

MINUTES of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 9 held in the Conference Room at the Early Childhood Center, 3201 E. 23rd Street, Granite City, Illinois, on September 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: 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, LYNETTE BURNETT, PATRICK CURRY, BRAD EAVENSON, CINDY GAGICH, JIM GREENWALD, DON HARRIS, GLORIA HARRISON, PAULA HUBBARD, DEBRA KIBORT, NANCY LEVAULT, MARK LULL, TIM MORAN, KRISTEN NOVACICH, JIM PARKER, DIANE PEACH, KATHY SCHOOLEY, TOM SCHOOLEY, RON STERN, ZACK SUHRE, JASON VAUGHN, BARBARA VRABEC, DR. DEBBIE WILKERSON, AND BARBARA BILBREY.

OTHERS PRESENT: REV. RICH COPE, MIKE GAGICH, LEIGHANN WORTHEN, JIM MAXFIELD, 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, with the exception of Member Walt Whitaker, 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 Conference Room until after the Board moved to Item IV, *Public Comment*. Rev. Rich Cope of City Temple offered the *Invocation*.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – There were no public comments.
3. **MINUTES** (64 & a-b) Motion by Member McKechan, seconded by Member Scroggins, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held on September 8, 2009 as presented on 64 & a-b. Members voting—Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “abstain,” John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried. Absent Member Whitaker.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA** (65-70) Member McKechan asked what fees would be paid by Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville for use of the Early Childhood Center classrooms for the first semester of the 2009-2010 school year. Superintendent Briggs stated that since several Early Childhood teachers are participating in these particular classes, this would be an expense incurred by the district and would be considered good public relations. He indicated, however, that the administration is working with SIUE to determine what fees are to be charged for the second semester.

Member McKechan asked if “swine flu” shots will be offered when the vaccine becomes available. Superintendent Briggs stated that the district is working with the Madison County Health Department with regard to having these shots available at school sites. He noted that Early Childhood students will be the first to receive the shots. Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member Scroggins, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the items listed on the *Consent Agenda* as follows:

TREASURER’S REPORT/AUGUST 2009 (65) To accept the Treasurer’s Report for August 2009 as presented on 65 and file for audit.

BILL LIST (66 & a-v) **AND INVOICE IN EXCESS OF BOARD POLICY** (66w) To approve the bill list on 66 & a-v and the invoice in excess of Board policy on 66w and authorize the payment of all items.

PAPER SUPPLIES (67) To award the bid for Paper Supplies as marked in the tabulation on 67 to Midland on the basis of previous product usage and/or low bid to specifications at a cost of \$45,315.20.

SPECIAL PURCHASES

LATERAL FILING CABINET AND SUPPLIES (68) To approve the special purchase of a lateral filing cabinet and supplies for the Transition Program at the High School as outlined on 68 from Business Equipment Center at a cost of \$1,339.54, which will be covered by Granite City IDEA federal grant funds.

TEXTHELP SOFTWARE LICENSE (68) To approve the special purchase of eleven Read & Write Gold mobile devices as outlined on 68 from Texthelp Systems, Inc. at a cost of \$2,525.00, which will be covered by Granite City IDEA federal grant funds.

FORKLIFT (68a) To approve the special purchase of a new Toyota forklift truck (Model 8FGCU15) for the district warehouse as outlined on 68a at a cost of \$18,920.00.

REQUESTS FROM VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS (69) To approve Requests “a” through “c” as outlined on 69.

GIFTS (69) To accept the gifts outlined on 69 with thanks and appreciation.

INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATIONS FOR EMPLOYEES (70) To offer influenza immunizations to all employees, spouses, and retirees using services provided by Gateway Regional Occupational Health Services as outlined on 70, at a cost of \$16.00 per injection and at an estimated cost of \$1,350.00, of which \$10.00 will be collected, per contract, from each employee and \$16.00 from spouses and retirees. Members voting—Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye,” John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried. Absent Member Whitaker.

