

**PLANO COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 88**  
**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting**  
**Board of Education**

The Board of Education of Plano Community Unit School District No. 88 met in regular session on Monday, January 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plano School District Administration Office.

**I     CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Porter at 7:00 p.m. Present for roll call were Appel, Blair, DeBolt, Heller and Porter. Member Moody arrived at 8:21 p.m. and Member Flynn arrived at 7:43 p.m. Others present were administrators Baker, Czyz, Heller, Johnson, Lantvit, Lucas, Patterson, Runkle and Walker and Board Secretary Benoit. Jim Schmidt arrived at 7:52 p.m. Office staff present: None.

**II    PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**III   APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Heller moved, and Appel seconded the motion, to approve the agenda as printed.  
Voting aye: Heller, Appel, Blair, DeBolt and Porter.  
Motion carried: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

**V     OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO SPEAK**

There were no visitors at the meeting. Media representative Bob Costigan (WSPY) was present at the beginning of the meeting and Lisa Welz (Record) arrived at 7:35 p.m.

**IV    STUDENTS SPEAK: In Their Own Words**

There were students present at this meeting.

**VI    CONSENT AGENDA**

Blair moved, and Heller seconded the motion, to approve the consent agenda as printed:

**A. Minutes**

- *Levy Hearing – December 17, 2007*
- *Regular Meeting & Executive Session – December 17, 2007*
- *Special Meeting & Executive Session – January 14, 2008*

**B. Financial Statements, Bills & Payroll**

Bills and Payroll, Financial Statements and Accounts Payable Checks #87457-87629 (void checks #87598-87613) and Payroll Checks #87287-87456 & 87630-87804 (void checks #87289, 87358, 87401-87405, 87410, 87421, 87422, 87439-87441, 87751-87757 & 87776).

**C. PMA Reports**

A copy of the most recent PMA monthly Report #592 (12/1/07-12/31/07).

**D. Executive Session Tape Destruction**

Approve the destruction of audio tapes of executive session minutes during June 2006.

Voting aye: Blair, Heller, Appel, DeBolt and Porter.  
Motion carried: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

## VII SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### Information Items

#### **Report No. 08-88**

#### **Administrators' Board Reports**

- Jon Runkle reviewed his written report, including PATT Movie Night, Beach Day, plans for Kindergarten Round-up and the need for recess volunteers at P.H. Miller School.
- Lisa Lantvit reported that Centennial students are completing ACCESS testing. Lexia training is taking place and the computer lab is very busy with classes and intervention testing.
- Tony Baker said that Emily G. Johns students are continuing their Read Naturally and Lexia testing. Teachers are seeing progress with the students' scores and achievement. Twenty-one students will compete in the school's first spelling bee and one will go to the Regional competition. Teachers and staff are trying to boost parents' usage of the website by reading announcements and checking grades.
- Wayne Czyz distributed winter sports schedules for girls basketball and wrestling. He was pleased to announce that the visit from Holocaust survivor Marion Blumenthal-Lazan went very well. The kids had a blast at the Winter Formal. The solo and ensemble contest will be held February 9<sup>th</sup> and the band concert will be February 21<sup>st</sup>. The Middle School spelling bee will be January 30<sup>th</sup> and one student will advance to the February 16 Regional competition. On February 28<sup>th</sup>, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade will go to Springfield. Member Blair said she felt the Holocaust assembly had a huge impact on the students.
- Steve Lucas reported that teacher referrals are down. He said the administration has good support from parents. Mr. Lucas announced that the Karaoke Night, hosted by the Chess Club, was a huge success with over 300 students in attendance.
- Val Patterson reviewed her written report, including technology interventions. She said the Lexia web-based Version 5 is working well. She is researching ways for parents/families to use the licenses in the evening.

#### **Report No. 08-89**

#### **High School Addition & Renovation Project Update**

Mr. Johnson was pleased to announce that classes are being held in the south addition. The move went well and he thanked everyone involved in helping to make sure the addition opened on time. He complimented contractors on their prompt response to a leaky sprinkler head and downed heating units. Work continues in the auditorium and the stage will soon be poured and woodwork will begin when the floor is cured. The building is totally secure and this area should be open by the beginning of April.

Demolition has begun in the old office area and new walls are being constructed. Ceiling grids are being installed. They should be on or ahead of schedule.

**Report No. 08-102 Industrial Arts Curriculum**

Bill Johnson reviewed the proposed plans to change the Industrial Arts curriculum at the High School. The plan is to offer modular instruction for students to experience a variety of instructional units. By experiencing more lessons, students can explore their desire to continue studies at IVVC. Ron Pieper will attend next month's meeting. Board members asked that Bill Johnson bring cost projections and more information to the February meeting.

**Report No. 08-99 District Athletic Director's Report**

Jim Schmidt said he met with Midwest Track Builders and talked about ways to improve the High School track. This includes improvements in the long jump pit and possibly building a pole vault pit. They are investigating the addition of lanes, so the track can hold 8 lanes and be eligible to host bigger invitationals and IHSA events. The representative said the track was in good condition, even though it had been 5-8 years since it was resurfaced.

Plans are the in works to improve the High School concession stand. Sports Boosters and PYTF have agreed to assist with this project.

Mr. Schmidt reviewed the proposed job description for a conditioning coordinator for the High School fitness room. He said he would recommend that the district continue with an athletic trainer for next year. He will review options to continue with ATI and solicit other prices.

At the Extra-Curricular meeting, those present discussed building usage and feeder programs.

