

FRANKFORT C.C. SCHOOL DISTRICT 157-C  
REGULAR MEETING  
14 NOVEMBER 2011

Minutes of a regular public meeting of the Board of Education of Frankfort Community Consolidated School District 157-C, Will County, Illinois, held in the Board Room at the Administrative Offices, 10482 West Nebraska Street, Frankfort, Illinois 60423, in said District at 7:00 p.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2011.

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Brian Klene called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and requested that the Recording Secretary Pro Tem Teri Radtke call the roll.

II. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present: Edie Adamski, Christopher McFadden, Cari Mills, Mike Turner, Patrick Usher, and Brian Klene

President Klene announced that there was a quorum.

Present: Thomas Hurlburt, District Superintendent  
Curt Saindon, Assistant Superintendent  
Kevin Suchinski, Principal, Hickory Creek Middle School  
Kristin Simpkins, Principal, Chelsea Intermediate School  
Eileen Nelson, Principal, Grand Prairie School  
Jacob Nelson, Director of Technology  
Carrie Clodi, Coordinator, Special Education Services  
Janet Goggins, Instructional Coordinator

Also Present: Nancy Neuzil, Public Relations Coordinator; Elizabeth Hennessy, William Blair and Co., Kathy Hurst, Resident; Gale Smith, Resident; Dino Capetia, Resident; and Bob Stewart, Resident.

Board Secretary Jean Stanker arrived at 7:03 p.m.

III. PUBLIC FORUM

Several residents expressed their concern on the school board's fiscal responsibility particularly tax implications.

IV. RECOGNITION

School Board Members Appreciation

Superintendent Hurlburt stated that November 15 is designated as School Board Members Day in Illinois. He mentioned that Frankfort School District 157C has an extraordinary School Board composed of dedicated members who continually strive for excellence in education for our schools and students. In addition to attending monthly board meetings, many "behind the scene" hours are spent to ensure the continuation of the excellence of our school district. Individual certificates of appreciation were presented to each Board member.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF 17 OCTOBER 2011 OPEN/CLOSED

A motion was made by Edie Adamski, and seconded Jean Stanker, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 17 October 2011, Open/Closed as presented.

Voting "Aye:" Adamski, Stanker, Turner, Usher, Mills, McFadden, Klene  
Motion carried. 7 Aye, 0 Abstain

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you note from Dan Prorok for donating a book to Chelsea library in honor of the birth of his son was received.

VII. REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report

A Treasurer Report was included in the packet for review by the Board and given by Assistant Superintendent Curt Saindon.

B. Schools/Curriculum & Instruction

Monthly reports from Principals Kevin Suchinski, Kristin Simpkins, and Eileen Nelson and Director of Curriculum Janet Goggins, Director of Technology Jake Nelson, and Director of Special Education Carrie Clodi were included in the packet for review by the Board.

C. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Hurlburt reminded the Board of the upcoming IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference being held on November 18-20 in Chicago. He reported that School Board members elected or appointed after June 3, 2011 are required to complete at least four hours of training on education and labor law, financial oversight and accountability and fiduciary responsibilities. The training must be completed by June 12, 2012 or one year after becoming a member, with training conducted by a qualified association or the Illinois State Board of Education. He also reported that the district's teacher evaluation tool is being reformatted to be more of a professional development tool. The district is continuing its participation in the principal performance based evaluation system prototype that is being conducted by the Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education at Governor's State University. In addition, the district's seniority list is being reconfigured to include new categories such as certification and specialist areas rather than just the date hired.

D. Board

1. Special Education

Mike Turner reported on the Special Education District 843 meeting held on 20 October 2011. The minutes were included in the packet for review by the Board. Also included were minutes from the Lincoln-Way Advisory Committee meeting held on 8 November 2011.

2. Frankfort Township Planning Commission

Edie Adamski reported there was no Frankfort Township Planning Commission meeting.

3. Other Liaison Reports

Cari Ann Mills reported on the recent Foundation and Family School Partnership meetings.

E. Freedom of Information (none)

There were no Freedom of Information requests.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Strategic Planning Presentation – Fiscal Stability

Liz Hennessy from William Blair Company provided a PowerPoint presentation on refinancing information in response to the questions asked of her at the October board meeting.

B. Tentative 2011 Tax Levy

Assistant Superintendent Saindon discussed the tax levy 2011 actual and the tentative 2012 projected. The projected tax levy booklet was included in the packet for review by the Board members.

C. Annual Life-Safety Inspection Report

On 4 October 2011, Larry Surges, from the Will County Regional Superintendent of Schools office conducted the annual survey of the Frankfort School District. There were no violations.

