

President L. Amettis called the regular portion of the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m.

Upon roll call –

Present: Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Amettis
Absent: Mr. Sell

Also Present: Dr. Gildea, Mrs. Huff, Mr. Daugherty, Mrs. Emmerich, Miss Frankel, Miss Johnson,
Mrs. Malo, Miss Coy, Mr. Heckel

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Parks, seconded by Mr. Watkins “to approve the minutes from the Regular Board meetings of August 5th, the Roundtable minutes of September 22, and the Regular Board meeting minutes of September 23, and that these minutes become part of the formal District 36 record.” In an one voice vote, members voting aye: Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Watkins; Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Amettis; members voting nay: none; members absent: Mr. Sell. Motion carried.

5. Correspondence

- Board members received the IASB 2008 Report to the Membership annual publication.
- A \$1,000 grant was received from Target to be used toward literacy club materials as well as a Document Camera for the school
- A memorial donation was made in honor of Mrs. Sandman’s mother, a letter of appreciation was received from OSF Hospice.
- Unfortunately, we did not receive the Fruit & Vegetable Grant as there were too many applicants for the 2nd round of grant funding.

6. Presentations From the Floor

There were no presentations from the floor.

7.1 – Agenda of Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mrs. Parks “to approve the bills listed and presented for payment in the following amounts: Education \$639,549.40; Building \$119,758.12; Transportation \$26,744.83; IMRF \$9,181.75. In a roll call voice, members voting aye: Mrs. Mayer, Mrs. Parks, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Wood, Mr. Nothdorf, Mrs. Amettis; members voting nay: none; members absent: Mr. Sell.

7.2 – Approval of Payroll

A motion was made by Mrs. Parks, seconded by Mr. Watkins “to approve the payroll requests for the month of September 2008 in the following amounts: Certified Payroll for September 2008 for a total of \$135,157.24; Non-Certified Payroll for September 2008 for a total of \$43,690.66; Substitute Payroll for September 2008 for a total of \$1,013.69. For a total Payroll expenditure of \$179,861.59. In a roll call voice, members voting aye: Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Amettis; members voting nay: none; members absent: Mr. Sell.

7.3 – Review Budgetary Reports

The Board reviewed the Budgetary reports with no discussion.

7.4 – Treasurer’s Report

The Board reviewed the Treasurer’s report with no discussion.

8.1 – Principal’s Perspective

Mrs. Huff updated the Board with the following information:

- We recently held Parent/Teacher Conferences for 6th through 8th grades while the Pre-K

through 5th grade teachers had institute days. The first institute day was devoted to curriculum mapping, technology and working with data. The second institute day was a field trip to Edgerton Elementary School in Hales Corners WI to see *Literacy by Design* in action at a school that implemented the program last year. In November, teachers in 6th through 8th grade will attend institute days with IMAC training and curriculum mapping while the Pre-K through 5th grade will have Parent/Teacher Conferences.

- School events:
- Mr. Helfert, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Schoenherr will hold a mock election.
- The Wellness Committee in conjunction with Student Council will hold a “Get Moving Night” for students in 3rd through 5th grade. There will be game stations and activities for the students.
- The PTO held their Haunted Hallways / Fall Festival last weekend. They also have a fund raiser that is getting close to the end.
- The Pre-K program will be audited on November 14th, the fourth year in a row, because of enrollment numbers.
- Red Ribbon is next week. The theme this year will be “Elect To Be Drug Free”. Each day has a different theme to encourage students dress. The Environmental club will be planting tulips again this year.
- A PBIS brochure, made by Miss Frankel, was passed out at Conferences and is available at the front window when parents sign in at the office.
- An ISAT PowerPoint presentation showed that Harrison made AYP. We had 318 students tested last year.

