

Minutes of Regular Meeting Of January 23, 2017

The Board of Education Harlem Consolidated School District

A Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Harlem Consolidated School District was held Monday, January 23, 2017, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Harlem Administration Center, 8605 North Second Street, Machesney Park, IL 61115.

1. CALL TO ORDER by President Heather Kelley
2. ROLL CALL (Board Members and Other Attendees)
George Russell, Sue Berogan, Evelyn Meeks, Melissa Wenger, Patti Lawrence, Heather Kelley

Kris Arduino, Recording Secretary

Dr. Julie Morris, Superintendent

Josh Aurand, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations

Dr. Michelle Erb, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

Scott Rollinson, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Loves Park Elementary Students(s): Sawyer Smith
Presenter: Lisa Clark, Loves Park Elementary Principal

4. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Morris noted a recognition item was added,

10(B)(1) and Action Item 12(A) Surplus property is deleted

Motion to approve Agenda with changes as noted

1st Wenger 2nd Berogan

Berogan, Meeks, Wenger, Lawrence, Kelley, Russell – 6 ayes

Motion carried

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. **Motion to approve Regular and Closed minutes from January 9, 2017**

1st Russell 2nd Meeks

Meeks, Wenger, Lawrence, Kelley, Russell, Berogan – 6 ayes

Motion carried

6. Awards and Recognition

A. 2017 Golden Apple Finalists - Excellence in Teaching Awards

Tom Freesmeier - Harlem Middle School – Social Studies

Jennifer Keller - Harlem High School – German teacher

Susan Schroepfer - Harlem High School – Special Education

Julie Thomas - Harlem High School - Spanish

Presenter: Jason Blume, Director of Stakeholder Engagement, Terrell Yarbrough,

High School Principal and Matt Cascio, Middle School

2. Career Con – Saturday, April 22, 2017, 9:00 to 1:00 p.m. Jason Blume and Jennifer Keller presenting, noting that there are 30 people signed up at this point and word needs to get out about this new event for students to talk to career professionals. There will be 6 foot tables for presenters and room for equipment in trade show style.

3. Lisa Clark presenting

Ticomix, a local company with CEO, Tim Ancona, Harlem Graduate.

This company sponsored seven families at Loves Park Elementary School to receive Christmas gifts.

Representatives Rachel Longmaker, David Achille, and Mike Roberts attending.

7. Comments from the Community

none

8. Approval of Bills

A. Payables Summary \$629,206.21

B. Voided Checks

C. Payroll Voucher(s) \$2,685,222.40

D. Accounts Payable Warrant(s)

Mr. Aurand reviewed bills by fund totaling \$ \$3,314,428.61

Motion to approve bills

1st Berogan 2nd Russell

Wenger, Lawrence, Kelley, Russell, Berogan-abstain, Meeks – 5 ayes 1 abstain

Motion carried

9. Communications and Committee Reports

A. Heather Kelley

- Thanked Lisa Clark for bringing Sawyer Smith to lead the Pledge;
- Congratulated Golden Apple finalists;
- Thanked Ticomix for their sponsorship at Loves Park Elementary;
- Thanked Jen Keller for assisting with the Career Conference, noting that she will be out of town on that date, wishing a great success
- Congratulated State Finalists, IHSA Bowling Team and the Varsity Dance Team and parents

1. Board Monitoring Report: December 12, 2016

4 returned marked satisfactory

2. Next Education Committee meeting: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

3. Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, February 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

4. Next Policy Committee meeting: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

5. Board Self-Evaluation meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

(Reminder to submit surveys no later than February 7, 2017)

- Noted Vet Doc Dinner being held on Saturday, February 24, 2017 at the High School commons, fundraiser at 4:00 p.m., \$12.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door, many students are selling tickets

6. Board Member Vacancy

Regretfully informed the public that Travis Turner has resigned his seat on the Board of Education for a fabulous job opportunity in San Francisco.

Mrs. Kelley read his resignation letter to the Board, effective January 10, 2017.

As a result of the vacancy the Board has found through the Regional Office of Education and Illinois Association of School Boards that the Board has 45 days to fill this vacancy. This will be discussed in closed session.

B. George Russell

- Thanked Lisa Clark and Sawyer Smith noting that he would like to encourage Sawyer on his trip to Washington D.C. Noting that he should go to the Smithsonian Aircraft Museum
- Special congratulations to all Golden Apple Finalists for the fourth consecutive years with the past three having winners.
- Thanked Ticomix for their efforts on behalf of Loves Park families;
- Congratulated the Bowling Team and Girls' Dance Team
- Noted he attended the visitation for Laci Matthews yesterday and noted the strength of the community in responding to critical times; the Girls' Basketball team noted they wanted to do something special and came up with shirts in her honor. 150 shirts were ordered at \$10 per shirt with the proceeds going to Laci's family. Another 300 shirts have been ordered. There were approximately 431 boxes of Kraft macaroni and cheese donated in her behalf. He complimented Terrell and the building custodial team for the beautiful setting.

