and our athletes play to win. I do believe our kids and coaches give 110% for each game in each season.

Mrs. Doremus stated that as long as she has been on the Board, and even before, we have been having this same conversation. She thinks the Board needs to agree to put it to rest. We have had issues arising, people coming to us asking us to look at other options, and demanding we move out of the DVC. We already know there is nothing out there now that fits our needs. If that changes, it would make sense to come back to the Board. We need to be instilling pride in what students are doing, and in what they are participating. We need to build up the mentality that they can be successful and get back to providing an excellent high school experience for our student population.

5. Beverage Pricing Confirmation

Mr. Cole stated that for the past ten years the District has had an exclusive beverage contract with Coca Cola® to provide only Coke products for vending purposes. Currently, we are looking at a pricing schedule (Att. §C - pp. 7 - 8) that gets us out of the exclusivity clause so that clubs, sports and the contracted food service organization can have some flexibility while maintaining prices at substantially current pricing through July 31. Most clubs and activities have products donated. We will work with Quest for promotional items after the first of the year. They have purchasing powers that we do not. They are also the largest provider of beverages. If, by next spring, we want to go back to a long-term contract, we will put together a formal request for proposal.

Mr. Saake added that the Boosters are happy with this arrangement. Mr. Cole stated that the Boosters are probably the second largest user.

Board member questions/comments included whether that would change how the money is accounted for through the activities fund (Mr. Nagel) [there is a line item in the Principal's office that loosely supports discretionary spending for the Principal and the Athletic Director]; in support of this concept as long as it does not change the way in which it is accounted (Mr. Nagel) [in a different way for ease of tracking]; whether comparisons could be run (Mr. Gunderson) [yes].

6. Outstanding State Revenue Payments

Mr. Cole referred the Board to the report in the packet (Att. §C - p. 9) which shows that as of November 8th, the State owed the District \$472,000 from last year. We have invoiced \$386,000 for various programs, leaving a balance of \$857,000. The State has been paying General State Aid. It is anticipated that it is the one item they will pay and is something we are closely monitoring. At a recent ISBE seminar, it was the understanding the State would attempt to pay off all of last year by the end of this calendar year. Over the subsequent six months, they would attempt to pay 25% of this year which would leave us in the hole by a couple hundred thousand dollars.

In response to Mr. Gunderson's question as to how that would be budgeted, Mr. Cole stated it would involve rough numbers. If the State does pay quarterly, they will end the year in the same place as this year. He added that taxes by the end of the year will be fairly close to what we budgeted.

In response to Mr. Nagel's question regarding Program Code 3950 from the State, Mr. Cole responded that nothing has yet been received for this year or last year. Mr. Saake added that we have to keep it flowing but the State is another story.

7. Preliminary Levy

Mr. Cole referred the Board to the levy worksheets contained in the packet (Att. §C - pp. 11 - 13). According to the Assessor, the District is down about 7% in assessed valuation. In discussions with the Finance Committee, the new growth and CPI of 2.7% would give us about a 3.3% increase in dollars over last year. The Committee agreed to add 1% to give us a cushion in the event the numbers fluctuate. A 4.3% increase would keep us under Truth in Taxation and would not require a public hearing.

The draft is presented as an introduction. Questions or comments over the next few weeks should be directed to Mr. Cole. Otherwise, it will come to the next Board meeting for approval.

8. Board Representative Reports —

Other Schools/Community

- West Chicago Park District

Mr. Gunderson stated that he would like to schedule a meeting with the Superintendent, Mr. Gary Majors (from the Park District) and Dr. Leman to try to work out what we are trying to achieve to work together for the common

use of facilities. We need to get that together fairly quickly because the Park District is planning on pushing a referendum and perhaps we can save the taxpayers some money.

Mr. Nagel mentioned that some fields would be lost because of the addition to the West Chicago Middle School. We need to be on the look out with the Park District and the City for alternate spaces within walking distance. Mr. Gunderson responded that those discussions were tabled until the outcome of the referendum.

- D33/D94 Task Force

Mr. Nagel stated that the Task Force was looking for a protocol to make direct contact with appropriate people in D94 and D33 for questions and data. The Task Force would prefer to avoid going between superintendents because it delays the access. Mrs. Doremus responded that both she and the D33 Board President Chris Scheck felt they were in agreement that any contact should go through the Superintendents so that it does not put any district staff in an awkward position. Considering how accessible both superintendents are, it does not make sense to her to change that protocol. Both superintendents should be aware of what is being done in their schools.

Ad hoc Committees

- Policy Review Committee

Mr. Campos asked if there was a time table for the review of the policy sections. Mrs. Doremus responded, "The sooner the better." Mr. Ponce pointed out that there are two successive sections assigned to Mr. Cole for review. The first series has been initially reviewed.

