

**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, May 18, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Plano School District Administration Office.

**I     CALL TO ORDER**

President Porter called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present for roll call were Appel, Blair, Moody and Porter. Member DeBolt arrived at 6:11 p.m. and Members Heller and Martinez were absent. Others present were administrators Baker, Czyz, Johnson, Lantvit, Lucas, Mateyka, Runkle, Schmidt, Patterson and Superintendent Walker and Board Secretary Benoit. Office staff present: Wetzel.

**II     PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**III    APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Appel moved, and Moody seconded the motion, to approve the agenda as printed.  
Voting aye: Appel, Moody, Blair and Porter.  
Motion carried: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

**IV     OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO SPEAK**

The following visitors were present: Greg Thoms, Andrea Thoms, Renee Moody, Rebecca Sperry, Kelly Collum and Keith Blair. Media representatives Bob Costigan (WSPY) and Lisa Welz (Record) were present.

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

Toni Lundeen and fifth grade math students Lucas Thoms and Caleb Moody from Emily G. Johns School, attended the Board of Education meeting and talked about their high achievements. Students recently took part in an online math contest and teachers and staff were very pleased with their excellent scores.

Congratulations to the following certificate winners for outstanding merit from the Education League: 1<sup>st</sup> place - Lucas Thoms, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Christian Estrada, 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Shannon Tierney and 4<sup>th</sup> place – Michael Gysbers.

Plano High School students in Deb Chatman's class gave brief presentations about the jobs they shadowed in conjunction with their Career Explorations class. All four seniors shadowed special employees in the medical field. Samantha Waldrop and Tim Newkirk shadowed nurses at Valley West Community Hospital; Doni Hoti worked with nurses at Rush-Copley Immediate Care; and Elsa Arceo learned about physical therapy at Hillside Healthcare.

## VI CONSENT AGENDA

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

### A. Minutes

- *Regular Meeting & Executive Session – April 27, 2009*

### B. Financial Statements, Bills & Payroll

Bills and Payroll, Financial Statements and Accounts Payable Checks #95660-95852 (void check #95786) and Payroll Checks #95385-95659 (void check #95403, 95407, 95506 & 95507.)

### C. PMA Reports

PMA monthly Report #592 (5/1/08-5/31/08).

### D. Executive Session Tape Destruction

Approve the destruction of audiotapes of executive session minutes during **October 2007**.

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

Motion carried: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

## VII SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### Report No. 09-146 Social Studies Textbook Adoption

High School teachers Ben Sperry and Tom Dean were present and spoke about the materials they were recommending for adoption for the following high school classes: U.S. History, Geography, Political Science, World History, Sociology, Psychology and Civics.

DeBolt moved, and Moody seconded the motion, to adopt the following grade 9-12 curricula for Plano High School:

- "U.S. History Alive!" (TCI - U.S. History)
- "Geography Alive!" (TCI - Geography)
- "Government Alive!" (TCI - Political Science)
- "World History: Human Legacy" (Holt - World History)
- "Sociology: Study of Human Relationships" (Holt/McDougal - Sociology)
- "Psychology: Principles in Practice" (Holt/McDougal - Psychology)
- "Magruder's American Government" (Prentice Hall - Civics)

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

Motion carried: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

### Report No. 09-147 Administrators' Board Reports

- Valerie Patterson reviewed her written report, including end-of-the-year mentoring/protégé programs, ASPIRE Conference, PLCs and curriculum committee meetings during the early dismissal on Friday.
- Mr. Runkle reviewed the P.H. Miller SWIS Report. During the last four weeks, but referrals have been a challenge. Physical/aggressive behavior has also been a problem. Many field trips are taking place during the last few weeks of school. The Waubensee Community College Steel Drum assembly as very popular.

**Report No. 09-147 Administrators' Board Reports (cont.)**

- Miss Lantvit said Centennial had very popular end-of-the-year programs, including the Spring Concert held at Emily Johns and Grandparent's Day. She reviewed the SWIS Report and said that bus incidents are being targeted for improvement. They have held two "bus schools" and bus behavior is getting better. The Roving Readers program has helped improve test scores. Centennial held a staff softball game.
- Mr. Baker said he was very impressed with the K-12 Art Fair held at Plano High School. The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade band concert will be held at Plano High School. Three students will be shadowing the administrators as an award for their Accelerated Reader points. Emily G. Johns will be busy with summer events: KCSE extended school year program, K-6 Summer Skills program, band camp and Camp Clover.
- Mr. Czyz announced that 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade awards nights will be held on two consecutive Thursday evenings. The band will play at the cemetery for Memorial Day. June 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the last band concert. Track sectionals were postponed due to weather and were rescheduled for today, May 18. There will be 8 kids attending the State track meet.
- Mr. Johnson said state testing took place at the end of April and the High School had many hours of preparation for these tests. The High School has been practicing "Random Acts of Kindness." Somonauk and Bloomington schools have visited Plano High School to look at various programs. Aurora University has chosen Plano High School for a unique partnership for project-based learning.
- Mrs. Mateyka also commented on the leadership initiative with AU. She said this would be a huge benefit for staff and students. Only two schools were chosen: Woodstock and Plano. The High School has initiated "Are You Learning?" for the Latino community.
- Mr. Lucas announced that prom was an outstanding success. It was held at Timber Creek in Sandwich and there were no discipline problems. He said SWIS data reflected a downward trend in most categories and they are looking forward to a great close to the school year.
- Dr. Walker said the Fine Arts Festival was an excellent example of staff working together. She said teachers from other districts even attended and learned from our festival.

