

FRANKFORT C. C. SCHOOL DISTRICT 157-C

REGULAR MEETING

18 NOVEMBER 2013

Minutes of a regular public meeting of the Board of Education of Frankfort Community Consolidated School District 157-C, Will County, Illinois, held in Board Room at the Administrative Offices, 10482 West Nebraska Street, Frankfort, Illinois 60423, in said District on the 18th day of November 2013.

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Christopher McFadden called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and requested that Recording Secretary Rosemary Georgen call the roll.

II. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present: Edie Adamski, Gina Briese, Cari Mills, Brian Sasso, Mike Turner, Patrick Usher, Christopher McFadden

President McFadden announced that there was a quorum.

Present: Dr. Patricia Wernet, Interim Superintendent  
Curt Saindon, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations  
Dr. Kevin Suchinski, Principal, Hickory Creek Middle School  
Kristin Simpkins, Principal, Chelsea Intermediate School  
Eileen Nelson, Principal, Grand Prairie Elementary School  
Jake Nelson, Director, Technology  
Janet Goggins, Director, Curriculum and Instruction  
Dr. Sue Ireland, Interim Director of Special Services

Also Present: Nancy Neuzil, Public Relations Coordinator; Jennifer Rayola; Kellie Aranowski; several unidentified individuals in the audience.

III. PUBLIC FORUM

None.

IV. RECOGNITION

School Board Members Appreciation: November 15<sup>th</sup> is designated as School Board Members Day in Illinois. Frankfort School District 157-C has an extraordinary school board comprised of dedicated members who continually strive for excellence for our schools and students. We greatly appreciate that you sacrifice time away from your families to work for the families of District 157-C.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF 25 SEPTEMBER 2013 (CLOSED); THE REGULAR MEETING OF 21 OCTOBER 2013 (OPEN/CLOSED); THE SPECIAL MEETING OF 7 NOVEMBER 2013 (OPEN/CLOSED); AND THE SPECIAL MEETING OF 13 NOVEMBER 2013 (OPEN/CLOSED)

*A motion was made by Cari Mills, and seconded by Edie Adamski, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of 25 September 2013 (Closed); the Regular Meeting of 21 October 2013 (Open/Closed); the Special Meeting of 7 November 2013 (Open/Closed), and the Special Meeting of 13 November 2013 (Open/Closed) as presented. All members voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received the following correspondence:

(1) A thank you note from Dave and Debbie Jankowski for the flowers sent in sympathy at the recent death of Dave's mother.

VII. REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report

Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Curt Saindon provided the Board with information included in the Treasurer's Report through the month of October 2013.

REPORTS (Continued)

- B. Schools/Curriculum & Instruction/Special Services/Technology  
Information from each of the school administrators was included in the packet for review by the Board. Each administrator provided further information regarding their current activities.
- C. Superintendent's Report  
Dr. Patricia Wernet, Interim Superintendent, stated that:  
(1) October 25<sup>th</sup> was designated "Principal Appreciation Day" in Illinois. Our principals play an important role in the education and growth of our children in Frankfort School District 157-C. We very much appreciate the impact our principals have on their students and would like to thank them for everything they do for the children of FSD 157-C.  
(2) The Education Foundation has approved 15 grants for the district this year totaling just under \$73,000. (Grand Prairie: \$31,793.21; Chelsea: \$16,100.00; Hickory Creek: \$22,794.74). The district is truly grateful to this organization for donating these amazing grants - - a partnership that makes such a difference for our children..  
(3) Dr. Wernet had the privilege of attending the Veterans Day assemblies at Grand Prairie and Hickory Creek during the day and evening. Congratulations to the staff at each of the schools by recognizing the importance of this day, which made a difference in the lives of so many people.
- D. Board
1. Special Education  
Brief reports on the Special Education District 843 meeting of 22 October 2013 and the Lincoln-Way Area Special Education Joint Agreement District 843 of 12 November 2013 were presented. The minutes from both meetings were included in the packet for review by the Board.
  2. Frankfort Township Planning Commission  
Gina Briese reported that no meeting of the Frankfort Township Planning Commission was held in November.
  3. Other Liaison Reports  
Cari Mills provided a brief report on the latest FSP and Education Foundation committee meetings.
- E. Freedom Of Information Request (2)
1. Dr. Maria D. Fitzpatrick, Visiting Scholar at NBER and Assistant Professor at Cornell University, requested copies of negotiated agreements (contracts) between the Board of Education of Frankfort School District 157-C and the Frankfort Teacher Association covering the 2000-2001 school year through the 2013-2014 school year. Assistant Superintendent Curt Saindon provided these contracts electronically.
  2. Susan Lafferty, Reporter, *The Southtown Star*, requested a copy of the Resignation Agreement and Letter of Resignation between Frankfort School District 157-C and Dr. Thomas Hurlburt, Superintendent of Schools. Assistant Superintendent Curt Saindon provided the requested agreement and letter electronically.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. ISAT/School Report Card Data Presentation  
Illinois State Board of Education has released a new Report Card for all Illinois public schools. The new parent friendly Report Card shows how schools are performing on a wide range of educational goals according to ISAT. The ISAT data was discussed thoroughly by the following administrator and principals: Janet Goggins, Kristin Simpkins, Eileen Nelson, and Kevin Suchinski.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (Continued)

With the arrival of an individual whose presence was crucial to upcoming Board business, the Regular Board Meeting was suspended and the meeting was continued in Closed Session.

