

MAINE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 207
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 6, 2007

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 Admin. Center, 1131 South Dee Road in Park Ridge, Illinois, on Monday, August 6, 2007.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeffrey Bergen
Joann Braam
Marijo Bustos
Eric Leys
Edward Mueller
Donna B. Pellar
Sean Sullivan

OTHERS PRESENT

Joel Morris
Greg Dietz
Pamela Schau
Ken Wallace
Lynette Williams
David Claypool
Audrey Haugan
Steven Isoye
Cheryl Johansson
Kit Kadlec
Deb Dandridge
Daniele Zarone
Angele Zarone
Rosa Zarcone
Lori Griffith
Sandra O'Toole
Bernie Incledon
Adele Prendergast
Kathy Glarner
Steve Glarner
Steve Johnson
Bob Minetz
Kim Angelo
Patrick Angelo, Jr.
Nigel Dandridge

CALL TO ORDER

President Braam called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:05 p.m. She led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

MONTHLY STATUS OF FINANCES

Ms. Pamela Schau, Assistant Superintendent for Business stated that June 30 marks the end of the District's fiscal year and that the District ended the year within budget.

2007-2008 BUDGET

The Maine Township High School District 207 tentative budget will be on display from 9:00 a.m. on August 10, 2007 at the Ralph J. Frost Administration Center, 1131 S. Dee Road, Park Ridge, Illinois, and at the seven public libraries located within Maine Township. A public hearing on the 2007-08 tentative budget will be held on September 10, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Ralph J. Frost Administration Center.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES - FIRST READING

Policy # 2312 - Assistant Principal for Instruction - Job Description
Policy # 2313 - Assistant Principal for Students - Job Description
Policy # 3401 - Substitute Teachers

Mr. Greg Dietz informed the Board that approximately 5-6 years ago there was a shift in responsibilities for the Assistant Principals for Instruction (policy # 2312) and the Assistant Principals for Students (policy # 2313). These policy revisions accurately represent the current job responsibilities. Member Bustos asked which position fulfills the duties of the Principal in his absence. It is stated in Policy 2312 that the Assistant Principal for Instruction assumes this role. Member Bustos asked for clarification of "contracts for transportation" in the Assistant Principal for Students' job description. Mr. Dietz replied that these are event contracts providing transportation for students to various curricular and extra-curricular activities throughout the year.

Policy 3401 outlines the current requirements and procedures in place for substitute teachers. Member Bustos asked about the requirement of the Tuberculosis test. Mr. Dietz replied that it is required by the Illinois School Code. An explanation of the requirement and process for finger-printing was also provided by Mr. Dietz.

OTHER ITEMS

Member Bustos asked for an update on the service component for graduation. Dr. Joel Morris plans to gather information from other Districts. Things to be considered include (1) will it be a graduation requirement (2) parameters for service that qualifies (3) establishment of partnerships.

President Braam asked if another parent/community survey will be taking place in the near future. The District is looking at changes to the website that will include a survey component.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Member Pellar and was seconded by Member Mueller to approve the following:

MINUTES

July 9, 2007 - Special Board Meeting - as amended
July 16, 2007 - Regular Board Meeting - as amended

BOARD BILLS

Board bills dated July 31, 2007 as follows:

<u>VOUCHERS # 353665 THROUGH # 353725, INCLUSIVE</u>	
<u>VOUCHERS # 462895 THROUGH # 463296, INCLUSIVE</u>	
<u>VOUCHERS # 726716 THROUGH # 727190, INCLUSIVE</u>	
<u>IN THE AMOUNT OF</u>	<u>\$4,021,879.27</u>

PAYROLLS - JULY 2007

July 2007 payrolls as presented

<u>Direct deposit vouchers # 397740 through # 398075,</u>	
<u>and vouchers # 823753 through # 826328, inclusive</u>	
<u>in the amount of</u>	<u>\$4,942,861.71</u>
<u>and, vouchers # 270748 through # 270832, inclusive</u>	
<u>in the amount of</u>	<u>\$1,574,655.45</u>
<u>for a total amount of</u>	<u>\$6,517,517.16</u>

STUDENT ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURES

Expenditures of the various Student Activities organizations in District 207 for the month of May 2007.

BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS

A **Committee of the Whole** meeting was held on July 16, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Board policy and collective negotiations.

SCHOOL GIFTS

Accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and authorize Maine West to accept on behalf of District 207 the donation of the reconditioning of a competition mat, at a cost of \$3800, from the Maine West Athletic Boosters to be used by the athletic department primarily for Wrestling Team competition.

Accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and authorize Maine West to accept on behalf of District 207 the donation of a portable updated clock in the amount of \$2100. from the Maine West Athletic Boosters to be used by Physical Education classes as well as during Wrestling Team competition.

Accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and authorize Maine West to accept on behalf of District 207 the donation of a swimming lane line saver in the amount of \$1500. from the Maine West Athletic Boosters to be utilized during physical education classes along with boys and girls swim team competition.

Accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and authorize Maine West to accept on behalf of District 207 the donation of \$1300. from the Maine West Athletic Boosters toward the purchase of swimming starting blocks. These will be utilized by the boys and girls swim teams.

Accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and authorize Maine West to accept on behalf of District 207 the donation of a softball batting cage in the amount of \$2000. from the Maine West Athletic Boosters to be utilized by physical education students and Maine West softball teams.

Accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and authorize Maine West to accept on behalf of District 207 the donation of \$500. from the Maine West Athletic Boosters to defray some of the costs accumulated throughout the year by the Maine West Poms Squad.

Accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and authorize Maine West to accept on behalf of District 207 the donation of \$500. from the Maine West Athletic Boosters to defray some of the costs accumulated throughout the year by the Maine West Cheerleaders.

Accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and authorize Maine West to accept on behalf of District 207 the donation of \$7,500 from the Athletic Boosters for the purpose of annual coaches' clinics, conferences, workshops, award banners, leadership camp and nominal gifts for coaches during *Appreciation Week*.

STUDENT TEACHING AGREEMENT

Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Contract for Cooperative Working Arrangements in Student Teaching Programs for the 2007-2008 school year.

Member Bustos asked if this total dollar amount of donations to Maine West was typical, and Dr. Haugan replied that it was an accumulated total for the year.

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

Ayes: Members Bergen, Braam, Bustos, Leys, Mueller, Pellar and Sullivan.
Nays: None

Whereupon President Braam declared the motion carried.

REVIEW OF BIDS AND AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

It was moved by Member Pellar and was seconded by Member Leys that the following low bid be approved for awarding of a contract and purchase order by action of the Board of Education.

C Johnson Sign Company for an electronic message display board for Maine West High School in the amount of \$22,000.

Board members asked why only one bid was presented. Mr. Mike Galis reported that while several bid packets were sent out, only one was returned.

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

Ayes: Members Bergen, Braam, Leys, Pellar and Sullivan.
Nays: Member Bustos
Abstain: Member Mueller

Whereupon President Braam declared the motion carried.

DISTRICT 207 - ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT

MTSEP AND NSERVE BUDGETS - 2007-2008 FISCAL YEAR

It was moved by Member Pellar and was seconded by Member Mueller that the Board of Education of Maine Township High School District 207, acting as the administering district for the Maine Township Special Education Program (MTSEP), adopt the MTSEP budget and resolution presented in accordance with the recommendation of the MTSEP Board;

And that the Board of Education of Maine Township High School District 207, acting as the administering district for the North Suburban Educational Region for Vocational Education (NSERVE), adopt the NSERVE budget and resolution presented in accordance with the recommendation of the NSERVE Board.

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

Ayes: Members Bergen, Braam, Bustos, Leys, Mueller, Pellar and Sullivan.
Nays: None

Whereupon President Braam declared the motion carried.

