

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, February 25, 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, Moody and Porter. Member Flynn was absent. Others present were administrators Baker, Czyz, Heller, Johnson, Lantvit, Lucas, Patterson, Runkle, Schmidt and Walker and Board Secretary Benoit. 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, Moody and Porter.
Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

IV STUDENTS SPEAK: In Their Own Words

There were students present at this meeting.

V OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO SPEAK

The following visitors were present: Denise & Mike Schiltz, Gwen & Joel Capshaw, Sue & Kevin Killebrew, Kathy Porter, Jennifer Tomac, Hillary Schiltz, Eric Capshaw, Zach Killebrew, Andy Porter, Travis Tomac, Kelsey Hendry and Zac Kolka. Media representatives Bob Costigan (WSPY) and Lisa Welz (Record) were present for the meeting.

VI CONSENT AGENDA

Appel moved, and Moody seconded the motion, to approve the consent agenda as printed:

A. Minutes

- *Regular Meeting & Executive Session – January 28, 2008*

B. Financial Statements, Bills & Payroll

Bills and Payroll, Financial Statements and Accounts Payable Checks #87963-88293 (void checks #88098-88125, 88140-88146) and Payroll Checks #87805-88084, 88294-88449 (void checks #87838, 87918, 87958, 87959, 88043-88045, 88080, 88081, 88424-88429).

C. PMA Reports

PMA monthly Report #592 (1/1/08-1/31/08).

D. Executive Session Tape Destruction

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

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

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

VII SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Action Items

Report No. 08-112 Student Resolutions

Jessica Meldrum and Hillary Schiltz were present and received resolutions for their participation in the IMEA chorus and band festivals, respectively. Hillary Schiltz, Eric Capshaw, Andy Porter, Zach Killebrew and Kelsey Hendry were congratulated for their participation in the Augustana College Honor Band.

Zac Kolka and Travis Tomac were congratulated for their wrestling accomplishments and Travis received a framed resolution.

DeBolt moved, and Heller seconded the motion, to approve the resolutions, as read, with a copy of said resolutions to become part of these official minutes.

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

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

Report No. 08-113 Science Curriculum

Michelle Albrecht, Denise Schiltz and Amy Hamilton were represented the Science Curriculum Committee and talked about their recommendation of Pearson-Scott Foresman for K-6 science curriculum materials for the 2008-09 school year. They felt they have more comprehensive, hands-on labs and a three-tiered approach. They blend math and science very well and have a good technology package. The 7-12 curriculum recommendation will follow at another Board meeting.

Blair moved, and Appel seconded the motion, to adopt the K-6 Pearson-Scott Foresman science curriculum for implementation in 2008-09.

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

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

Report No. 08-114 Industrial Arts Curriculum

Ron Pieper, IVVC Director, was present and talked about the IVVC curriculum and how the Plano High School students can continue their vocational studies there. He specifically discussed the Industrial Arts curriculum and offerings, stating that they emphasize math, science and other core classes into their “non-core classes.” Plano currently has 26 Plano students enrolled in their school of 475 students. IVVC has room for 550 students.

Report No. 08-114 Industrial Arts Curriculum (cont.)

Principal Bill Johnson discussed the recommendation of an industrial arts curriculum based around integrated instructional units. The curriculum is based upon the use of multimedia presentations, video use and hands-on activities. The class offerings would be taught in a modular format with each student rotating through a series of units ranging from 10-15 lessons. The courses would serve as introductory units and students who perform well in the program may choose to pursue more advanced courses through IVVC.

Member Appel asked if the current industrial arts program at the high school would be discontinued if this new curriculum were implemented. Mr. Johnson said yes, but the skills that are offered now would still be taught. Mr. Appel asked if the new curriculum was totally web-based and Mr. Johnson said it was, but there are hands-on components simulating the same skills and more than are offered now. Member Blair asked if the current classrooms would sit empty. Mr. Johnson said there are other plans for this space. Member Blair wondered if there are not enough students interested in industrial arts and whether it makes sense to spend money on this new curriculum if students are not registered. Mr. Johnson said he does not have the exact number of students interested for the 2008-09 school year, but this new curriculum allows greater opportunities for students to enroll in these elective classes.