Mr. Schmidt commented that the current gymnasium at the High School will need to be updated when the new gym opens. He said he would like to see a better handicapped accessible section, motorized and electronic backboards, new lighting, painting up to the rafters and complete floor refinishing. When asked about seating in the old gym, Mr. Schmidt said the contractor recommends that the district keep the wooden seating, because the new plastic seating would reduce the capacity by about 400 seats.

Member Appel commented that he feels the lighting in the Middle School gymnasium is bad. Mr. Czyz said they tried to replace some fixtures and this resulted in dimmer lighting.

**Action Items**

**Report No. 08-105 High School Security Proposal**

Jim Wolf and Mark Eggerling from Johnson Controls and Mike Robertson from Fitzgerald's Electric were present and talked about a security system proposal for Plano High School. The system can be set up any way the district desires and can include various levels of security. They can include various lockdown capabilities, motion sensors, key cards, proximity card readers, etc. The difficult part is teaching people to live with the tightened security system.

Fitzgerald's would like to install the security system, because they are very familiar with the building. They have been in the building for the entire addition and renovation project and they can complete the project while they finish the renovation.

Bill Johnson said the safety of the students is of utmost importance and a security system would be a definite deterrent to trouble.

**Report No. 08-103 Personnel Report**

Blair moved, and DeBolt seconded the motion, to approve the personnel report as presented:

**I. Resignation:**

- Dan Kuntzman – Technology Aide, effective 12/21/07
- Kathy Miller – Clerical/Health Aide, Plano High School, effective 1/7/08
- Marilyn Nieves-Diaz – Preschool Instructional Aide, P.H. Miller School, effective 1/4/08
- Elizabeth Tabler – Assistant Basketball Cheerleading Coach, Plano High School, effective 1/10/08

**II. Employment:**

- Steve Brummel – Technology Aide, \$9.25/hour, effective 12/27/07
- Angela Markus – Parent/Child Liaison, P.H. Miller School, 10-15 hours/week, \$23.00/hour, effective 1/11/08
- Maria Nunez – Substitute Custodian, District, \$10.25/hour, effective 1/9/08
- Tasha Obrycki – Custodian, Bus Barn, 1 hour/day, \$10.25/hour, effective 12/10/07
- Susan Olson – Preschool Instructional Aide, P.H. Miller School, \$9.75/hour, effective 12/17/07
- Yemilei Schroeder – Preschool Instructional Aide, P.H. Miller School, \$9.75/hour, effective 1/8/08
- Julie Thompson – Secretary, Plano High School, 7 hours/day, \$10.00

**III. Contract:**

- Melinda McGraw Carpenter – Half-Time Elementary Teacher, P.H. Miller School, BA+0/Step 1, effective 1/7/08

**IV. Family Medical Leave Request:**

- Claude Beverly – 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Custodian, P.H. Miller School, 12/13/07 through 3/13/08
- Laura Doyle – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Emily G. Johns School, Approximately 2/25/08 through the end of the 2007-08 school year

**V. High School Seasonal Employment (December 21, 2007-January 8, 2008 @ \$7.50/hour):**

Ron Heller, Lloyd Leftridge, Dwayne Love, Michael McGinnis and Jared Schimandle.

Voting aye: Blair, DeBolt, Appel, Flynn, Heller, Moody and Porter.

Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**Report No. 08-104 Authorization to Approve Occupancy Permits**

Appel moved, and Moody seconded the motion, to approve Occupancy Permit #05004 for the New One Story P.E. Addition at Plano High School

Voting aye: Appel, Moody, Blair, DeBolt, Flynn, Heller and Porter.

Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**Report No. 08-106 Growth Recommendation**

DeBolt moved, and Heller seconded the motion, to approve designing an addition to P.H. Miller School and to reconvene the District Growth Committee to present revised growth projections and revised a building schedule.

Voting aye: DeBolt, Heller, Appel, Blair, Flynn, Moody and Porter.

Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**Report No. 08-107 Intergovernmental Agreement**

DeBolt moved, and Heller seconded the motion, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement By and Between Plano Community Unit School District 88 and Somonauk Community Unit School District 432 for the 2008-09 school year as presented.

Voting aye: DeBolt, Heller, Appel, Blair, Flynn, Moody and Porter.

Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**VIII BOARD COMMENTS**

Vice President reported that the Policy Committee has begun review of Board of Education policies. She polled the Board regarding their thoughts on a Board member's electronic participation in a Board meeting, i.e. via telephone, computer or other means. The majority of Board members felt this was acceptable, but this type of participation must be pre-arranged by the Friday prior to the Monday Board meeting.

**IX FUTURE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA**

**X EXECUTIVE SESSION**

DeBolt moved, and Heller seconded the motion, to go into executive session at 9:27 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057), the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)), collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)), and litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)).

**X**     **EXECUTIVE SESSION (cont.)**

Voting aye: DeBolt, Heller, Appel, Blair, Flynn, Moody and Porter.

Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Member Moody left the executive session at 10:04 p.m.

DeBolt moved, and Heller seconded the motion to come out of executive session at 12:08 a.m.

Voting aye: DeBolt, Heller, Appel, Blair, Flynn and Porter.

Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

**XI**     **ADJOURNMENT**

Flynn moved, and Appel seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting at 12:09 a.m.

Voting aye: Flynn, Appel, Blair, DeBolt, Heller and Porter.

Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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James Porter, President  
Board of Education

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Kathryn Benoit, Secretary  
Board of Education