REQUEST FOR TICKET FEE INCREASE

It was moved by Member Bustos and was seconded by Member Mueller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and authorize Maine East, Maine South and Maine West to increase their ticket fees for fine arts' productions as follows:

Musical - \$10.00 (presently \$8.00)
Plays, V-Show, Orchesis - \$6.00 (presently \$5.00)

Member Bustos asked what criteria was used to determine that a ticket fee increase was necessary. Principals Claypool and Haugan stated that production costs - props, costumes, etc. have increased. Member Mueller asked about lower prices for senior citizens to which the principals replied that each school has a free performance matinee for senior citizens. Superintendent Morris will look into the events covered by the Gold Card offered to senior citizens.

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

Ayes: Members Bergen, Braam, Leys, Mueller, Pellar and Sullivan.
Nays: Bustos

Whereupon President Braam declared the motion carried.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

It was moved by Member Bergen and was seconded by Member Mueller to proceed with the design and preparation to replace the existing stadium bleachers at Maine West High School and authorize the president and secretary of the Board to request authorization for funding from the Health Life Safety Account.

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

Ayes: Members Bergen, Braam, Leys, Mueller, Pellar and Sullivan.
Abstain: Bustos

Whereupon President Braam declared the motion carried.

PERSONNEL ACTION

It was moved by Member Mueller and was seconded by Member Bergen that the Board of Education approve for the official records the following personnel items:

Member Sullivan moved to postpone the motion to follow Closed Session. Member Leys seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: Members Bergen, Braam, Bustos, Leys, Mueller, Pellar and Sullivan.
Nays: None

Whereupon President Braam declared the motion carried.

CALENDAR ITEMS

August 16, 2007

Opening Day for Teaching Staff

August 20, 2007

Opening Day for students

September 10, 2007

7:00 p.m. - Public Hearing on the 2007-2008 tentative budget to be followed by the regular meeting of the Board of Education

All meetings will be held in the Board Room of the Ralph J. Frost Administration Center

OTHER ITEMS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Bob Minetz, an attorney who spoke on behalf of Deb Dandridge at a previous meeting, stated that several people were here at this Board meeting to speak on behalf of Ms. Deborah Dandridge.

Mr. Patrick J. Angelo, Jr., expressed to the Board of Education his disappointment in the less than stellar review Ms. Dandridge received after her 20 years of service to the District. Mr. Angelo stated that Ms. Dandridge taught his daughter that she could overcome her small learning problem. Mr. Angelo asked why the Board is not helping Ms. Dandridge in her time of need.

Lori Griffith, is a 1996 graduate of Maine South. Ms. Griffith informed the Board that Ms. Dandridge taught her more than she thought she was capable of learning and taught her to believe in herself.

Kathy Glarner and her husband Steve had 4 four children graduate happily and successfully from Maine South. Ms. Dandridge helped one of their children who was dyslexic and has now graduated with a teaching degree. Ms. Glarner asked the Board of Education to rise above hearsay and allow Ms. Dandridge time to recover from her trauma.

Adele Prendergast had a son who was a Maine South graduate. While attending Western Illinois he was asked to name a teacher who most affected his life. He said Ms. Dandridge taught him to advocate for himself and gave him confidence. Ms. Prendergast stated that if Ms. Dandridge needs this leave, she should be given it.

Sandra O'Toole told the Board of Education that her daughter was borderline suicidal. She does not feel she would have her daughter today if Ms. Dandridge had not helped her, and asked the Board of Education to consider her request.

President Braam thanked those who spoke, and told them the Board of Education would take their comments into consideration.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Bustos and seconded by Member Pellar that the meeting adjourn to closed session to discuss student personnel, review closed session minutes, personnel (appointment, employment or dismissal of employee) and collective negotiations.

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

Ayes: Members Bergen, Braam, Bustos, Leys, Mueller, Pellar and Sullivan.
Nays: None

Whereupon President Braam declared the motion carried at 8:03 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

It was moved by Member Mueller and seconded by Member Bergen to reconvene in open session.

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

Ayes: Members Bergen, Braam, Bustos, Leys, Mueller, Pellar and Sullivan.
Nays: None

Whereupon President Braam declared the motion carried at 9:05 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

Approval of Closed Session Minutes

It was moved by Member Bustos and seconded by Member Pellar to approve the closed session minutes dated July 9, 2007 and July 16, 2007.

