

Lockport School District 91 Board of Education
Lockport, IL
January 13, 2009

The Board of Education of Milne-Kelvin Grove, District #91, Will County, Illinois met in a regular session at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2009. This meeting was held in the library at Kelvin Grove School. The Board Secretary, Lynn Krumlinde, took the minutes. Board President, Marge Otis, presided over the meeting.

Call to Order – President Otis called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Members present: Lopez-Caneva, Murphy, Otis, Trent, Vasiliades, Woodworth

Members Absent: None

Late Arrivals: Howell at 8:20 p.m.

Also present were: Superintendent Donna Gray, Principal Mary Jo Slingerland, Principal Tracy Carlson, several staff members, parents and community members.

***Any changes to agenda:**

Motion made to add Board of Education comments during part V of meeting by Caneva, seconded by Vasiliades.

Roll call: Ayes: Murphy, Otis, Trent, Vasiliades, Woodworth, Lopez-Caneva
 Nays: none
 Abstain: none

Motion carried.

Approval of Items on Consent Agenda: Dec 2008 minutes, Approval of Financial Reports; Payment of Bills, Monthly Financial Reports and Treasurer's Report.
Discussion of minutes:

Motion made to approve the minutes by Woodworth, seconded by Trent

Roll Call: Ayes: Lopez-Caneva, Murphy, Otis, Trent, Vasiliades, Woodworth
 Nays: none
 Abstain: none

Motion carried.

Discussion of financials:

Motion made to approve the financial reports, treasurer's report and payment of bills by Vasiliades, seconded by Woodworth.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lopez-Caneva, Murphy, Otis, Trent, Vasiliades, Woodworth
 Nays: none
 Abstain: none

Motion carried.

**Public Hearing for Waiver/Modification of State Board Rules and/or School Code
Mandate:** Lincoln's Birthday

Discussion: The district would like to apply to the state board to observe Presidents' Day instead of Lincoln's Birthday.

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No questions or comments from the audience.

***Added Agenda Item- Board Informational Comments:** The board would like to remind all members of the audience to be informed of some items that will have an impact of the school districts and on the taxpayers.

- 1- The LTHS referendum will again be on the ballot in February. This issue directly affects all families in our district.
- 2- The proposed TIF from the city of Lockport. Another issue which will have an affect on our district families.

Student Recognition: Principal Carlson recognized Kindergarten students who have displayed outstanding character.

Principal Slingerland recognized Fifth grade students who presented several projects from their classes.

Reports and Discussion Items:

Finance Committee Report (Ann Lopez-Caneva)- The Finance Committee meet earlier and approved the minutes from the October meeting, discussed financial projections-PMA, the second quarter data comparison, and 2009-10 planning. 73% of our district revenues won't increase although 75% of our expenses will increase. Technology updates were discussed. Some delays in receiving State Aid monies.

Superintendent's Report- Mrs. Gray

1. Special Education Update: The following items were discussed- Approval of the Consent Agenda Items, approval of a monetary donation by Sertoma of Lemont, approved all policy revisions/adoptions as presented, and approved the contract service with Alexandra Glumac for a staff development program. The next meeting will be January 14, 2009.
2. Superintendent Articulation Meeting Summary- Items discussed were Differentiated Instruction Workshop, the Extended Algebra Program, Institute Day speakers, Free/Reduced Lunch program update, LL7 conference track information, Girls volleyball officials, a letter from Laraway School, 2009-10 calendars, the LTHS referendum.
3. FOIA Report- there have been no new FOIA requests since the last meeting.
4. Review Draft 2009-2010 Calendar- The draft of the 2009-10 calendar was discussed. Our dates will vary slightly from the high school. Note that 11:30 dismissals need to be added. Discussed changing the polling place within our building for added security.
5. Lockport TIF Update- Mrs. Gray has been meeting with our attorneys, the city of Lockport, and the TIF consultant to gain knowledge regarding the City of Lockport TIF and the impact it will have on our district. She will have a meeting January 14. The Joint Review Board is meeting January 28. There is a Public Meeting on March 4, 2009.
6. Building Update – the blinds at both buildings should be finished within the first few weeks of this month. Mr. Pierson provided a list of work that was completed over the winter break. The frequency of the snow plowing was discussed.

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7. Transportation- The school van was repaired at a cost of \$2990.29. Shared information regarding leasing of additional transportation. We also have additional expenditures this year as a result of our obligation under the *McKinney-Vento Homeless Act*.
8. Review Planning Document-Reviewed upcoming events and activities.

Action Items

Agenda Item: A. Approve Policies – Second Reading

Summary of discussion: Recommendation made to approve and adopt the following updates/revisions/new policies as they were discussed at the first reading in December. Policy 2:80-E Board Member Code of Conduct, 2:220 School Board/Board of Education Procedures, 6:230 Library Media Program, 7:210 Expulsion Procedures, 7:230 Misconduct by Students with Disabilities.

Motion made by Woodworth, seconded by Murphy to approve and adopt.

Roll Call: Ayes: Murphy, Otis, Trent, Vasiliades, Woodworth, Howell, Lopez-Caneva
 Nays: none
 Abstain: none

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: B. Approve Modification of School Code (Lincoln’s Birthday)

Summary of discussion: Recommendation made to approved the modification of the school code to observe Presidents’ Day instead of Lincoln’s Birthday as the official school holiday for 2009/10 through 2013/14.

Motion made by Woodworth, seconded by Trent to approve.

Roll Call: Ayes: Otis, Trent, Vasiliades, Woodworth, Howell, Lopez-Caneva, Murphy
 Nays: none
 Abstain: none

Motion carried.

Public Comments: Following the Invitation to Address the Board of Education, the following individual(s) appeared and commented on the topic(s) noted below:

Name/Address : MG Principal Tracy Carlson/707 W. Daisy, Coal City

Topic: wanted to publicly thank the Board for sponsoring the District holiday get-together in December at the Outpost. The accommodations and food were great. Thanks to Mrs. O’Brien for organizing the event. Also, thank you to Mrs. Gray for filling in for Tracy when she was on leave.

Informational/Other Items Presented: Three Rivers Division Winter Dinner Meeting, The Board Newsletter, Building Principals’ Weekly Memos, Correspondence, Prairie Technology Newsletter, PDA Computer for Kids, Legislative Reports, IAASE Position Paper, FED ED Newsletters, Letter from Senator Wilhelmi

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****Closed Session: Time: 9:15 p.m.**

Motion by Vasiliades, seconded by Woodworth to go into closed session for the following:

- Personnel 5ILCS 120/2©1, as amended by P.A. 93-0057
The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057.
- The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10).

Roll Call: Ayes: Trent, Vasiliades, Woodworth, Howell, Lopez-Caneva, Murphy, Otis
Nays: none
Abstain: none

Motion carried.

The closed session began at 9:23 p.m., with attendance as follows:

Members present: Lopez-Caneva, Murphy, Otis, Trent, Vasiliades, Woodworth, Howell
Members Absent: none

Motion to end the closed session.

Motion made by Woodworth, seconded by Howell to end the closed session portion of the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Roll call: Ayes: Vasiliades, Woodworth, Howell, Lopez-Caneva, Murphy, Otis, Trent
Nays: none
Abstain: none

Motion carried.

Approval of Motion to Adjourn Regular Board of Education Meeting

Motion made by Howell, seconded by Woodworth to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 10:12 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: Woodworth, Howell, Lopez-Caneva, Murphy, Otis, Trent, Vasiliades
Nays: none
Abstain: none

Motion carried.

Time of Adjournment: 10:12 p.m.

Secretary to the Board

Board President