

**Harrison School Board – District #36
Regular Meeting – September 23, 2008**

President L. Amettis called the regular portion of the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Upon roll call –

Present: Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Sell, Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Amettis
Absent: none

Also Present: Dr. Gildea, Mrs. Huff, Mrs. Helfand, Miss Frankel

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Correspondence

- The District received a FOIA from the Laborers' District Council. A reply has been sent.

5. Presentations From the Floor

Mrs. Helfand and Miss Frankel gave a presentation on the state-wide initiative Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) proactive systems approach that the District has begun using this year. A difference can already be seen with this school wide approach to expectations from the students and staff: hallways are quieter and less congested during passing times, re-teaching behaviors by staff members has increased the amount of teaching time available. There was discussion on ways to educate the community – website, newsletters, newspaper, and a brochure to hand out at conference time to name a few.

6.1 Building Committee

Mrs. Amettis was part of a tour of the building on September 9th. A punch list is being compiled to complete the Chevron project. There is more work to be done on the building, some of which can wait. Sharon from Chevron will be at our October meeting to talk about the progress that has been made and give suggestions about possible ideas for the future. As the District has no architect of record, Chevron could, if we wanted them to, do “smaller” additions.

6.2 Finance Committee

Mr. Woods was on the committee that met with the Auditor on September 9th. Priorities have been set. There are some new requirements that will need to be met. He would like the District to be more pro-active with the auditor. Direct Deposit will go through for the next pay period. He would still like to look into a payroll service. The previous service that we had looked into was not able to address the TRS payroll situation. The Finance Committee will be looking at health insurance – the renewal is due January 1st. There will be work done on the following: 403B changes, PBA investments, a goal of better performance on the budget, expanding the financial software package, assist with negotiations.

Per the auditor - the money we receive from developer donations can be used to offset the impact of the development. The auditor is also checking into fund balances – if any are too high, if moneys need to be moved, etc. The Tort Annuity is basically an uncapped Levy. At this time we use it to pay for CLIC and liability. We may be able to use it for legal fees. There was a question about the Net56 lease – but now realizes that it is not a lease but a service provider agreement.

6.3 – Strategic Plan Process

The Board discussed the presentation by Dr. Schewe and Dr. Schwicardi during the Committee of the Whole. Mrs. Amettis thought that the presentation was very helpful, but thought that the Board could probably do most of the work except for the Focus/Small Group Discussions. Mr. Watkins thought that the Board members should not facilitate the small groups, that it would be better to be more active in participating. Several Board members thought having someone from the outside could be beneficial. It was suggested that we may want to form a Strategic Plan Committee with Board members, teachers, and parent involvement. It was also mentioned that the Board has been very busy and that the process may not take place without outside help. A

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follow up suggestion was to find out approximately how many hours the process would take if we hired Dr. Schwew and Dr. Schwicardi. The topic was tabled until the October meeting.

7.1 – Action – 2008-2009 Budget

- A motion was made by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Parks to approve the FY-09 Budget for Harrison School District #36 as presented. In a roll call voice, members voting aye: Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Wood, Mr. Sell, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Amettis.. Members voting nay: none. Motion carried.

7.2 – Action – Snowplowing

- To get back onto our cycle of spring/summer bid process, a motion was made by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Watkins to accept the SnoWolf bid for snowplowing December 2008-2009. In a roll call voice, members voting aye: Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Sell, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks, Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Mayer, Mrs. Amettis. Members voting nay: none. Motion carried.

8.0 – Other

- There was no other business at this time.

9.0 –

- With no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Mayer, and was seconded by Mr. Sell to adjourn the meeting. In an one voice vote, members voting aye: Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Sell, Mr. Watkins; Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Amettis; members voting nay: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Cathy Coffey
Secretary

Linda Amettis
President