8.2 – Superintendent Scribbles

- Dr. Gildea spoke about future trends. Studies show that we need to recapture ourselves and our students as innovators. Innovation and collaboration should be strongly encouraged with our students.
- Mrs. Parks has agreed to be our delegate at the Triple I conference in November.
- Anyone interested in running for one of four open seats on the School Board in April may pick up a candidate pack in the District Office. Prospective candidates may begin circulating nominating petitions on October 28th.
- The District is looking at offering staff and board members, as well as family members, an opportunity to participate in a Wellness Screening blood test. Interested parties should contact Mrs. Coffey.

8.3 – For Action – Appoint Designated Representative

A motion was made by Mrs. Parks, seconded by Mr. Watkins “to nominate Cathy Coffey to be the designated representative for the Harrison School Board Secretary to receive all nominating paperwork for the School Board Elections to be held on April 7, 2009.” In an one voice vote, members voting aye: Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Watkins; Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Amettis; members voting nay: none; members absent: Mr. Sell. Motion carried.

8.4 – For Action – Approval of Fiscal Year 2008 Independent Audit

A motion was made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mrs. Parks “accept the Audit Report dated June 30, 2008, as submitted by the firm of Eder, Casella & Co.” In an one voice vote, members voting aye: Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Watkins; Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Amettis; members voting nay: none; members absent: Mr. Sell. Motion carried.

8.5 – For Action – Midwest Energy

A motion was made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mrs. Parks “to approve MidAmerican Energy for fixed December 2010.” In an roll call vote, members voting aye: Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Amettis; members voting nay: none; members absent: Mr. Sell. Motion supply electricity costs for a period of 2 years beginning December 2008 and continuing through carried.

8.6 – For Action – Library Grant Application

A motion was made by Mrs. Parks, seconded by Mr. Watkins “to approve the submission of the Illinois State Library FY09 School District Library Grant Application.” In an one voice vote,

members voting aye: Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Watkins; Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Amettis; members voting nay: none; members absent: Mr. Sell. Motion carried.

8.7 – For Information – Industrial Appraisal

Information was presented from Industrial Appraisal, who has been doing our annual report as a part of our CLIC membership. The Building/Finance Committee may want to look into this more. Our audit does recommend that a complete fixed asset record be maintained on file. Our current report is now almost 10 years old. It is highly recommended that the report be done every 10 years. It was suggested that we put this on a tickler list.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Parks to enter into closed session. In a roll call voice, members voting aye: Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Parks, Mr. Wood and Mrs. Amettis; members voting nay: none; members absent: Mr. Sell.

Return from Closed Session

A motion as made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mrs. Mayer, to return from closed session at 8:46 p.m. In an one voice vote, members voting aye: Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Watkins; Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Amettis; members voting nay: none; members absent: Mr. Sell. Motion carried.

Action Items Resulting from Closed Session

- A motion was made by Mrs. Parks, seconded by Mrs. Mayer to “authorize the legal fees of up to \$14,000 in order to facilitate our equal share payment of the Attainable Housing Authority v. County of McHenry settlement.” In a roll call vote, members voting aye: Mr. Watkins, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Nothdorf, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Amettis; members voting nay: none; members absent: Mr. Sell.
- A motion was made by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Nothdorf, “to proceed with the posting of bid specifications for cleaning and maintenance services at Harrison School beginning with the 2009-2010 school year.” In an one voice vote, members voting aye: Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Watkins; Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Amettis; members voting nay: none; members absent: Mr. Sell. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Nothdorf, “to approve employee #215 request for a personal day on November 26, 2008.” In an one voice vote, members voting aye: Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Watkins; Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Amettis; members voting nay: none; members absent: Mr. Sell. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Parks, “to approve employee #243 request for a personal day on November 26, 2008.” In an one voice vote, members voting aye: Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Watkins; Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Amettis; members voting nay: none; members absent: Mr. Sell. Motion carried.

Other

There was no other business at this time.

Motion to Adjourn

With no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Mayer, and was seconded by Mr. Wood to adjourn the meeting. In an one voice vote, members voting aye: Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Watkins; Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Amettis; members voting nay: none; members absent: Mr. Sell. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.