- 5. **RETIREMENT AND RESIGNATION** (71) Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Scroggins, upon the recommendation of the administration, to accept the following retirement and resignation:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Debbie Pointer	Secondary Cafeteria Aide/Coolidge	Resignation	9/11/09
Deborah Reeves	Teacher Aide/Grigsby	Retirement	9/30/09

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

- 6. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE** (71) Motion by Member John 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>
Sue Goedeke	Secretary/High School	Deduct	11/6/09 – 11/13/09 (5 days)

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

- 7. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR APPOINTMENT** (71) Motion by Member Burnett, seconded by Member Scroggins, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the extra-curricular appointment for the 2009-2010 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Steve Roustio	Assistant Boys’ Track Coach/High School

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

- 8. **CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES** (71a) Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member Dillard, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following individuals as certified and classified substitutes for the 2009-2010 school year:

<u>CERTIFIED</u>			
Nathan Gaudreault	Sara Legate	Sara Mollet	Carolyn Yates
<u>CLASSIFIED</u>			
Leanne Beavin	Sheryl Clark	Tamara Fuhrman	Rosealie Gregonis
Jamie Klee	Donna McGee		

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

- 9. **EMPLOYMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL TUTOR** (71b-c) Motion by Member McKechan, seconded by Member Scroggins, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ Cody Anderson as a High School Tutor effective for the 2009-2010 school year. Members voting—Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye,” John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried. Absent Member Whitaker.

10. **EMPLOYMENT OF PARAPROFESSIONALS {4}** (71d-f) Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Scroggins, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ Michelle Barnes, Renee Barron, Carol Klug, and Kathy Rogers as Paraprofessionals effective for the 2009-2010 school year. Members voting—Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye,” John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried. Absent Member Whitaker.
11. **PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF PROPOSED 2009-2010 GRANITE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #9 BUDGET** (72 & a) Motion by Member McKechan, seconded by Member Jeff Parker, to recess the District #9 Board of Education meeting at 7:05 p.m. and open the Public Hearing on the proposed 2009-2010 Granite City School District #9 Budget. Members voting—McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye,” John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried. Absent Member Whitaker.

Director of Finance, Dr. Dennis Burnett, informed the Board that the proposed budget is not balanced and shows a deficit. He indicated that although the district has been informed that State Aid will be \$20,090,572, he is still not sure that is going to happen. He pointed out that Line 3 indicates beginning fund balances. They are audited amounts and are \$4,000,000 short of what they should be because of state revenues not arriving prior to June 30, 2009 and that those funds were not included in the state revenue as they were for a prior year.

Superintendent Briggs informed the Board that this is the first time in his career that the district has received less from the state than in the previous year. He indicated that it is an unpredictable future and proposed developing a committee of various groups to look at a possible plan of action. He stated that the shortfall of funds is not only happening in this district but is happening all over the state. He said, “We are being pro-active in how we can avoid major problems in the future.”

President Burnett stated that he felt that it was important to point out that this is not only a school district problem but a community/government problem.

Superintendent Briggs said he wanted to thank all of our unions. “We have some tentative agreements to bring everyone up to date...The unions have been very supportive and are very aware of what is going on in the state...I hope we can continue to work together for the betterment of our district.”

Hearing no questions or comments, President Ralph Burnett asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Motion by Member McKechan, seconded by Member Scroggins, to close the Public Hearing for the proposed 2009-2010 Granite City School District #9 budget. Members voting—all aye; voice vote; motion carried. Absent Member Whitaker.

Motion by Member McKechan, seconded by Member Jeff Parker, to reconvene the regular meeting of the Board of Education. Members voting—all aye; voice vote; motion carried. Absent Member Whitaker.

Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member John Parker, to adopt the resolution relative to the 2009-2010 Granite City School District #9 Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010 as presented on 72a and authorize the necessary signatures. Members voting—Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye,” John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried. Absent Member Whitaker.