D. Board of Education (First Reading)

The following policies were recommended for review and action to be taken at the December board meeting: 2:250 – Access to District Public Records; 3:60 – Administrative Responsibility of Building Principal; 4:80 – Accounting and Audits; 5:90 – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting; 5:100 – Staff Development Program; 5:240 – Suspension; 6:60 – Curriculum Content; and 6:150 – Home and Hospital Instruction.

E. Workmen's Comp Renewal

Assistant Superintendent Saindon discussed the two proposals received from Illinois Public Risk Fund and Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust. After reviewing these proposals, he is anticipating on bringing his recommendation to the Board at the December meeting.

F. Tax Appeal Update

Assistant Superintendent Saindon updated the board of the Frankfort Taxing Body Coalition meeting held November 10, 2011 that reviewed the status of any old/outstanding tax appeals currently in process that have been forwarded to the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board, any prior year tax appeals recently settled and also new major tax appeals for 2011.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

A. Payment of Bills

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

Voting "Aye:" Usher, Stanker, Mills, Adamski, McFadden, Turner and Klene  
Motion carried: 7 Aye, 0 Nay

B. Consent Agenda

*A motion was made by Jean Stanker, and seconded by Cari Mills, to approve the following item:*

1. Tax Bond and Escrow Resolutions

Resolution: Truth in Taxation – 2011 Tax Levy Information – Set Date, Time, Place  
*Recommend the Board of Education approve the Tentative Tax Levy, Truth in Taxation Resolution and accompanying Certification for the 2011 tax levy and direct the Administration to publish notice of 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 12 December 2011.*

Voting "Aye:" Stanker, Turner, McFadden, Mills, Adamski, Usher, Klene  
Motion carried: 7 Aye, 0 Nay

C. Personnel

*A motion was made by Chris McFadden, and seconded by Pat Usher, to approve the following:*

1. Employment

Faina Berg as a Lunchroom Supervisor at Grand Prairie School effective 2 November 2011 contingent upon the receipt and evaluation of employment documentation required by District 157-C and the Illinois State Board of Education.

Voting "Aye:" McFadden, Usher, Stanker, Turner, Adamski, Mills, Klene  
Motion carried: 7 Aye, 0 Nay

2. Family Medical Leave

*A motion was made by Mike Turner, and seconded by Pat Usher, approve the following:*

Therese Jackson effective 2 February 2012 through 7 May 2012..

Voting "Aye:" Turner, Usher, Mills, McFadden, Adamski, Stanker, Klene  
Motion carried: 7 Aye, 0 Nay

3. Leave of Absence

*A motion was made by Jean Stanker and seconded by Mike Turner to approve the following:*

Laura Nagy effective 30 January 2012 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

Voting "Aye:" Stanker, Turner, Mills, McFadden, Adamski, Usher, Klene  
Motion carried: 7 Aye, 0 Nay

X. PERSONNEL-EMPLOYMENT OF EMPLOYEES AND THE DISCUSSION OF SALARY FOR ONE OR MORE CLASSES, NEGOTIATIONS, DISENROLLMENT OF STUDENTS, PROPOSED ABATEMENT, AND PENDING LITIGATION (OPEN/CLOSED SESSION)

*A motion was made by Jean Stanker and seconded by Mike Turner, to adjourn the Open Session of the meeting and move into Closed Session to discuss personnel-employment of employees and the discussion of salary for one or more classes, negotiations, superintendent evaluation, and pending litigation. All members voted "Aye." Motion carried. President Klene declared a Closed Session at 9:27 p.m. President Klene resumed Open Session at 10:05 p.m.*

X. ACTION ITEMS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

*A motion was made by Pat Usher and seconded by Cari Mills to approve the dismissal of a non-certified staff member.*

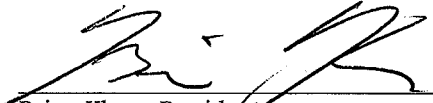
Voting "Aye:" Usher, Mills, Turner, Adamski, Stanker, McFadden, Klene  
Motion carried: 7 Aye, 0 Nay

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is Monday, 12 December, at 7:00 p.m., in Board Room at the Administrative Offices, 10480 W. Nebraska Street, Frankfort, Illinois 60423-2235.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

*A motion was made by Mike Turner and seconded by Cari Mills, that the meeting be adjourned. All members voted "Aye." Motion carried.* President Klene adjourned the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

  
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Brian Klene, President

ATTEST:

  
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Jean Stanker, Secretary