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

Ayes: Members Bergen, Braam, Bustos, Leys, Mueller, Pellar and Sullivan.
Nays: None

Whereupon President Braam declared the motion carried at 9:05 p.m.

Action on other Closed Session Items

Personnel Action

It was moved by Member Bustos and seconded by Member Sullivan that the Board of Education approve for the official records the following personnel items.

Professional Staff Appointments

Teacher Personnel

**Base salary to be adjusted upon approval of the New Collective Bargaining Agreement*

MS. VIRGINIA F. RUGGERI - MATHEMATICS - MAINE WEST	
SALARY: COLUMN I, STEP 1 - B.S. DEGREE (2/6 TIME)	*\$13,993.66
TRS CONTRIBUTION	<u>1,216.85</u>
(Assignment for the 2007-2008 school year)	\$15,210.51
Beginning Date: August 16, 2007	

MS CHRISTINE D. RUSSELL - SPECIAL EDUCATION ARC/SOUTH	
SALARY: COLUMN III, STEP 15 - M.A. + 32 DEGREE	*\$84,600.00
TRS CONTRIBUTION	<u>7,356.56</u>
(Assignment for the 2007-2008 school year)	\$91,956.56
Beginning Date: August 16, 2007	

MS. CARRIE L. SAURER - ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - SOUTH	
2/6 TIME POSITION	
SALARY: COLUMN I, STEP 6	*\$16,945.04
TRS CONTRIBUTION	<u>1,473.49</u>
(Assignment for the 2007-2008 school year)	\$18,418.53
Beginning Date: August 16, 2007	

Intern - Psychology

ARPITA BAVISHI - MAINE EAST

Employment dates: August 16, 2007 through June 5, 2008 - 5 days per week
Salary: \$12,000 (salary to be reimbursed by the State)

Teacher Assistants

MS. MELISSA K. GALPERN - SPECIAL EDUCATION - MAINE SOUTH
Beginning Date: August 16, 2007 (added position)
Salary: Step 3 - \$15.56 per hour - plus \$600. for having a college degree

MS. VALERIE M. JASKI - SPECIAL EDUCATION - MAINE WEST
Beginning Date: August 16, 2007 (replacement)
Salary: Step 3 - \$15.56 per hour - plus \$850. stipend for a teacher certificate
and \$1000. for ½ of personal care stipend

MS. LAURA ROTHSTEIN - SPECIAL EDUCATION - MAINE WEST
Beginning Date: August 16, 2007 (added position for new student
w/1-1 aide req.)
Salary: Step 1 - \$13.78 per hour - plus \$600. for having a college degree
and \$1000. for ½ of personal care stipend

MS. THEODORA BOUNDROUKAS - SPEC. EDUCATION - MAINE EAST
Beginning Date: August 16, 2007 (replacement)
Salary: Step 1 - \$13.78 per hour - plus \$600 for having a college degree

Professional Staff Resignations

Teacher Assistant

MS. THERESA GRESHAM - SPEC. EDUCATION - MAINE EAST (1/22/07)
Resignation effective: July 25, 2007

Support Staff Appointments

Theater Technical Director

MR. CHRISTOPHER JENSEN - MAINE WEST
New position
Beginning Date: August 16, 2007 (10 month position)
Salary: \$43,965.

Office Personnel

MS. KATHLEEN BURKE - LRC SECRETARY - MAINE WEST
Beginning Date: August 16, 2007
Salary: Grade Level III (Replacement)

MS. KRISTY EDWARDS - DIST. TECHNOLOGY SEC'Y - MAINE SOUTH
Beginning Date: July 23, 2007
Salary: Grade Level III (Replacement)

Support Staff Termination

Office Personnel

MS. JACKIE LIMOSANI - NSERVE - ADMINISTRATION CENTER (9/3/02)
Termination effective: July 9, 2007

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

Ayes: Members Bergen, Braam, Bustos, Leys, Mueller, Pellar and Sullivan.
Nays: None

Whereupon President Braam declared the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Bustos and seconded by Member Pellar to adjourn the meeting.

President Braam submitted the motion to a vote and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 9:10 p.m.

Joann Braam, President

Cheryl Johansson, Secretary