

MAINE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 207
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 5, 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, November 5, 2007.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

President Braam called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:10 p.m. Following roll call, she led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Kid Kadlec
Mary Fabianski
Linda Borchew
Jose Arguello
Kathy Dollaske
K.A. Brinckerhoff
Victor Rodriguez
Owen Doag
Elizabeth Papanastasopoulos
Jeff Gallichio
Mike Grosse
Brian Cants
Rachel Samlan

OTHERS PRESENT

Joel Morris
Greg Dietz
Pamela Schau
Ken Wallace
Lynette Williams
Steven Isoye
David Claypool
Dave Matkovic (for A. Haugan)
Hank Thiele
Cheryl Johansson

COMMUNICATIONS

President Braam asked if there were any requests to speak from those attending the board meeting this evening, and explained to visitors that if they complete and turn in an information card available at the sign-in table, they will be given an opportunity to address the Board.

MONTHLY STATUS OF FINANCES

Ms. Pamela Schau, Assistant Superintendent for Business, stated that tax revenues were not coming in as quickly as in the past. To date, the District has received 9% of their revenue compared to 38% last year at this time. Ms. Schau informed the Board that spending was slightly behind as well.

207's BEST

Maine East Principal, Steven Isoye, introduced Christopher Norris, Maine East's candidate for 207's Best for Community Service. Christopher came to Maine East from Green Bay, Wisconsin, and in addition to his hard work in academic endeavors, he has become involved with volunteering at a pet adoption center on weekends. Christopher sets up and

cleans animal cages and helps families find the right pet. Christopher combined his love for animals with his interest in computers, by designing and maintaining a website for the pet adoption center.

Maine West Assistant Principal for Instruction, Dave Matkovic, introduced 207's Best for Maine West Principal Audrey Haugan (who is participating in an educators' trip to China). This month Maine West recognizes twin brothers, John and Robert Juranek who are both actively pursuing their Eagle Scout projects while contributing to Maine West at the same time. John is working on a battery recycling project and Robert is working on planting trees and identifying current vegetation on Maine West's grounds. John is in many accelerated and AP classes and teachers recognize his "good heart, good humor and earnest efforts." Robert is also involved in advanced classes and his English teacher, Mrs. Farrell likens him to the trees he is nurturing, "firm in his commitment to excellence, branches out to others, has roots grounded in the principle of hard work."

Maine South Principal, Dave Claypool, will honor his 207's Best recipient next month as he and the student recipient were attending the girls' State volleyball competition this evening.

COMMUNICATIONS

It was moved by Member Mueller and seconded by Member Bustos to amend the agenda and move item #15 Communications forward to allow Mr. Michael Grosse to address the board as indicated on the request card turned in to Board President Joann Braam.

President Braam submitted the motion to a vote and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Whereupon President Braam declared the motion carried.

Mr. Grosse addressed Dr. Morris indicating his displeasure at how the administration handled an issue concerning his son, a student at Maine East.

Member Leys reminded Mr. Grosse that the purpose of addressing the Board did not include a dialogue with the administration. Mr. Grosse had no further comments.

President Braam reported to the Board that she had spent some time at the schools recently including a field trip with a Maine West social science class; 3-4 hours with some Applied Arts and Technology hands-on classes; and some time in the student cafeteria chatting with students. At Maine East, she spent some time with the ESL classes, a Special Ed/Science class and again some time in the student cafeteria. President Braam plans to spend some time at Maine South in the near future.

Dr. Ken Wallace attended the 25th Annual Distinguished Faculty Award presentation at DePaul University at which Board Member, Dr. Jeffrey Bergen was awarded this honor for his contributions to the Mathematics Department.

BOARD OF EDUCATION - POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1st Reading

- Student Attendance Policy

The Board of Education made the determination at the Policy Committee meeting prior to the Board meeting that the policy needed further review and a first reading should be deferred until the December Board meeting.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES REPORTS

Dr. Ken Wallace reviewed the data from the 2007 National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test results.

Dr. Ken Wallace reported to the Board that he is recommending that the Network+ course become a one-period class rather than a one and one-half period class beginning next year. New technologies have allowed the coursework to be covered much faster than originally projected. This will provide the added benefit of more students being able to fit this class into their schedule.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

MINUTES

- September 28, 2007 - Special Board Meeting
- October 1, 2007 - Regular Board Meeting
- October 10, 2007 - Special Board Meeting
- October 19, 2007 - Special Board Meeting

BOARD BILLS

Board bills dated October 31, 2007, as follows:

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| Vouchers # 353855 Through # 354014, Inclusive | |
| Vouchers # 463355 Through # 463711, Inclusive | |
| Vouchers # 728455 Through # 729197, Inclusive | |
| <u>In The Amount Of</u> | \$3,272,185.39 |

PAYROLLS - OCTOBER 2007

Approve October 2007 payrolls as presented:

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| Direct Deposit Vouchers # 398698 Through # 399084, And Vouchers # 829410 Through #831407, Inclusive | |
| <u>In The Amount Of</u> | \$5,828,477.85 |
| And, Vouchers # 271007 Through # 271093, Inclusive | |
| <u>In The Amount Of</u> | \$1,760,788.25 |
| <u>For A Total Amount Of</u> | \$7,589,266.10 |

STUDENT ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURES

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

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

Accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and authorize Maine West to accept on behalf of District 207 the donation of Physical Fitness Equipment in the amount of \$7994.00 from the Physical Education Department's fundraising efforts for the Maine West Physical Fitness Center.

Accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and authorize Maine South to accept on behalf of District 207 the donation of \$8500.00 from the Maine South Athletic Boosters to be used for weight room equipment, Hall of Fame plaques, and towards the purchase of a new scoreboard for the West Spec Gym. Details may be found in the appendices.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Confirm with respect to the confidentiality of the Board's Closed Session minutes:

- 1) that the minutes or portions of minutes listed in Attachment A no longer require confidential treatment and are to be made available for public inspection after adoption of this motion.
- 2) that the need for confidentiality still exists to all or part of the following Minutes listed on Attachment B.
- 3) that Attachments A and B be filed with the official minutes of the November 5, 2007 Board meeting.

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.

WEB VENDOR

Dr. Joel Morris reported to the Board that this would be an information item pending review of the contract with American Eagle by legal counsel.

A visual presentation was delivered by Dr. Hank Thiele demonstrating the opportunities that exist with an upgraded website for District 207. The proposed contract with American Eagle would provide a custom student-centered website with features beyond any other school district. Member Bustos asked what the timeline would be. Dr. Thiele plans on a staged development to begin with the first semester of 2008-09. Board members had a variety of questions including: what typical interaction would include; how much computer-time do students have during the school day; what about inappropriate content; what software will be used for programming. The Board determined that they would need to review the "Acceptable Use of District Technology policy."

FINANCE COMMITTEE

It was moved by Member Mueller and seconded by Member Sullivan to establish an estimated 2007 tax levy in the amount of \$93,200,000, which represents a 4.97% increase over the prior year extension and to adopt the resolution entitled *Resolution Authorizing Interfund Loan of Moneys from the Working Cash Fund to the Bond and Interest Fund*.

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.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK - NOVEMBER 11-17, 2007

It was moved by Member Bergen and seconded by Member Bustos to adopt the resolution contained in the appendices, which urges all citizens to make a commitment to education and to the future of all children of Maine Township High School District 207.

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.

NEW COURSE PROPOSALS AND OTHER PROPOSED CHANGES

It was moved by Member Sullivan and seconded by Member Pellar to approve the Proposed New Courses for Adoption as presented to the Board for their review at the October 1, 2007, Board Meeting.

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.

SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS

It was moved by Member Mueller and seconded by Member Sullivan to accept \$600 from Pauline Erdman and \$600 from Steven Banks for advertising banners to be installed and removed by District 207 staff in the spectator gymnasium during selected games. The cost for the creation of the banner is to be borne by the donor, not the Athletic Boosters.

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.

It was moved by Member Leys and seconded by Member Sullivan to approve the purchase of two scrolling signs by the Athletic Boosters in the amount of \$10,000 each to be placed below the scoreboards in the spectator gymnasium with illuminated scrolling areas just below the "Warrior Athletics" wording. The illuminated scrolling area would contain sixteen advertising panels to be purchased for \$2500 each.

Member Mueller stated he considers this request to be beyond the Board's "spirit of intent." The Board also expressed concern over approving the sign before seeing the advertising requests.

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

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

Whereupon President Braam declared the motion failed.

CALENDAR ITEMS

• December 3, 2007

6:00 p.m. - A Policy Committee meeting will be held for the purpose of discussing attendance/truancy policy; student travel; and acceptable use policy for technology.

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.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Pellar and seconded by Member Bergen 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 8:45 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

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

President Braam submitted the motion to a vote and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 9:20 p.m.

PERSONNEL (APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES)

It was moved by Member Bustos and seconded by Member Mueller that the Board of Education approve for the official records the following personnel items amended to include a hand-carry item: *Professional Staff Leave of Absence*

PROFESSIONAL STAFF APPOINTMENTS

• **Teacher Assistants**

- .. MR. STEVE HAFTL - SPECIAL EDUCATION - MAINE EAST
Beginning Date: October 15, 2007 (replacement)
Salary: Step 1 - \$13.78 per hour + \$850. for having a teaching certificate
- .. MR. JOSEPH GENTILE - SPECIAL EDUCATION - MAINE WEST
Beginning Date: October 25, 2007 (replacement)
Salary: Step 1 - \$13.78 per hour + \$600. for having a college degree

SUPPORT STAFF APPOINTMENTS

• **Custodial Personnel**

- .. MR. LARRY BURTON - 2ND SHIFT - MAINE EAST
Beginning Date: November 7, 2007 (replacement)
Salary: \$16.29 per hour, plus \$45/month shift stipend

• **School Safety Monitor**

- .. MR. LAWRENCE SMAHA - MAINE SOUTH
Beginning Date: October 24, 2007
Salary: \$11.45 per hour

SUPPORT STAFF RESIGNATIONS

• **School Safety Monitor**

- .. MS. HIONA NENOS - MAINE SOUTH (8/19/05)
Resignation effective: October 17, 2007

PROFESSIONAL STAFF LEAVE OF ABSENCE

• **Teacher Personnel**

- .. MS. KIMBERLY GREIWE - PHYSICAL EDUCATION - MAINE EAST (8/21/96)
Requesting a leave of absence from December 3, 2007 to January 22, 2008

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

It was moved by Member Bustos and seconded by Member Pellar to approve the closed session minutes dated September 28, October 1, 10, and 19, 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.

OTHER BUSINESS

Member Mueller reported that another school in the area has employed a notification system for emergency school closings. Dr. Morris responded to the Board that District 207 now has such a system called "AlertNow."

Dr. Morris shared information he had received regarding the resignation of Joe Loftus of the Youth Campus.

Dr. Morris reported to the Board that he is having ongoing discussions with the Principals regarding alternative locations for Commencement this year.

ADJOURNMENT

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

President Braam submitted the motion to a vote and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 9:35 p.m.

Joann Braam, President

Cheryl Johansson, Secretary