**Report No. 09-148 District Athletic Director's Report**

Mr. Schmidt announced that they had found a great candidate for the boy's basketball position. Greg Gould will be honored in June for his distinction of "Friends of Athletes." The sports orientation

**Report No. 09-149 Building Addition & Renovation Project Updates**

The P.H. Miller addition is moving along quickly. A timetable is being prepared for Centennial summer work. Dr. Walker and Mr. Woody have met with staff members at both buildings to let them know how the projects will be handled.

**Report No. 09-150 Transportation Restructuring Proposal**

Appel moved, and Blair seconded the motion, to approve the revised job description for the Transportation Coordinator and the new job description for the Head Mechanic.

During discussion, Vice President DeBolt asked if the Head Mechanic position would be a 40-hour per week position. Dr. Walker said yes, because Mr. Farley's position had evolved into all maintenance and no routing during the past school year. Mrs. DeBolt asked if the position would be 12 months a year. Dr. Walker said yes, it would take the summer to get the buses in shape. She said there would be no increase in overall manpower in that area.

Hearing no more discussion, President Porter called for the roll call vote.

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

Motion carried: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

**Report No. 09-151 Personnel Report**

Appel moved, and DeBolt seconded the motion to approve the personnel report as presented.

During discussion, Board members agreed that some personnel items would need to be discussed in executive session.

Appel moved, and DeBolt seconded the motion, to rescind the motion and table Report No. 09-151, Personnel Report, until after executive session.

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

Motion carried: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

**Report No. 09-152 Policy Review**

Blair moved, and DeBolt seconded the motion, to approve the following policies for a second reading and adoption: 8.25-AP, 8.30, 8.30-AP, 8.30-E2, 8.90, 8.95-AP, 6.120, 7.230 & 7.230-AP.

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

Motion carried: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

**Report No. 09-153 Fuel Bids**

DeBolt moved, and Moody seconded the motion, to let bids for fuel with the bid opening to be set for 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 15, 2009 in the Administration Office located at 800 S. Hale Street, Plano, Illinois.

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

**Report No. 09-154 Growth Study Proposal**

Dr. Walker reviewed the proposal from Roger Dahlstrom from the Center for Governmental Studies at Northern Illinois to conduct a growth study that would include data relevant to population projections, transition fees, and land cash calculations. Costs are as follows:

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| Phase 1 – Population Projections          | \$14,000 |
| Phase 2 – Transition Fee Analysis         | \$ 4,500 |
| Phase 3 – Land/Cash Payment Analysis      | \$ 2,500 |
| Phase 4 – Capital Improvement Development |          |
| Impact Fee Program                        | \$14,000 |

Board members discussed which phase(s) should be implemented. Vice President DeBolt expressed concern about the costs of the population projections, because she thought the information would be outdated by the time it was needed, since there is a slow down in growth in Plano.

Dr. Walker explained that the School Board had promised the City to have data to back up the land/cash fees in the event the fee schedule was challenged and that the school district attorneys recommended that the study be completed. Member Appel asked if Mr. Dahlstrom would “go to bat” for the school district if there were challenges.

It was decided that Dr. Walker would ask Mr. Dahlstrom some questions, like if he would serve as an expert witness if needed and whether the fee structure would be changed if less than four phases were chosen. The Board gave Dr. Walker the authorization to sign the agreement if his answers were acceptable.

Appel moved, and Blair seconded the motion, to contract with Northern Illinois University to complete Phases 1-3 of the Growth Study Proposal.

Voting aye: Appel, Blair, Moody and Porter.  
Voting nay: DeBolt.  
Motion carried: 4 ayes, 1 nay, 2 absent.

## **VIII BOARD COMMENTS**

- President Porter asked if PMA could provide a forecast showing how the current CPI will affect the district's income over the next five years. He said the Board needs to take a hard look at revenue sources. Dr. Walker said this was being worked on and it would be presented to the Board as soon as complete.
- Board Secretary Benoit commented that the Fine Arts Festival was very nice and it was good to combine all grade levels and art/band/chorus in one venue. Mrs. Mateyka said they are planning to expand on this idea for next year and the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in May will be "Fine Arts Festival" weekend.
- Member Blair thanked the administrators for their work during a challenging school year. She said the community should be proud of their leadership and how they care for the students and the district.
- Dr. Walker announced that magnetic name badges had been ordered for Board members to wear at business and social events.

## **IX FUTURE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA**

### **X EXECUTIVE SESSION**

DeBolt moved, and Moody seconded the motion, to go into executive session at 8:01 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).

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

Motion carried: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

Member Heller joined the executive session at 8:22 p.m.

DeBolt moved, and Moody seconded the motion to come out of executive session at 10:28 p.m.

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

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

#### Action from Executive Session

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

##### **1. Resignations:**

- Charles Farley – Transportation Coordinator, effective 5/6/09
- Bill Sambrookes – Physical Education/Head Boys Basketball Coach, effective 5/7/09

##### **2. Leave Request:**

- Kara Schwartz – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Emily G. Johns School, effective August 27-October 12, 2009

##### **3. Contracts effective 2009-10 school year (unless otherwise noted):**

- Beth Michaelson – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Emily G. Johns School, BA+0/Step 1
- Brett Moore – Physical Education Teacher, Plano High School, MA+0/Step 7
- Lindsey Olson – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, Centennial School, BA+0/Step 1
- Nicole Schmitz – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, Centennial School, BA+12/Step 1

