

**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 October 13, 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., PAUL BOWLER, DR. DENNIS BURNETT, BRAD EAVENSON, CINDY GAGICH, JIM GREENWALD, DON HARRIS, GLORIA HARRISON, PAULA HUBBARD, DEBRA KIBORT, NANCY LEVAULT, TIM MORAN, KRISTEN NOVACICH, JIM PARKER, TOM SCHOOLEY, RON STERN, ZACK SUHRE, AND BARBARA BILBREY.

OTHERS PRESENT: MELISSA HARRIS 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. Gene Fowler of First Presbyterian Church offered the Invocation.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – There were no public comments.
3. **MINUTES** (79 & a-f) Motion by Member McKechan, seconded by Member Scroggins, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held on September 22, 2009 as presented on 79 & a-f. Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA** (80-83) Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member John Parker, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the items listed on the *Consent Agenda* as follows:  
**BILL LIST** (80 & a-ar) To approve the bill list on 80 & a-ar and authorize the payment of all items.

#### **SPECIAL PURCHASES**

**TACK BOARDS/GRIGSBY** (81) To approve the special purchase of tack boards for Grigsby Middle School from Golterman and Sabo as outlined on 81 at a cost not to exceed \$8,445.00, of which one-third of the cost will be paid for by the Grigsby Student Council.

**CIMS MAINTENANCE RENEWAL** (81) To approve the special purchase for the renewal of the CIMS Maintenance Agreement from Weidenhammer as outlined on 81 at a cost not to exceed \$23,289.00.

**REQUESTS FROM VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS** (82 & a) To approve Requests “a” through “j” as outlined on 82 & a.

**GIFTS** (82a) To accept the gifts outlined on 82a with thanks and appreciation.

**STUDENT TRIPS** (83) To grant permission for the Granite City High School Renaissance Committee to send a team of four staff members and ten students to the annual Heartland Renaissance Regional Conference in Bedford, Indiana, on October 21-22, 2009 with expenses to be paid from the local Renaissance funds and from conference participants; to grant permission for 25 or more Fashion Merchandising Program students to take a trip to New York City during spring break to tour the major fashion industry sights and displays with costs to be incurred by the students who agree to attend; and to grant permission for the Grigsby band to travel to Chicago on Saturday, May 15, 2010 to visit the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry as outlined on 83.

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

5. **RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS** (84) Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member Whitaker, upon the recommendation of the administration, to accept the following retirements and resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
David Steward	Custodian/High School	Resignation	9/29/09
Tricia Patton	Special Education/High School	Resignation	10/13/09
Cari Palmisano	Paraprofessional/Maryville	Resignation	10/7/09
Richard W. Wilson	Maintenance/Board Office	Retirement	6/30/10

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

6. **LEAVES OF ABSENCE** (84) Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member Dillard, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following leaves of absence:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Franziska Pickerell	Cafeteria/Worthen	Deduct Days	12/14/09 – 12/18/09
Jeremy Weaver	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade/Niedringhaus	Child Care	11/30/09 – 12/15/09

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

7. **EXTENSION TO A LEAVE OF ABSENCE** (84) Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Jeff Parker, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following extension to a leave of absence:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Cheryl Weaver	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade/Mitchell	Child Care	11/2/09 – 11/25/09

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

8. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR RESIGNATIONS** (84a) Superintendent Briggs stated that John VanBuskirk did an outstanding job as basketball coach at Grigsby and that it is with much regret that his resignation is accepted. Motion by Member McKechan, seconded by Member Scroggins, upon the recommendation of the administration, to accept the following extra-curricular resignations effective immediately:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Kelley Wallace	Yearbook Sponsor/Coolidge Middle School
John VanBuskirk	Head Boys' Basketball Coach/Grigsby Middle School

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

9. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS** (84a) Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member Dillard, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following extra-curricular appointments for the 2009-2010 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Kerry Lorton	Assistant Boys' Volleyball Coach/High School
Kelly Long	Yearbook Sponsor/Coolidge Middle School
Jay Robertson	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Head Basketball Coach/Grigsby Middle School

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

10. **CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES** (84b) Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Scroggins, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following individuals as certified and classified substitutes for the 2009-2010 school year:

CERTIFIED

Nathan Bernaix	Christa Cowan	Tamara Hopkins	Samuel McQuiggan
Jonathan Morlen	Alison Priest	Scott Riggs	Raymond Jay Robinson
Tasha Robinson	Donna Skirball		

CLASSIFIED

Nicole Biggs	Emanuel Brooks	Tonya Dailey	Robert Dresden
Katherine Earney	Antonio Hull	Amanda McMichael	Amy Shafer
Judi Simmons	Pamela Stieglitz		

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

11. **EMPLOYMENT OF PARAPROFESSIONAL** (84c-d) Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member McKechan, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ Ruth Fisher as a Paraprofessional effective for the 2009-2010 school year. Members voting—McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
12. **EMPLOYMENT OF CUSTODIAN** (84e) This item was held for discussion in executive session.

