

MAINE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 207
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2005

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Maine Township High School District 207, Cook County, Illinois, held in the Board Room of the Ralph J. Frost Administration Center, 1131 South Dee Road in Park Ridge, Illinois, on Monday, February 7, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeffrey Bergen
Marijo Bustos
J. Roger Crawford
Eric Leys
Edward Mueller
Donna B. Pellar

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joann Braam

OTHERS PRESENT

C. Steven Snider
Dennis Dresen
Merilee McCracken
Suzanne Millies
Lynette Williams
David Barker
David Claypool
Bruce Bandy
Gail Macdonald
Julie Murphy
Geraldyn Haan
Linda Ryan
Jaime Stasiorowski
Santiago Galanes

President Mueller called the February 7, 2005, Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MONTHLY STATUS OF FINANCES

Merilee McCracken, Assistant Superintendent for Business, stated that as of December 31, 2004, with 50% of the fiscal year complete, the District has received 47% of expected revenue and has spent 47% of budgeted expenditures.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES REPORTS

Suzanne Millies presented highlights of two reports: (1) Grade 8 Explore Performance Report and (2) Explore to Plan Value Added Study. President Mueller questioned why reading scores were low, and Dr. Millies replied the scores reflect both a cultural dimension as well as the lower reading level at which the students enter high school. President Mueller asked if this information

would be shared with the feeder districts, and Dr. Millies replied that she does work closely with the elementary districts and will share the information.

Dr. Millies also noted that she is working with a group of curriculum experts to write a paper that will address the irregularities and flaws of NCLB, and will suggest improvements to the law.

OTHER ITEMS

Member Bergen mentioned that he would like to hear a presentation on the sequencing of science courses; the Freshman Advisory program at Maine East; and the mobility of students between regular track and accelerated track curriculum. It was agreed that these issues should be reviewed by the Education Committee.

President Mueller noted that he had a letter from Representative Elaine Nekritz regarding student scholarships.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Member Crawford and was seconded by Member Pellar that the Board approve the following:

MINUTES

January 3, 2005 - Regular Board meeting;

BOARD BILLS

Board bills dated January 31, 2005 as follows:

Vouchers #267928 through #268021, inclusive;
Vouchers #350826 through #350935, inclusive;
Vouchers #454868 through #455164, inclusive;
Vouchers #707695 through #708529, inclusive in the amount of \$2,746,790.75;

PAYROLLS – JANUARY 2005

January 2005 payrolls as presented:

Direct deposit vouchers # 765731 through # 767554, and
Vouchers # 382649 through # 383132, inclusive in the amount of \$4,913,837.97;
And, vouchers # 267928 through # 268021, inclusive in the amount of . . \$1,599,697.69;
For a total amount of \$6,513,535.66;

STUDENT ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURES

Expenditures of the various Student Activities organizations in District 207 for the month of December 2004;

BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

An Employee Relations Committee meeting was held on January 3, 2005, for the purpose of discussing workload equity.

STUDENT RECOGNITION AND COMMENDATION

Recommendations from the building principals for students whom the Board of Education should recognize and commend for their outstanding accomplishments;

SCHOOL GIFTS

Authorize Maine East to accept on behalf of District 207 the donation of the following items from the Class of 2004:

- \$5,000 to the Make a Wish Foundation
- The purchase of up to five ceiling mounted overhead LCD projectors
- The purchase of two Elmo High Resolution Visual Presenters
- The remaining money to be distributed among the class councils

Authorize Maine East to accept on behalf of District 207 the donation of a variety of art supplies from Patrick Mastrolonardo of Mastro's Art Emporium in Park Ridge (fair market value of \$7,581);

Authorize Maine South to accept on behalf of District 207 the donation of a Hoshi Ice Machine for the athletic department (cost is \$3200) by the Maine South Hawk Boosters;

Authorize Maine South to accept on behalf of District 207 the donation of an Endzone Video System for Maine South High School (cost is \$5,000) by the Maine South football program;

Authorize Maine West to accept on behalf of District 207 the donation of a Multi-Level Disc for rehabilitation of athletes (fair market value of \$500) by the Maine West Girls Basketball organization.

Authorize Maine West to accept on behalf of District 207 the donation of an Aerodyne Stationary Bike and 4 weight plates (fair market value of \$300) from the Des Plaines Fire Department.

Authorize Maine West to accept on behalf of District 207 the donation of \$450, from the Maine West Athletic Boosters, to be spent on soccer balls for the boys and girls soccer programs.