X. CLOSED SESSION/APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE AND/OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES; STUDENT DISCIPLINE, STUDENT RESIDENCY; RECLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES; AND PENDING LITIGATION (Open/Closed)

*A motion was made by Brian Sasso, and seconded by Patrick Usher, to adjourn the Regular Meeting and go into Closed Session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, and/or dismissal of specific employees; student discipline, student residency; reclassification of employees, and pending litigation (Open/Closed). All members voted "Aye." Motion carried.* President McFadden adjourned the Regular Meeting at 9:20 p.m.

*Motion: Cari Mills, Second: Patrick Usher, to return to Open Session at 11:10 p.m. All members voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

IX. ACTION ITEMS

A. Payment Of Bills

*A motion was made by Mike Turner, and seconded by Patrick Usher, to approve the payment of bills as presented.*

*Voting "Aye:" Turner, Usher, Briese, Adamski, Mills, Sasso, McFadden*

*Motion carried: 7 Aye, 0 Nay*

B. Tax Levy Resolutions

Tax, Bond and Escrow Resolutions; Resolution - Truth In Taxation Act & 2013 Tax Levy Information - Set Date, Time, Place

*A motion was made by Patrick Usher, and seconded by Mike Turner, to approve the following: Approve the Tentative Tax Levy, Truth In Taxation Resolution and accompanying Certification for the 2013 tax levy and direct the Administration to publish notice of the public levy hearing and take any other actions as required by the Truth In Taxation Act to take place at the Board Room - Grand Prairie School at 7:10 p.m. on 16 December 2013.*

*Voting "Aye:" Usher, Turner, Adamski, Briese, Mills, Sasso, McFadden*

*Motion carried: 7 Aye, 0 Nay*

C. Resolution Approving Petition For Withdrawal Of New Lenox School District No. 122 From The Lincoln-Way Area Special Education Joint Agreement No. 843

*A motion was made by Patrick Usher, and seconded by Edie Adamski, to approve the following: Approve the Resolution Approving Petition for Withdrawal Of New Lenox School District No. 122 from the Lincoln-Way Area Special Education Joint Agreement No. 843 as presented.*

*Approve the Withdrawal Agreement between New Lenox School District No. 122 from the Lincoln-Way Area Special Education Joint Agreement No. 843 as presented.*

*Voting "Aye:" Usher, Adamski, Turner, Mills, Briese, Sasso, McFadden*

*Motion carried: 7 Aye, 0 Nay*

D. Workmen's Comp Renewal

*A motion was made by Edie Adamski, and seconded by Patrick Usher, to approve the following: Approve the Workmen's Compensation Insurance Coverage provided through the Illinois Counties Rick Management Trust (ICRMT) as presented.*

*Voting "Aye:" Adamski, Usher, Mills, Briese, Sasso, McFadden*

*Voting "Nay:" Turner*

*Motion carried: 6 Aye, 1 Nay*

ACTION ITEMS (Continued)

E. Superintendent Search Firm

*A motion was made by Mike Turner, and seconded by Brian Sasso, to approve the following:*

*Approve the Superintendent Search Firm of BWP as presented.*

*Voting "Aye:" Turner, Sasso, Adamski, Mills, Usher, McFadden*

*Voting "Nay:" Briese*

*Motion carried: 6 Aye, 1 Nay*

F. Personnel - Employment

*A motion was made by Brian Sasso, and seconded by Edie Adamski, to approve the following:*

*Approve the employment of Kimberly Taylor as a full-time Building Secretary at Hickory Creek Middle School at an hourly rate of \$15.50 for the 2013-2014 school year contingent upon the receipt and evaluation of employment documentation required by District 157-C and the Illinois State Board of Education. All members voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

XI. ACTION ITEMS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

A. Personnel

1. Resolution Reducing and Reclassifying Director of Special Services Carrie Clodi.

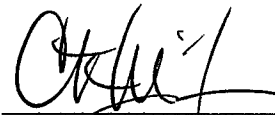
*A motion was made by Patrick Usher, and seconded by Gina Briese, to table the following Action Item: Approve the Resolution Reducing and Reclassifying Director of Special Services Carrie Clodi as presented, to be discussed at a later date. All members voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is Monday, December 16, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Administrative Offices, 10482 West Nebraska Street, Frankfort, Illinois, 60423-2235.


XIII. ADJOURNMENT

*A motion was made by Patrick Usher, and seconded by Gina Briese, that the meeting be adjourned. All members voted "Aye." Motion carried. President McFadden adjourned the meeting at 12:28 a.m.*



Christopher McFadden, President

ATTEST:

  
Edie Adamski, Secretary