Vice President DeBolt asked if anyone has visited other schools that implement this curriculum. Mr. Johnson said he has been to Yorkville two times and Bolingbrook uses this curriculum. Mr. Johnson said teachers would receive five days on on-site training. Member DeBolt asked about the ongoing costs. Mr. Johnson said it would cost \$5-10,000/year in consumables. Some money would be reimbursed by VALEES.

There was discussion about the difficulty to hire teachers for the industrial arts programs. Member Moody said it is hard to let go of a program that offers basic skills like this, but even the industrial arts/engineering fields use computers more than in the past. President Porter said he feels the proposed curriculum is a great way to introduce students to a variety of fields and an array of knowledge. Member Heller asked if the costs of this program fit in the budget. Dr. Walker said it did.

Blair moved, and DeBolt seconded the motion, to approve a computer based Industrial Arts Curriculum with hands-on components.

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

Voting nay: Appel.

Motion carried: 5 ayes, 1 nay, 1 absent.

Report No. 08-115 Policy Review

Moody moved, and Heller seconded the motion, to approve, for a first reading, the following policies:

1.20, 2.10, 2.20, 2.20-E, 2.30, 2.40, 2.50, 2.80, 2.80-E, 2.90, 2.110, 2.120, 2.125, 2.130, 2.140, 2.140-E, 2.150, 2.160, 2.170, 2.170-AP, 2.200, 2.200-AP, 2.210, 2.220, 2.240, 2.250, 2.250-AP, 2.250-E1, 2.250-E2, 2.250-E3, 2.260 & 2.260-AP.

Voting aye: Moody, Heller, Appel, Blair, DeBolt and Porter.
Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Report No. 08-116 Approve Job Description

Mr. Schmidt reviewed the job description for a Strength and Conditioning Coordinator. He said the stipend would be \$2,092.50 for four seasons. This person would be responsible for the equipment, maintenance, safety of the students and keeping information about the athletes for the coaches. Vice President DeBolt asked if the fitness center would be open for staff use. Mr. Schmidt said, right now, they are concentrating on the students and they do not want to run a health program for staff.

DeBolt moved, and Moody seconded the motion, to approve the job description for the new Strength and Conditioning Coordinator.

During discussion, Vice President DeBolt asked if the same person would fill the position for all seasons. Mr. Schmidt said the position may end up being filled by one or more people, depending on his/her coaching responsibilities if applicable.

Hearing no more discussion, President Porter called for the roll call vote:
Voting aye: DeBolt, Moody, Appel, Blair, Heller and Porter.
Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Report No. 08-117 Seniority Lists

Blair moved, and Heller seconded the motion, to approve the 2007-08 seniority lists for certified and support staff for Plano Community Unit School District No. 88.

Voting aye: Blair, Heller, Appel, DeBolt, Moody and Porter.
Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Report No. 08-118 Personnel Report

Heller moved, and Moody seconded the motion, to approve the personnel report as printed:

- I. Resignation/Retirement:**
 - Julie Gaier – Math Teacher, Plano High School, effective end of the 2007-08 school year.
 - Christina Hyatt – Recess Aide, Emily G. Johns School, effective 2/15/08
 - Yemilei Schoeder – Preschool for All Instructional Aide, P.H. Miller, effective 2/15/08
- II. Employment:**
 - Barbara Cantrell – Kindergarten Aide, P.H. Miller School, \$9.25/hour, effective 2/4/08
 - Reyna Espinosa – Kindergarten Aide, P.H. Miller School, \$9.50/hour, effective 2/4/08
 - Corina Montalvo – At-Risk Classroom Aide, P.H. Miller School, \$9.25/hour, effective 1/31/08
 - Rosmeri Ramirez – Preschool for All Instructional Aide, P.H. Miller School, \$9.25/hour, effective 2/19/08
 - Sue Vandekerkhoff – Clerical/Health Aide, Emily G. Johns School, \$9.75/hour, effective 1/29/08
- III. Extra-Curricular Assignments:**
 - Kensey Corbin – Middle School Track Coach, Plano Middle School, \$697.50
- IV. Long Term Substitute:**
 - Ashley Stahl – Emily G. Johns School, \$182.45/day, effective 2/25/08

