

MAINE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 207
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 1, 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, October 1, 2007.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

President Braam called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:03 p.m. Following roll call, she led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeffrey Bergen
Joann Braam
Marijo Bustos
Eric Leys (teleconference 8:24)
Edward Mueller
Donna B. Pellar
Sean Sullivan

Kid Kadlec
Maureen Moeller
Joel Walsh
Chris Bogue
Seth MacLowry
Bryanne Hult
Charles Gray
Owen Doak
Nicole Avadek
Chad Barney
Victor Rodriguez
Jeff Gallichio
Tony haig
Jose Arguello
Jenny Bores
Marg Smythe
K.A. Brinkerhoff
Jayne Morrison
Kristen Hannigan
Rachel Hendrickson
Bill Williams

OTHERS PRESENT

Joel Morris
Greg Dietz
Pamela Schau
Ken Wallace
Don Marzolf
Lynette Williams
Steven Isoye
David Claypool
Audrey Haugan
Todd Faulkner (7:45)
Cheryl Johansson
Michael Harper

COMMUNICATIONS

President Braam attended the recent marching band performance with 160 Maine West students and communicated how well the students performed and that they came in 2nd in their division.

MONTHLY STATUS OF FINANCES

Ms. Pamela Schau, Assistant Superintendent for Business stated that as of the end of August, spending was on target, but revenues were not forthcoming from Springfield as yet due to the veto of House Bill 664. Currently District 207 has received approximately 6% of its revenue compared to 17% at this time last year. This will be reflected in a loss of interest as well.

207's BEST

Maine West Principal, Audrey Haugan introduced Heather Dean as the first recipient of the 207's Best award this year. Heather is #1 in her class of 510 students with a grade point average of 4.9063. Mr. Santiago Galanas had Heather for Spanish II accelerated as well as Spanish V AP and says that Heather has a level of seriousness, sense of responsibility and motivation that is sometimes rare for her age. Mr. Matt McClure had Heather as a freshman and again as a junior and describes Heather as an amazingly insightful participant and classroom discussion leader. Mr. Harper had Heather as a sophomore in AP European History, in which she scored a 4 on her AP test. As a member of the Speech Team, she can make anyone laugh with her delivery and sense of humor. Heather also participates in International Club as well as Scholastic Bowl. Heather plans to continue her education with a major in research-based social science.

Maine East Principal, Steven Isoye, introduced his recipient of the 207's Best award, Martha Golonko. Martha is one of the top students in her senior class. All four of Martha's years at Maine East have included rigorous courses including AP and Accelerated mathematics, science, English, social science and foreign language. This year, Martha is enrolled in five AP classes, is a member of the Gifted Lyceum program and a COACH program teacher's assistant. Martha's future plans include attending Northwestern University to study chemistry and education.

Maine South Principal, Dave Claypool, describes his 207's Best student, Lauren Sheehy, as someone you would notice in the hall because of her genuine smile and eye contact. Lauren is a straight A student, number 1 in her class, with a grade point average of 4.95, participating in the most rigorous accelerated and AP curriculum. Lauren not only was blessed with a great deal of natural talent, but she works very hard as well. Lauren's counselor, Mr. Milano, said of her "She is perhaps the brightest student I have ever worked with." Lauren also participates in Student Council, COACH, girls track, Key Club, Hawk Pride and is a member of National Honor Society. Lauren's future plans include studying at the University of Illinois.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES REPORTSACT Test Data

Dr. Ken Wallace reviewed 2007 ACT test data, stating that our students are better prepared than others in the State of Illinois. Member Mueller asked what the implications are of being on the Academic Watch list. Dr. Wallace explained that this is a federal guideline term, and it applies to Maine East because it is Title I funded school and as such is subject to federal guidelines. Dr. Wallace noted that serious steps are being taken to improve performance. Member Bergen asked if it might be advantageous for some students to take biology in 10th grade rather than 9th when they would have stronger math skills. Dr. Wallace said it was worth looking into. Member Bustos asked if there was any way to identify those students that just are not interested in taking the tests, and therefore produce low scores. Maine West Principal, Dr. Haugan, stated that they are beginning to look at individual profiles and are planning follow-up meetings with parents and students to review test results and discuss what those scores mean in terms of future success. President Braam asked about articulation with partner schools, and Dr. Wallace informed the Board of the mutually beneficial initiatives the District has put in place.

Course Proposals

Dr. Ken Wallace reviewed the course proposals for next year, and stated he will ask for approval at the November 2007 meeting. A discussion followed regarding dual credit courses.