12. **IASB/IASA/IASBO CONFERENCE** – Superintendent Briggs informed the Board that the Board previously approved the attendance of three individuals at the IASB/IASA/IASBO Conference on November 20-22, 2009; and asked that the Board approve the attendance of one additional individual. Motion by Member John Parker, seconded by Member Burnett, to approve the attendance of one additional Board Member at the IASB/IASA/IASBO Conference. Members voting--John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye,” and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried. Absent Member Whitaker.
13. **PROPERTY TAX EXTENSION LIMITATION LAW (PTELL) RESOLUTION (73 & a-c)** Superintendent Briggs stated that the proposed resolution opposes PTELL. Motion by Member Scroggins, seconded by Member Jeff Parker, to adopt the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) Resolution and authorize the necessary signatures. Members voting--Dillard, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye,” John Parker, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried. Absent Member Whitaker.
14. **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY/SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (74 & a-i)** Motion by Member Burnett, seconded by Member John Parker, to adopt the resolution as presented 74a-b and approve entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City with regard to the School Resource Office Program for the 2009-2010 school year as presented on 74c-i and authorize the necessary signatures. Members voting--Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye,” John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried. Absent Member Whitaker.
15. **LOCAL 98 TENTATIVE AGREEMENT (75); ST. LOUIS DISTRICT COUNCIL AND VICINITY LOCAL 633; INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PAINTERS AND ALLIED TRADES DISTRICT COUNCIL #58; LABORERS INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA LOCAL #397; AND TEAMSTERS, CHAUFFEURS, AND HELPERS LOCAL UNION #525 AFFILIATED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS, CHAUFFEURS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND HELPERS OF AMERICA TENTATIVE AGREEMENT (75); AND SECRETARIES' LOCAL 4956 TENTATIVE AGREEMENT (75)** Superintendent Briggs stated that these items were presented for information only.
16. **ACTIONS OF THE REGION I BOARD (75)** Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Burnett, to ratify the actions of the Region I Board on the following: Adoption of the Joint Agreement 2009-2010 Budget; Approval of the IDEA Part B Preschool Funds Allocated for Madison; and Changing the next Region I Board Meeting on November 18, 2009 to the Early Childhood Center. Members voting--Dillard, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye,” John Parker, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried. Absent Member Whitaker.

17. **RESOLUTION/ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$6,245,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS TO REFUND CERTAIN OF THE DISTRICT'S OUTSTANDING BONDS** (76) Superintendent Briggs informed the Board that this was a 75 page resolution with regard to refunding of the Series 2003 and Series 2006 Bonds. It was noted that the approximate savings in interest payments will be in excess of \$200,000 and bonds will be paid off earlier. Motion by Member Burnett, seconded by Member Scroggins, to adopt the resolution on the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$6,245,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds to Refund Certain of the District's Outstanding Bonds and to authorize the necessary signatures. Members voting--Dillard, "aye"; Scroggins, "aye"; McKechan, "aye"; Jeff Parker, "aye," John Parker, "aye"; and Burnett, "aye"; motion carried. Absent Member Whitaker.

18. **REPORTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

Committee Reports – There were no committee reports.

Freedom of Information Act Report (77) It was reported that there was one request for information under the Freedom of Information Act during the period September 4 to September 17, 2009 from Ray James, Project Coordinator for Acme Research. It was noted that Mr. James requested all public spending information, including both capital and operating expenditures for payments made by or on behalf of the Granite City School District during the fiscal year of 2008-2009 and, specifically, for any payee other than an employee paid a cumulative total amount of more than \$5,000 by payee name, address and cumulative total dollar amount paid to the subject payee over the relevant time period. Superintendent Briggs stated that the request is being filled through the Technology Department.

Expulsion (77) This item was held for discussion in executive session.

Reinstatement of Student (77) Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Scroggins, to approve the reinstatement of a Grigsby Middle School student, who has successfully completed the Chestnut Health criteria. Members voting--Scroggins, "aye"; McKechan, "aye"; Jeff Parker, "aye," John Parker, "aye"; Dillard, "aye"; and Burnett, "aye"; motion carried. Absent Member Whitaker.

2008-2009 Itemized Administrative Salary Compensation Report – Board Members were provided with a copy of the Itemized Administrative Salary Compensation Report for 2008-2009, a copy of which is attached and made part of the official minutes of this meeting. It was noted that the report will be posted as of October 1st on the district's website and is in compliance with P.A. 96-0434.

19. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member McKechan, 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--Scroggins, "aye"; McKechan, "aye"; Jeff Parker, "aye," John Parker, "aye"; Dillard, "aye"; and Burnett, "aye"; motion carried. Absent Member Whitaker.

The Board was called into executive session at 7:26 p.m.

Executive session closed and the meeting resumed at 7:29 p.m.

Motion by Member Scroggins, seconded by Member Jeff Parker, to close executive session and resume the public meeting. Members voting--Scroggins, "aye"; McKechan, "aye"; Jeff Parker, "aye," John Parker, "aye"; Dillard, "aye"; and Burnett, "aye"; motion carried. Absent Member Whitaker.

20. **SETTING THE AGENDA FOR THE OCTOBER 13, 2009 MEETING** – There were no items.
21. **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion by Member McKechan, seconded by Member Jeff Parker, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Members voting—all aye; voice vote; motion carried. Absent Member Walt Whitaker.

President

Secretary