Voting aye: Heller, Moody, Appel, Blair, DeBolt and Porter.
Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Information Items
Report No. 08-108

District Athletic Director's Report

Athletic Director Jim Schmidt reviewed his written report. He talked about the quote he had received from Midwest Track Builders for \$142,000 to resurface the track and turn it into an eight-lane track. President Porter asked about liability for the proposed pole vault pit. Superintendent Walker said that regulations require added safety features, including helmets. Jim Schmidt said they also now have a coach to correctly instruct the athletes. He asked about additional insurance that would be required. Dr. Walker said she did not think it would be much higher than their regular coverage.

Mr. Schmidt said he is waiting for quotes to renovate the high school concession stand. The Sports Boosters and Plano Youth Tackle Football will fund most of this project. The total projection is \$97,000 and these two groups will fund approximately \$64,000.

He is gathering quotes for athletic trainer services. Muscles in Motion is working on a quote and Atlas is interested in quoting, but is still working on staffing. ATI has prepared a quote already and they will be looking for the most beneficial program.

Report No. 08-108 District Athletic Director's Report (cont.)

The old gymnasium at the high school needs some updates: new lights, floor refinishing and painting, new backboard system and batting cage. President Porter asked that Mr. Schmidt gather costs and prioritize the list of requests.

Report No. 08-109 High School Addition & Renovation Project Update

The addition project is nearly complete and now it is on to the renovation. The auditorium is nearly complete and they are waiting on the stage and chairs. The north addition is 99% complete and they are waiting for the free weights to be delivered this week. The demolition process of the locker rooms is progressing well. Board members requested signage for the entry doors, similar to that on the Emily G. Johns building. They are looking at more sidewalks around the entry door.

Report No. 08-110 Administrators' Board Reports

- Principal Jon Runkle announced that Kindergarten registration will be held March 12, 2008.
- Lisa Lantvit said that they are busy preparing for ISAT testing.
- Mr. Baker said they will be having a “Character Counts” assembly on February 29th. All three grade levels at Emily G. Johns will be tested with 7 or 8 ISAT tests. There will be a band concert on March 18th at 6 p.m.
- Principal Wayne Czyz talked about the wrestlers that will be advancing to sectional tournament. Many students attended the Rebecca Caudill luncheon prepared by Mrs. Brummel. The winter band concert was held on February 21st. He complimented Jen Siracusa on the fine performance and thanked Kevin McCammon and Susan Webb for attending and judging the students as they prepare for contest. 130 7th grade students will be going to Springfield.
- Mr. Johnson was pleased to announce that over 50 students are attending ACT prep classes. Bill Newkirk and Jared Schimandle participated in the Oratorical Contest. Newkirk advanced to sectionals. RtI planning is going well at the high school. The inservice speaker will talk about “Pillars of Reading.”
- Steve Lucas said attendance was down at the high school. The high school staff is attacking tardies, which is why the number is so high. He and Mr. Heller will be attending a workshop in Naperville for student discipline.
- Mrs. Patterson said they will be working on the District Improvement Plan. Meetings will be held in March.

VIII BOARD COMMENTS

Dr. Walker announced that the district received one FOIA request from Illinois Policy Institute. They were inquiring about the district's contract services.

The Board has been invited to a security visit on March 5th.

IX FUTURE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA

X EXECUTIVE SESSION

DeBolt moved, and Blair seconded the motion, to go into executive session at 9:50 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)), and to discuss lawfully closed meeting minutes for the purpose of semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)).

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

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

Action from Executive Session:

There was no action from executive session, regarding the release of semi-annual executive session minutes.

DeBolt moved, and Blair seconded the motion to come out of executive session at 12:17 a.m.

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

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

XI ADJOURNMENT

DeBolt moved, and Blair seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting at 12:18 a.m.

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

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

James Porter, President
Board of Education

Kathryn Benoit, Secretary
Board of Education