Summer School Report

A summer school report comparing 2007 with the four previous years was reviewed.

Student Activity Participation

President Joann Braam asked if there were any trends identified. Dr. Ken Wallace responded that participation was down slightly in sports especially boys' sports. Member Bustos asked if the new requirement of participation at Maine West is reflected in these numbers. Dr. Haugan responded that while the previous year totals were not broken out by school, she was confident the new expectations resulted in increased numbers of participants.

OTHER ITEMS

President Braam reported that she had been hearing great things about the Student Information System Parent Portal. Parent comments included "an excellent tool" "easy to use" "just fabulous." Superintendent Dr. Joel Morris reported that teachers were seeing it as a great communication tool.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

MINUTES

- September 10, 2007 - Public Hearing on 2007-2008 Tentative Budget
- September 10, 2007 - Regular Board Meeting
- September 24, 2007 - Special Board Meeting

BOARD BILLS

Board bills dated September 28, 2007 as follows:

VOUCHERS # 353771 THROUGH # 353854, INCLUSIVE
 VOUCHERS # 727984 THROUGH # 728454, INCLUSIVE
 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,717,729.79

PAYROLLS - SEPTEMBER 2007

September 2007 payrolls as presented:

DIRECT DEPOSIT VOUCHERS # 398425 THROUGH # 398697
 AND VOUCHERS # 827452 THROUGH # 829409, INCLUSIVE
 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,304,548.91
 AND, VOUCHERS # 270919 THROUGH # 270958, INCLUSIVE
 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,574,655.45
 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF..... \$6,879,204.36

STUDENT ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURES

Expenditures of the various Student Activities organizations in District 207 for the month of August 2007, have been included in the appendices.

SCHOOL GIFTS

Accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and authorize Maine West to accept on behalf of District 207 the donation of \$2329 from Music General for one Mackie

Onyx 32/8 mixer, 32 channel, 8 bus, 32 mic preamp console to be used by Fine Arts Students.

Accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and authorize Maine South to accept on behalf of District 207 the donation of \$707.29 from Target Stores to the Maine South Scholarship Fund.

Accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and authorize Maine West to accept on behalf of District 207 the donation of \$700 from WMTH for the purchase of one Canon Mini DV Camcorder GL2.

Accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and authorize Maine West to accept on behalf of District 207 the donation of new starting blocks in the amount of \$8000 from the Maine West Athletic Boosters to be used by the Maine West Swimming and Diving Team.

Accept on behalf of District 207 the donation of Green Net Cage #5 in the amount of \$1295 from the Maine West Baseball program to be used by the players for indoor batting cages.

Accept the hand-carried donation by Dr. Haugan for a donation from Student Council of \$5000 to be used for plants for the Student Council Poolside Patio.

STUDENT RECOGNITION AND COMMENDATION

Recognize and commend those students recommended by their Principal for commendation for their outstanding accomplishments as listed in the appendices.

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

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

Whereupon President Braam declared the motion carried.

PARK RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY AGREEMENT

It was moved by Member Pellar and seconded by Member Sullivan to approve the agreement contained in the appendices between the Park Ridge Public Library and Maine South High School to assure that students who are not entitled to a library card from other municipalities may receive a library card from the Park Ridge Library. The District 207 Education Foundation has agreed to support fees which cannot be recouped from individual students.

It was noted that the Educational Foundation has not incurred expenses from this agreement.

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

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

Whereupon President Braam declared the motion carried.

BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVED NON-PAID EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR 2007-2008

It was moved by Member Bergen and seconded by Member Bustos to approve the list of Non-Paid Extracurricular Activities for 2007-2008.

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

Ayes: Members Bergen, Braam, Bustos, Mueller, Pellar and Sullivan

Nays: None

Whereupon President Braam declared the motion carried.

MAINE TOWNSHIP SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (MTSEP)

It was moved by Member Pellar and seconded by Member Mueller to approve the Resolution which designates District 207 as the Administrative District for the Maine Township Special Education Program (MTSEP) through June 30, 2008, in accord with the "Resolution for Designation of the Maine Township Special Education Program Administrative District," authorizing the President and the Secretary of the Board of Education to execute the appropriate documents; and to execute the one-year transportation contract with Septran, Inc., representing a 6.2% rate increase; and acting as the fiscal agent for the Maine Township Special Education Program (MTSEP), approve the IDEA Grant for the 2007-2008 school year totaling \$3,893.135.