President Mueller submitted the motion to a vote and upon roll call the following vote was recorded:

- Ayes: Members Bergen, Bustos, Crawford, Leys, Mueller and Pellar
- Absent: Member Braam
- Nays: None

Whereupon President Mueller declared the motion carried.

USE OF FACILITIES

It was moved by Member Crawford and was seconded by Member Bustos that the Board authorize Maine East to enter into a contract with the American Cancer Society for use of the Maine East Memorial Stadium on Friday, August 5 and Saturday, August 6, 2005, for the Relay for Life fundraiser.

President Mueller submitted the motion to a vote and upon roll call the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Members Bergen, Bustos, Crawford, Leys, Mueller and Pellar
Absent: Member Braam
Nays: None

Whereupon President Mueller declared the motion carried.

REQUEST FOR NON-RESIDENT TUITION

It was moved by Member Bustos and was seconded by Member Crawford that in accord with Board Policy #6003, the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to permit Olivia Berenger of Rosemont, Illinois, to enroll at Maine South High School on a tuition basis beginning with the 2005-2006 school year.

Member Pellar asked Principal Claypool if there is space at South for a tuition paying student, to which he replied there is adequate space.

President Mueller submitted the motion to a vote and upon roll call the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Members Bergen, Bustos, Crawford, Leys, Mueller and Pellar
Absent: Member Braam
Nays: None

Whereupon President Mueller declared the motion carried.

RETIREMENT NOTIFICATION FOR 2006 RETIREES

It was moved by Member Crawford and was seconded by Member Bustos that the Board of Education approve the Early Retirement Option Extension Agreement as presented. Merilee McCracken noted that the administration will continue to work with the MTA President to maintain an awareness and a dialogue on legislation regarding the extension or sunset of the ERO and the impact on District 207 teachers.

President Mueller submitted the motion to a vote and upon roll call the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Members Bergen, Bustos, Crawford, Leys, Mueller and Pellar
Absent: Member Braam
Nays: None

Whereupon President Mueller declared the motion carried.

PERSONNEL ACTION

PROFESSIONAL STAFF APPOINTMENTS

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

MS. HELEN GALLAGHER – ENGLISH DEPT CHAIR – MAINE EAST
SALARY: \$83,000. (plus TRS)
Appointment for the 2005-2006 school year
Beginning Date: July 1, 2005

MRS. SUSAN GAHAGAN MUELLER – SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT
CHAIR – MAINE WEST
SALARY: \$83,000. (plus TRS)
Appointment for the 2005-2006 school year
Beginning Date: July 1, 2005

TEACHER PERSONNEL

MS. SHERRI SPORLEDER – SOCIAL SCIENCE – MAINE SOUTH
Column 1, Step 1 – B.A. Degree \$38,969.00
TRS Contribution 3,388.63
1st semester contract extended to full school year contract \$42,357.63
(Assignment for 2004-2005 school year) (Replacement)
Beginning Date: August 19, 2004

PROFESSIONAL STAFF REINSTATEMENT

TEACHER ASSISTANT

AGNIESKA PLOSZAJ – SPECIAL EDUCATION – MAINE EAST
SALARY: \$12.86 per hour
(Replacement – Pilar Jiminez)

PROFESSIONAL STAFF – REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

TEACHER PERSONNEL

MS. JULIE M. ASSENATO – SCIENCE – MAINE WEST (8/24/92)
Requesting an extended leave of absence to the end of the 2005-2006 school year

MS. AMY CLAUS – MATHEMATICS – MAINE WEST (8/20/98)
Requesting a leave of absence to April 25, 2005

MS. ELIZABETH GODWIN – SCIENCE – MAINE SOUTH (8/24/87)
Requesting an extended leave of absence to the end of the 2005-2006 school year

MS. MARIA J. HALL – SCIENCE – MAINE EAST (8/17/94)
Requesting an extended leave of absence to the end of the 2005-2006 school year

MS. ALICIA MC GOWAN – SOCIAL SCIENCE – MAINE SOUTH (8/25/97)
Requesting an extended leave of absence to the end of the 2005-2006 school year

PROFESSIONAL STAFF RETIREMENTS

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

DR. PAUL J. LEATHEM – PRINCIPAL – MAINE WEST (7/1/86)
Retirement effective: June 30, 2005

TEACHER ASSISTANTS

MS. JUDITH JOHNSON – ESL/BE – MAINE WEST (8/28/80)
Retirement effective: April 29, 2005

