

**MINUTES** of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 9 held in the Board Conference Room at the Board of Education Administrative Offices, 1947 Adams Street, Granite City, Illinois, on August 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** WALT WHITAKER, BEVERLEY SCROGGINS, JERRY McKECHAN, JEFF PARKER, JOHN PARKER, RON DILLARD, AND RALPH BURNETT.

**EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** HARRY BRIGGS, PH.D., DENISE ALBRECHT, PAUL BOWLER, DR. DENNIS BURNETT, PATRICK CURRY, BRAD EAVENSON, JIM GREENWALD, DON HARRIS, GLORIA HARRISON, PAULA HUBBARD, NANCY LEVAULT, TIM MORAN, KRISTEN NOVACICH, JIM PARKER, DIANE PEACH, NIKKI PETRILLO, TOM SCHOOLEY, RON STERN, ZACK SUHRE, AND BARBARA BILBREY.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** SCOTT COUSINS, REV. KARLA FROST, AND STACEY UNFRIED.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President, Ralph Burnett. Roll was called. All members were present and a quorum was declared. President Burnett asked those present to stand for the reciting of the *Pledge of Allegiance* followed by the *Invocation*. He stated that citizens or parents with children in attendance, who did not wish to participate in the *Invocation*, could wait outside the Board Conference Room until after the Board moved to Item IV, *Public Comment*. Rev. Karla Frost, Pastor of St. John's United Church of Christ, offered the Invocation.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – There were no public comments.
3. **MINUTES** (25 & a-i) Motion by Member Scroggins, seconded by Member McKechan, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held on July 21, 2009 as presented on 25 & a-i. Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA** (26-29) Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member McKechan, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the items listed on the *Consent Agenda* as follows:
  - BILL LIST** (26 & a-ac) To approve the bill list on 26 & a-ac and authorize the payment of all items.
  - SPECIAL PURCHASE/BUSINESS LABS** (27) To approve the special purchase of 60 All-in-One Dell computers for the Granite City High School Business Department from DELL as outlined on 27 at a cost of \$64,959.00, which will be paid for with CTEI Grant funds.
  - REQUESTS FROM VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS** (28) To approve Requests “a” through “f” as outlined on 28.

**GIFTS** (28) To accept the gifts outlined on 28 with thanks and appreciation.

**HAZARDOUS BUS ROUTES** (29) To adopt the resolution as presented on 29 relative to bus routes approved as hazardous routes for Grigsby Middle School and Mitchell and Prather Elementary Schools and authorize the necessary signatures. Members voting—Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

5. **RESIGNATIONS** (30) Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member John Parker, upon the recommendation of the administration, to accept the following resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Kristen Strohbeck	Language Arts/Coolidge	Resignation	Conclusion of 2008-2009
Raechel Gutierrez Haas	Title I Aide/Worthen	Resignation	Conclusion of 2008-2009
Amber Stevens	Vocal Music/Coolidge	Resignation	Conclusion of 2008-2009

Members voting—McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

6. **EXTENSIONS TO LEAVES OF ABSENCE** (30) Motion by Member John Parker, seconded by Member Jeff Parker, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following extensions to leaves of absence:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
David Steward	Custodian/High School	Personal	8/4/09 – 10/27/09
Cindy Desper	Special Ed./High School	Personal Illness	8/10/09 – 11/2/09
Barbara Hall	Cafeteria/Coolidge	Personal Illness	8/5/09 – 10/26/09

Members voting—Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

7. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR RESIGNATIONS/RESCINDMENTS** (30) Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member Burnett, upon the recommendation of the administration, to accept the following extra-curricular resignation effective at the conclusion of the 2008-2009 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Raffi Karibian	Assistant Girls’ Basketball Coach/Grigsby

and to rescind the following extra-curricular appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Eric Black	Assistant Football Coach/High School
Julie Schreiber	Co-Sponsor-Science Club/High School

Members voting—John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

8. **EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED STAFF – LANGUAGE ARTS/COOLIDGE** (30a-b); **TRUANCY INTERVENTIONIST(S)** (30c-e); **AND PERMANENT CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES** (30f-h) These items were held for discussion in executive session.

9. **TITLE I AIDES** (30i) Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member Scroggins, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ the following individuals as Title I Aides for the 2009-2010 school year not to exceed a work week of 18 hours and with no benefits:

Donna York	Carolyn Anders
Pam Brown	Michelle Hillman
Lorna Eavenson	Rose Evans
Sheryl Grote	Teresa Horvath
Sherry Stanley	Cari Palmisano
Tanya Stewart	Gina Puhse

Members voting—McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

10. **SECONDARY CAFETERIA AIDES** (30j) Motion by Member McKechan, seconded by Member Scroggins, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ the following individuals as Secondary Cafeteria Aides for the 2009-2010 school year for approximately 19.5 hours per week at \$8.75/hour with no benefits:

<u>Coolidge</u>	<u>Grigsby</u>
Lisa Jones	Karen Rumpf
Debbie Pointer	Joyce Littlejohn

Members voting—Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

11. **CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES** (30k) Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member John Parker, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following individuals as certified and classified substitutes for the 2009-2010 school year:

CERTIFIED

Kimberly Boone	Martha Brediger	Emily Briner	Jennifer Clemann
Cynthia Dorris	Adam Dresden	Brandi Freitag	Brian Gaines
Richard Gatheman	Sarah Gieson	Nancy Huyck	Emily Jones
Megan Lyerla	Denise Maxwell	Christine Oettle	Bruce Reese
Roberta Ponder	Christie Roth	Patrick Seibold	Karen Simon
Debbie Smith	Bethany Sunderlik	Keri-Gae Travis	Lorraine Turner
April White	Melanie Williams		

CLASSIFIED

Savolia Arms	Keith Brewer	Michael Champion	Heather Connolly
Cynthia Dahmm	Donald Enyart	Ruth Fisher	Mary Gibson
Jimmy Hall	Arnold Huyck	Thomas Janek	Carol Klug
Tim Lauer	Mary Lynch	Michael Schmidt	Sandra Dillard
Judith Thomas			

Members voting—John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

12. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE (30k)** Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member Scroggins, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following leave of absence:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Noreen Fanning	Cafeteria/Grigsby	Personal Illness	8/12/09 – 8/24/09

Members voting—Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

13. **DISTRICT #9 2009-2010 TENTATIVE BUDGET RESOLUTION AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICE IN THE NEWSPAPER (31 & a-b)** Motion by Member Scroggins, seconded by Member Jeff Parker, to adopt the Resolution, designating Dennis Burnett, Director of Finance, to prepare the 2009-10 Tentative Budget for Community Unit School District #9 and authorize the necessary signatures; approve the Notice of Public Hearing for the Community Unit School District # 9 2009-10 Tentative Budget; and approve holding a Public Hearing on September 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Offices, 1947 Adams Street, Granite City, Illinois. Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

14. **ELECTRICAL/AC UPGRADE TO SERVER ROOM (32)** Member McKechan, seconded by Member Dillard, to approve moving and upgrading the server facility at Granite City High School, which includes an electrical upgrade by Guarantee Electric at a cost of \$15,630.00 and an air-conditioning upgrade by Culbertson Heating and Cooling for \$9,925.00 at a total cost of \$25,555.00. Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

15. **REPORTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

**Committee Reports** – There were no committee reports.

**Freedom of Information Act Report (33)** It was reported that there were two requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act during the period July 17, 2009 to August 6, 2009. It was noted that the requests were from Jeremy Lindsey and Talitha Jackson for copies of all information attained in researching the dress code and were filled through the Superintendent’s Office.

**Reinstatement of Expelled Student (33)** Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member Scroggins, to approve the reinstatement of four students who successfully completed the Recovery Program for substance violations for the 2009-2010 school year and one student who successfully completed a remediation program for the 2009-2010 school year and to deny two students reinstatement who have not successfully completed the Recovery Program for substance violations. Members voting—Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

**Public School Choice** (34) Nancy LeVault updated the Board with regard to the Public School Choice option that is available to students attending Prather Elementary this year. It was noted that 69 students have applied for transfers; however, three of those were received after the deadline. Seven parents have since declined the option to move and have elected to remain at Prather. The remaining 59 students will be placed as follows: 7 at Mitchell; 21 at Worthen; 15 at Frohardt; 14 at Niedringhaus; and two are pending final parental acceptance. One bus will transport students to four different elementary buildings. Two hundred special transfer requests have been received. The district has been able to accommodate almost all of those requests.

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member McKeachan, to go into executive session for the exceptions noted under 5 ILCS 120/2 Open Meetings:

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body;
- Student disciplinary matters;
- Security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, the public or public property;
- Collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives; and
- Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed...is probable or imminent.

Members voting—McKeachan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

The Board was called into executive session at 7:10 p.m.

Executive session closed and the meeting resumed at 7:26 p.m.

Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Scroggins, to close executive session and resume the public meeting. Members voting—Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKeachan, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

17. **EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED STAFF**

**LANGUAGE ARTS/COOLIDGE** (30a-b) Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member Burnett, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ Amy Simpson as a Language Arts teacher at Coolidge Middle School effective for the 2009-2010 school year. Members voting—John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKeachan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

**TRUANCY INTERVENTIONIST(S)** (30c-d) Motion by Member Burnett, seconded by Member Dillard, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ Bernice Lusk Begando and Damon Yates as Truancy Interventionists effective for the 2009-2010 school year. Members voting—Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

**PERMANENT CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES** (30f-h) Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member John Parker, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ Gerald Moore as a permanent certified substitute at the high school and Holly Odom as a permanent certified substitute at Coolidge Middle School effective for the 2009-2010 school year. Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES/JULY 21, 2009** (35) Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member McKechan, to approve the executive session minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held on July 21, 2009. Members voting—Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
19. **2009 IASA/IASB/IASBO CONFERENCE UPDATE** – Superintendent Briggs recommended that attendance at the 2009 IASA/IASB/IASBO Conference to be held on November 20-22, 2009 in Chicago, Illinois, be limited to one administrator and two Board Members due to finances. Board Members Ron Dillard and Beverley Scroggins indicated that they would like to attend but would willingly pay their own expenses. Motion by Member McKechan, seconded by Member Scroggins, to approve the attendance of one administrator and two Board Members at the 2009 IASA/IASB/IASBO Conference to be held on November 20-22, 2009 in Chicago, Illinois, with necessary expenses. Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
20. **SETTING THE AGENDA FOR THE AUGUST 25, 2009 MEETING** – There were no items.
21. **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member McKechan, to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Members voting—all aye; voice vote; motion carried.

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President

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Secretary