9. Upcoming Events

November 18, 19, 20 — Fall Play Performance— 7:30 p.m. – Auditorium
(The Complete Works of Shakespeare, Abridged)

November 19, 20, 21 — IASA-IASB-IASBO Conference – Chicago

November 24-26 — Thanksgiving Holiday

TBD —Policy Review Committee Meeting – Series 5000 – Facilities
Planning Management

December 13— 1st Day to File Nominating Petitions for April

Consolidated Election – 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Administration
Office

December 13 — Holiday Band/Orchestra Concert – 7:30 p.m. –
Auditorium

December 14 — Holiday Choir Concert – 7:30 p.m. – Auditorium

December 20 — Last day to file Nominating Petitions for April

Consolidated Election 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Administration Office

December 20-31 — Winter Break

10. Future Dates

- a. Regular Semi-Monthly Board of Education Meeting – December 7
2010 – 7:00 p.m.
- b. Regular Finance Committee Meeting — December 8, 2010 – 7:30 a.m.
- c. Regular Semi-Monthly Board of Education Meeting – December 14,
2010 – 7:00 p.m.

All meetings to be held in the Administrative Conference Room of
Community High School, unless otherwise noted.

CONSENT AGENDA (Roll Call)

Action items considered routine and/or which have been previously discussed by
the Board will be enacted under one roll call motion unless removed for separate
action upon Board request. They are enumerated under the heading
“Recommended Action”.

1. Items Removed from Consent Agenda for Separate Action: None
2. Consent Agenda Action for All Items Except those Listed in 1. Above.
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board approve all items on the
Consent Agenda which have not been specifically removed for separate action
as shown on line 1. immediately above.

MOTION: Mr. Molinaro

SECOND: Mr. Saake

VOTE: Unanimous Approval on Roll Call Vote 7 - 0

RECOMMENDED ACTION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Regular Semi-Monthly Board of Education Meeting – November 2, 2010**
Special Board of Education Meeting – November 9, 2010

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education approve
the minutes of the Regular Semi-Monthly Meeting of the Board of Education
and the minutes of the Executive Session of the Regular Semi-Monthly
Meeting held on November 2, 2010, as amended at table; and the minutes of
the Special Board of Education Meeting called for the purpose of strategic
planning held on November 9, 2010.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

2. **Filing of Minutes – November 10, 2010**

The Board of Education agreed to place on file the minutes of the Finance
Committee Meeting held on November 10, 2010

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

3. **Approval of Financial Reports**

- a. Approve Current Expenditures

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education approve the expenditures from October 15, 2010 to November 11, 2010

- b. Imprest Fund
c. Treasurer's Report
d. Statement of Position
e. Financial Statement
f. Statement of Revenue/Expenditures YTD Ending October 31, 2010
g. 3-Year Budget/Actual Report
h. Grant Reports
i. Cash Fund
j. Activity Account Fund Balance
k. Vendor Activity Report

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Personnel Reports – (Roll Call)**

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education approve the Personnel and Supplemental Contract reports as presented at table. (Att. §C – p. 15).

MOTION: Mr. Saake

SECOND: Mr. Kotche

VOTE: Unanimous Approval on Roll Call Vote 7 – 0

2. **MB Financial Collateralization Agreement – (Roll Call)**

MB Financial is currently an approved depository of the District and has been for over 5 years. Currently the only funds held at MB are under the FDIC threshold. This document is a formal collateralization agreement with collateral obligations held by The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in the District's name covering the amount of District funds held by MB Financial. This enables the District to invest in larger sums in excess of FDIC coverage and still be protected. The recommendations of legal counsel are noted with strikethroughs and underlining.

Mr. Cole stated that the current CD held by this financial institution goes back to when Gary Grizaffi was the Business Official. MB is proposing a competitive CD rate without it being a formal CD with a formal term. It gives us flexibility. We have CDs all over the country, which is a very time-consuming process. They can merge the block and invest separately while keeping better track. Mr. Saake noted that, "The Treasurer agrees."

With the interest rates so low, there is not much opportunity out there other than CDs. In better years there were treasury bills. This would allow us to take advantage of investment opportunities when the time is right.

He advised that by policy the Board needs to approve collateralization agreements.

Mr. Nagel suggested paying off some of the bonds with lower interest yields as the money sitting in a band is essentially not accumulating as much. Mr. Cole responded that the bonds are being paid by targeted tax levy and if we did not use that we would not get the levy.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education approve the Collateral Security Agreement dated November 2, 2010 with **MB Financial Bank, N.A.**, as shown on Att. §C - pp. 17 - 19 and made a part hereof.

MOTION: Mr. Gunderson

SECOND: Mr. Kotche

In response to Mr. Nagel's question as to whether or not this was a boiler plate agreement, Mr. Cole responded that it was for the most part. This is the best because it ties the obligation to the Federal Reserve Bank.

VOTE: Unanimous Approval on Roll Call Vote 7 - 0

OLD BUSINESS — None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Any Item) — None

EXECUTIVE SESSION (only if needed) — None

ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Saake

SECOND: Mr. Gunderson

VOTE: Unanimous Approval on Voice Vote 7 - 0

Katherine M. Doremus, President

ATTEST:

Dirk Gunderson, Secretary