

Vice President K. Parks called the regular portion of the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Upon roll call –

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

Absent: Mrs. Amettis

Also Present: Dr. Gildea, Mrs. Huff, Mr. Heckel, Mrs. Emmerich, Mrs. Ruzicka, Mrs. Mersch

Mrs. Draper, Mr. Helfert, Mrs. Shoemaker, Mr. Funk, Mr. Click

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the Closed Session for May 27, the Open and Closed Session from July 15, the Open Sessions from August 12 and August 26, 2008 was made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mrs. Mayer. In an one voice vote, members voting aye: Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Sell, Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks; members absent: Mrs. Amettis; members voting nay: none. Motion carried.

5. Board of Education Correspondence

An IASB conference/program dealing with RTI was discussed. Interested Board members can contact Mrs. Coffey by Monday, Sept. 22nd if they wish for her to register them for the September 25th conference.

IASB has recognized Harrison School District 36 as an active member.

FOIA – the Illinois Policy Institute issued the FOIA requesting information basically for schools in “status”. Only one of the requests had relevance to District 36 – that District 36 has entered into an agreement with Illinois Virtual High School to provide Algebra IA and Algebra IB courses to 3 students.

6. Presentations from the Floor

There were no presentations from the floor.

7. Finance Reports

- **Agenda of Bills.** A motion was made by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Watkins to approve invoices as presented in the following amounts: Education \$510,131.47; Building \$49,991.30, Bonds & Interest \$0.00; Transportation \$18,205.16; IMRF \$4,053.66, Imprest \$0 for an overall expenditure of \$582,381.59. In a roll call voice, members voting aye: Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Sell, Mrs. Parks, Mr. Wood. Members absent: Mrs. Amettis. Members voting nay: none. Motion carried.
- **Approval of Payroll.** A motion was made by Mr. Sell, seconded by Mrs. Mayer to approve the payroll requests for the month of August 2008 in the following amounts: Payroll for August 15, 2008: \$20,003.17; Payroll for August 30, 2008: \$23,003.17. For a total of \$43,006.34. In a roll call voice members voting aye: Mr. Sell, Mrs. Mayer, Mrs. Parks, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Wood, Mr. Nothdorf. Members absent: Mrs. Amettis. Members voting nay: none. Motion carried.
- **Budgetary Review.** Reviewed.
- **Treasurer’s Report.** Reviewed.

8. Administrative Reports

- **Principal Perspective.**
 - Mrs. Huff spoke of the success of PBIS. We have had weekly drawings for the students earning Hurricanes. We will have the first of the Classroom Hurricanes at the end of the week. The PBIS committee has two new members and will be meeting on Thursday.
 - The PreK – 5th grade curriculum night was a little different this year. Everyone met in the gym for an overview/welcome by staff and PTO. Parents were given the opportunity to visit the classroom for one of two presentations from the teacher. The 6th grade through 8th grade curriculum night will be Wednesday, September 10, and will be run the same way with a few modifications. Coaches will also speak; PE teachers will speak and parents will be given the opportunity to purchase the PE shirt for \$3.00. Parents will then be given the opportunity to meet with the teachers in one of three (7:00, 7:15 or 7:30) presentations.
 - Literacy initiatives have gotten off to a good start. Last night we had 36 students and their parent(s) show up for our Parent/Child book club for students in 4th and 5th grades. The club is being run by Mrs. Moran, Mrs. Helfand and Mrs. Anderson. Rigby is up and going. Mrs. Helfand is also working on the Harrison Highlights newsletter in which students will submit articles to be published.
 - The “Lunch and Learn” with the older students has gone very well. Mrs. Huff has been very impressed with the choices that the students have been making. Having the multipurpose room downstairs has allowed inside recess during “rainy days” to be there instead of in the classroom for the younger students as well – another great plus.
 - We have our first home volleyball game on Thursday (the first game, an away game was tonight).

- **Superintendent Scribbles.**
 - Dr. Gildea commented on how smoothly the beginning of the year has gone. The environment with the students has been much calmer than last year.
 - The “Look what we’re learning” phrase is really showing up in the school. Teachers have it on the bulletin boards in the hallways – showing what the students are learning in compliance with state standards.
 - Upcoming Board of Education events include:
 - The Strategic Plan Overview by Dr. Schwicardi and Dr. Schwew from Villa Park will speak at the September 23rd Committee meeting at 6 PM. (no cost)
 - Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting on September 23rd discussing the NRB Proposed Thatcher Meadows Subdivision. Mr. Heckel will attend as a member of the administration, would like a minimum of one BOE member to also attend.
 - IASB Dinner & Conference (RTI) on September 25th. Please respond to Mrs. Coffey by September 22nd if they would like her to register them.
 - Triple I Conference on November 21-23rd. Our goal is to have 3 BOE members to attend. Please RSVP to Mrs. Coffey by Wednesday, October 1st.

- A motion was made by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Sell to approve the Application for Recognition of Public Schools 2008-2009 thus certifying that Harrison School District #36 meets such requirements set forth. In an one voice vote, members voting aye: Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Sell, Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks. Members absent: Mrs. Amettis. Members voting nay: none. Motion carried.

- A motion was made by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Nothdorf to approve Harrison School District #36 as an Illinois Virtual High In an one voice vote, members voting aye: Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Sell, Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks. Members absent: Mrs. Amettis. Members voting nay: none. Motion carried.

- A motion was made by Mr. Sell, seconded by Mr. Watkins to approve January 5th and 6th as personal days for Sarah Coy . In an one voice vote, members voting aye: Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Sell, Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks. Members absent: Mrs. Amettis. Members voting nay: none. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Mr. Sell, seconded by Mrs. Mayer to permanently transfer \$3,000 from the Activity In/Out Fund with \$2,500 to the Education Fund and \$500 to the Employee Welfare Activity Account. In a roll call voice, members voting aye: Mr. Wood, Mr. Sell, Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Mayer, Mrs. Parks. Members absent: Mrs. Amettis. Members voting nay: none. Motion carried.
- Dr. Gildea went over the AYP information. Harrison School did make AYP in all categories. There is an achievement gap for our Economically Disadvantaged students and our students with Disabilities that we will want to address. There will be a detailed ISAT report at the October 21st BOE meeting.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

- 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. Watkins, Mr. Sell, Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks. Members absent: Mrs. Amettis. Members voting nay: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Cathy Coffey
Secretary

Karen Parks
Vice President