13. **2009 I.A.S.B. DELEGATE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS** (85 & a-h) It was suggested that Member Jerry McKechan serve as the alternate replacement for the conference. Board Members concurred. Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Jeff Parker, to direct the delegate (Jeff Parker) and alternate replacement (Jerry McKechan) to the IASB/IASA/IASB Conference to follow the recommended positions taken by the I.A.S.B. Resolutions Committee on new resolutions, amended existing positions, and reaffirmed existing positions, with the exception of “Educational Programs”, which is not recommended for adoption by the district’s administration. Members voting—Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
14. **GRANITE CITY FEDERATION OF SECRETARIAL EMPLOYEES AFT LOCAL 4956 CONTRACT** (86) No action was taken.
15. **SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION LOCAL 98 CONTRACT** (86) Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Burnett, to ratify the Tentative Agreements with the Service Employees International Union Local 98 for 2009-2010 as presented and authorize the necessary signatures. Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
16. **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 CONTRACT** (86) Motion by Member Burnett, seconded by Member Scroggins, to ratify the Tentative Agreements 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 for 2009-2010 as presented 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.
17. **CHEERLEADING CLUB** (87) Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Scroggins, to approve a voluntary cheerleading instructional program for fifth grade students at Frohardt Elementary school for the 2009-2010 school year as outlined on 87 at no cost to the district or students. Members voting—McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
18. **NAME CHANGE OF BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TO WORKING WARRIORS** (87) Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member Scroggins, to approve changing the name of the Business Technology Club to the Working Warriors as outlined on 87. Members voting—Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

19. **ILLINOIS PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION MENTORING SERVICES AGREEMENT**

(88) Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member Scroggins, to approve entering into an agreement with the Illinois Principals' Association, as presented, for mentoring services for new principals as outlined on 87. Members voting—John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

20. **PROPOSAL TO USE HEALTH LIFE SAFETY FUNDS/WORTHEN** (86) Motion by

Member McKechan, seconded by Member Scroggins, to approve the proposal, as presented, to use Health Life Safety Funds at Worthen Elementary School, which includes proceeding with architectural drawings and bidding of the project, as outlined on 88, and authorize the necessary signatures. Members voting—Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

21. **REPORTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

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

**Freedom of Information Act Report** (89) It was reported that there were two requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act during the period September 18 to October 8, 2009. The first request was from Rickeena Richards with the Belleville News Democrat for records reflecting the total compensation (i.e. base salary, additional stipends, and TRS benefits) paid to individual full-time teachers of the district since the recent teachers' contract went into effect for the 2009-2010 school year and for copies of the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 salary schedule, including step increases, approved by union teachers. It was noted that the request is being filled through the Finance Department. The second request was from Gretchen Stadts of O'Fallon for copies of the 2009-2010 Teachers' Union contract and was filled through the Personnel Department.

**Expulsion** (89) This item was held for discussion in executive session.

**Activity Fund Statements/July and August 2009** (90 & a-n)

22. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Motion by Member McKechan, seconded by Member Scroggins, 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 cases;
- Security procedure 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, staff, 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—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

The Board was called into executive session at 7:17 p.m.

Executive session closed and the meeting resumed at 8:03 p.m.

Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Scroggins, to close executive session and resume the public meeting. Members voting—all aye; voice vote; motion carried.

23. **EMPLOYMENT OF CUSTODIAN** (84e) Motion by Member McKechan, seconded by Member John Parker, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ Ricky Crites as a custodian effective October 19, 2009. Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
24. **EXPULSION** (89) Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Jeff Parker, to expel one Senior High School student for an infraction of the Student “Code of Conduct” for one calendar year from the date of the Board of Education meeting (October 13, 2009). Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
25. **2009 IASB/IASA/IASBO CONFERENCE** - Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member McKechan, to approve the attendance of any Board Member and the School Attorney at the IASB/IASA/IASBO Conference to be held on November 20-22, 2009. Members voting—Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
26. **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES/SEPTEMBER 22, 2009** (91) Motion by Member John Parker, seconded by Member Jeff Parker, to approve the executive session minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held on September 22, 2009 as presented. Members voting—McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
27. **SETTING THE AGENDA FOR THE OCTOBER 27, 2009 MEETING** – There were no items.
28. **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Jeff Parker, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Members voting—all aye; voice vote; motion carried.

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President

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Secretary