MS. IRENE WOJCIK – SPECIAL EDUCATION – MAINE WEST (12/5/77)
Retirement effective: April 29, 2005

MS. FERRYL SIMONIAN – SPECIAL EDUCATION – MAINE EAST
Retirement effective: April 29, 2005 (8/28/85)

MS. PEGGY GESELTTER – SPECIAL EDUCATION – MAINE EAST (8/25/97)
Retirement effective: April 29, 2005

PROFESSIONAL STAFF RESIGNATIONS

TEACHER PERSONNEL

MS. CAROLINE ALDWORTH – LIBRARIAN – MAINE SOUTH (8/23/01)
Resignation effective at the conclusion of the 2004-2005 school year

MR. MARK A. SCHULER – PHYSICAL EDUCATION – MAINE SOUTH
Resignation effective at the conclusion of the 2004-2005 school year (8/23/01)

MS. SUE JESSELSON – SPECIAL EDUCATION – MAINE SOUTH (8/23/99)
Resignation effective at the conclusion of the 2004-2005 school year

MS. ALLISON ZAMECK – GUIDANCE COUNSELOR – WEST (8/12/2004)
Resignation effective at the conclusion of the 2004-2005 school year

SUPPORT STAFF RESIGNATIONS

OFFICE PERSONNEL

MRS. DEBRA J. BENGE – SECRETARY – MAINE SOUTH (8/18/97)
Resignation effective: January 21, 2005

SUPPORT STAFF RETIREMENTS

OFFICE PERSONNEL

MRS. MARY LOU VINZANT – ATTENDANCE CLERK – MAINE EAST
Retirement effective: April 29, 2005 11/5/74)

CUSTODIAL PERSONNEL

MR. JAMES FREDRICK – MAINE WEST (9/4/91)
Retirement effective: December 31, 2004

MR. ROBERT SCHNEPP – MAINE EAST (6/16/80)
Retirement effective: April 29, 2005

MR. MIKE PROKOP – MAINE EAST (12/26/79)
Retirement effective: April 29, 2005

MR. JOSEPH GIELASKI – MAINE SOUTH (4/17/95)
Retirement effective: June 15, 2005

SUPPORT STAFF APPOINTMENTS

CUSTODIAL PERSONNEL

MR. CHANG LEE – 2ND SHIFT CUSTODIAN – MAINE SOUTH
Beginning Date: February 7, 2005 (Replacement)
Salary: \$15.56 per hour

It was moved by Member Crawford and was seconded by Member Pellar that the Board of Education approve for the official records the previously mentioned personnel items.

President Mueller noted that while Principal Leathem was not in attendance, he complimented him on the great job he has done as Principal at Maine West and said he would be missed.

President Mueller submitted the motion to a vote and upon roll call the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Members Bergen, Bustos, Crawford, Leys, Mueller and Pellar
Absent: Member Braam
Nays: None

Whereupon President Mueller declared the motion carried.

CALENDAR ITEMS

February 24, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. - Joint Board of Education meeting (Districts 62, 63, 64, 207) has been canceled. Will be rescheduled after April election.

Monday, March 7, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. – An Education Committee meeting (prior to the regular Board meeting) for the purpose of hearing a presentation on the District School Improvement Plan.

March 7, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. - Regular meeting of the Board of Education.

Monday, March 14, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. - Notice of a **cancellation of a previously scheduled Board meeting** that was scheduled to discuss personnel matters but will no longer be necessary.

Monday, March 14, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. - Education Committee meeting (prior to the Special Board meeting) for the purpose of discussing the sequencing of science classes.

March 14, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. - Notice of a Special Board Meeting (The Special Board meeting will immediately follow the Education Committee meeting, but will begin no earlier than 6:30 p.m.) The purposes of the meeting are set forth in the following agenda for the meeting:

1. Call to Order.
2. Communications.
3. Continuation of the Strategic Plan Process.
4. Other Items.
5. Adjournment.

All meetings will be held in the Board Room of the Ralph J. Frost Administration Center, 1131 South Dee Road, Park Ridge, Illinois.

OTHER BUSINESS

It was moved by Member Crawford and was seconded by Member Pellar to cancel the Board meeting on Monday, March 14, 2005, that was scheduled for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, but will no longer be necessary.

President Mueller submitted this motion to a vote which passed by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Crawford and was seconded by Member Pellar to adjourn the meeting. President Mueller submitted this motion to a vote which passed by unanimous voice vote at 7:30 p.m.

Merilee McCracken, Secretary

Edward Mueller, President