A brief discussion followed regarding the 6.2% rate increase in transportation. Superintendent Morris clarified that each Maine Township school is responsible for payment of their transportation costs.

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

Ayes: Members Bergen, Braam, Bustos, Mueller, Pellar and Sullivan

Nays: None

Whereupon President Braam declared the motion carried.

PROPOSAL FOR NEW CLUB

It was moved by Member Mueller and seconded by Member Bustos to approve the establishment of the *The Maine South Conservative Forum* at Maine South High School.

Following discussion of the words *Conservative Forum* by Members of the Board, Principal Dave Claypool assured the Board that through his conversations with the sponsor, it was clear that the intention of the club will be to discuss conservative types of relevant issues, to bring in speakers and to invite any interested students to participate.

Member Bustos expressed her concern over the appearance of an article in the Maine South student newspaper about the new club prior to Board approval.

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

Ayes: Members Bergen, Braam, Bustos, Mueller, Pellar and Sullivan

Nays: None

Whereupon President Braam declared the motion carried.

CALENDAR ITEMS

• November 5, 2007

6:00 p.m. - the Board will call a Policy Committee meeting for the purpose of discussing an attendance/truancy policy

and a Finance Committee meeting for the purpose of discussing the 2007 tax levy.

7:00 p.m. - Regular Board of Education Meeting

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

OTHER ITEMS

Superintendent Morris spoke of the recent political incident of gathering signatures for a petition on school property. The Board agreed to have a discussion on such an activity at a future meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

CLOSED SESSION #1

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), pending litigation, collective negotiations and sale of real property.

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

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

Nays: None

Whereupon President Braam declared the motion carried at 8:15 p.m.

OPEN SESSION #1

It was moved by Member Pellar and seconded by Member Sullivan to reconvene in open session.

President Braam submitted the motion to a vote and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 8:23 p.m.

It was moved by Member Pellar and seconded by Member Sullivan to teleconference Eric Leys into the meeting as he was unable to attend the meeting due to work constraints.

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

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

Whereupon President Braam declared the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION #2

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

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 8:25 p.m.

OPEN SESSION #2

It was moved by Member Pellar and seconded by Member Bustos 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, Bustos, Leys, Mueller, Pellar, Sullivan, and Braam
Nays: None

Whereupon President Braam declared the motion carried at 8:53 p.m.

Approval of Agreement

It was moved by Member Sullivan and seconded by Member Pellar to approve the "Settlement Agreement Regarding Extra-Curricular Program" as signed and dated October 1, 2007 by the Maine Teachers' Association President and to authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign and date the Agreement on behalf of the Board.

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: Bustos and Mueller

Whereupon President Braam declared the motion carried.

Approval of Closed Session Minutes

It was moved by Member Bustos and seconded by Member Mueller to approve the closed session minutes dated September 10, 2007, and September 24, 2007 as amended.

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.

CLOSED SESSION #3

It was moved by Member Bustos and seconded by Member Pellar to adjourn to closed session to discuss personnel (appointment, employment or dismissal of employee), collective negotiations and sale of real property.

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 8:55 p.m.

OPEN SESSION #3

It was moved by Member Sullivan and seconded by Member Pellar 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 9:49 p.m.

ACTION ON OTHER CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Personnel Action (Appointment, Employment And Dismissal Of Employees)

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 amended to remove *Support Staff Terminations*.

SUPPORT STAFF RESIGNATIONS

• **Technology Personnel**

· MR. JONATHAN WILKINSON - TECH. COORD. - MAINE SOUTH (7/9/01)
Effective date: September 21, 2007

• **Office Personnel**

· MS. BARBARA BAY - BOOKSTORE CLERK - MAINE WEST (8/10/06)
Effective date: October 5, 2007

SUPPORT STAFF APPOINTMENTS

• **Office Personnel**

- MS. ANN FELDCAMP - SPECIAL EDUCATION - MAINE EAST
Salary: \$14.85 per hour
Effective date: September 14, 2007

• **Custodial Personnel**

- MR. MICHAEL JASKULA - MAINE EAST
Salary: \$16.29 per hour + \$45/mo shift stipend
Effective date: September 13, 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.

OTHER BUSINESS

Member Mueller questioned the approval of an out-of-the-country student trip as reported in the student newspaper. Superintendent Morris clarified that this trip was not a school sponsored trip and was taken during non-attendance days.

ADJOURNMENT

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

President Braam submitted the motion to a vote and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 9:55 p.m.

Joann Braam, President

Cheryl Johansson, Secretary