1. Next Business Services Committee meeting: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

C. Sue Berogan

- Thanked Lisa Clark and Sawyer Smith and wished him well on his trip;
- Congratulated Boys' Bowling Team and Girls' Dance Team;
- Congratulated Golden Apple Finalists with 4 finalists out of a total of 20;
- Thanked Ticomix

D. Evelyn Meeks

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting;
- Thanked Lisa Clark and Sawyer Smith and wished him well on his Washington DC trip;
- Thanked Ticomix;
- Congratulated the Golden Apple Finalists noting our awesome staff;
- Congratulated the IHSA Bowling Team and Dance Team and wished Good luck to the Cheer & Dance Team in future competition.
- Condolences to Laci Matthews's family and noted that great community compassion for loss of a child.

E. Melissa Wenger

- Thanked Lisa Clark and Sawyer Smith;
- Congratulated the Golden Apple Finalist;
- Thanked you for Ticomix for their help during the holiday season.

F. Patti Lawrence

- Noted the great student artwork displayed in the Board room;
- Congratulated the IHSA Bowling Team and Girls' Dance Team for second place finish;
- Thanked Lisa Clark and Sawyer Smith;
- Congratulated to the Golden Apple Finalists;
- Thanked Ticomix for Christmas donations at Loves Park;
- Noted that she did work the Christmas for Kids Shopping event and enjoyed it very much;
- Wished Travis Turner good luck in his new endeavors;
- Prayers to Laci Matthews family, noting the Junior class has had so much loss this past year. The support in the District is a true representation of what Harlem brings to the table;
- Thanked George for the shirt;

1. Next Discipline Policy Review Committee: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. (2nd quarter)

10. Administrative Reports

A. Dr. Michelle Erb, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

1. Recommendation to approve Student Travel Request(s)
Cheer team to State tournament and Wrestling Team
2. Presentation of 2017-2018 Calendar
Noted that this will be recommended for approval at the next February Board meeting
Total of 485 votes online, 68% for Calendar A and 32% for Calendar B; with the main concern being the uneven number of days in Calendar A from first and second semester. Recommendation to adjust Calendar A by moving SIP day so there would be only one day difference for Quarter 2 and Quarter 4.

Mrs. Lawrence noted her appreciation of the calendar comments and that these be taken into consideration. She observed the comment to align with Rockford calendar and noted that is a good idea but not always possible, as well as the start of the school year.

Mrs. Kelley noted the Board will not vote on this until next meeting.

B. Joshua Aurand, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations

1. Recommendation to approve Resolution for Surplus Property - withdrawn
2. Recommendation to approve Facility Request(s)
Junior Huskie Cheerleaders

3. Water Quality Testing Update

At the end of July, John Donahue, CEO of North Park Water Department talked with us about testing pipes and they did so over the summer. It began in October and ended in January for the nine elementary buildings. We will be getting a final water report next week. The secondary buildings will be scheduled in the future. Senate Bill 550 (testing bill) was signed and we will also discuss this when talking about the final report. We should be able to bring this item back to the next meeting with more information.

C. Scott Rollinson, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

1. Recommendation to approve Personnel Agenda & Addendum

Reviewed:

7 Transfers, 9 Employments, 9 Sick Leave Bank request, 1 new Paraeducator position at Parker Center for student with special education status.

2. Informational only: Resignations

A total of 3 accepted since the last board meeting

D. Dr. Julie Morris, Superintendent

1. Public Hearing on Application for Renewal of Waiver of current ISBE Rule 250.20(e) regarding contracting with a private company for driver education services.

Reported that a public hearing was held earlier and the costing was reviewed by Mr. Aurand.

2. Recommendation to approve Application for Renewal Waiver of Current ISBE Rule 252.20(e) regarding contracting with a private company to provide driver education services

3. Career-Con - April 22, 2017 (moved to Recognitions)

Presenter: Jason Blume, Director of Stakeholder Engagement

11. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Personnel Agenda & Addendum

B. Approve Student Travel Request(s)

C. Approve Facility Request(s)

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items A-C

1st Berogan 2nd Russell

Lawrence, Kelley, Russell, Berogan, Meeks, Wenger – 6 ayes

Motion carried

12. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approve Resolution Declaring Surplus Property. - removed

B. Motion to Approve Application for Renewal of Waiver of current ISBE 252.20 (e) regarding contracting with a private company for driver education services.

1st Russell 2nd Berogan

Kelley, Russell, Berogan, Meeks, Wenger, Lawrence – 6 ayes

Motion carried

13. Announcements and Discussion
None

Motion to go into executive session to discuss Employment of Personnel and Selection of Person to fill a Public Office.

1st Lawrence 2nd Wenger

Russell, Berogan, Meeks, Wenger, Lawrence, Kelley – 6 ayes

Motion carried

The Board took a five minute recess at 6:46 p.m.

14. Executive Session to discuss Employment of Personnel (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), Negotiations (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), Selection of a Person to Fill a Public Office (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3), Pending Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), Student Discipline (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9), Other Matters Relating to Students (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10), Lease of Real Property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), Setting of Sale Price of Real Property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), Self-Evaluation, Practices and Procedures or Professional Ethics (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(16), Sale or Purchase of Securities, Investments or Investment Contracts (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7), and Lawfully Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).

15. ACTION ITEMS AFTER CLOSED SESSION

A. Motion to approve Unpaid Leave of Absence Request for Courtney Ford

1st Lawrence 2nd Wenger

Meeks, Wenger, Lawrence, Kelley, Russell, Berogan – 6 ayes

Motion carried

16. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

1st Wenger 2nd Russell

All aye, Motion carried

The Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Arduino,
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:


President


Secretary

Dated: _____