

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 November 10, 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, JIM GREENWALD, DON HARRIS, GLORIA HARRISON, PAULA HUBBARD, DEBRA KIBORT, STEVE KNOGL, NANCY LEVAULT, LINDA LOGAN, KRISTEN NOVACICH, JIM PARKER, JASON SCHAEFER, JACK SCHOOLEY, TOM SCHOOLEY, LORI SILVA, RON STERN, ZACK SUHRE, BARBARA VRABEC, TIM WILSON, AND BARBARA BILBREY.

OTHERS PRESENT: DAVID ALGEN, ALEXUS COOK, MELISSA DAWES, CATIE JANSEN, STEPHANIE JONES, GREG JOVI, TYSON LOVE, ELIZABETH MOORE, CORY NANCE, REV. CARL MESITI, KYETA NICHOLS, MEGAN PIPER, JESSICA RYDIG, STACEY UNFRIED, AND PHYLLIS YBARRA.

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. Carl Mesiti of Niedringhaus United Methodist Church offered the *Invocation*.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – There were no public comments.
3. **MINUTES** (108 & a-f) Motion by Member Scroggins, seconded by Member McKechan, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held on October 27, 2009 as presented on 108 & 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** (109-113) Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member Dillard, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the items listed on the *Consent Agenda* as follows:
 - BILL LIST** (109 & a-ai) AND **INVOICE IN EXCESS OF BOARD POLICY** (109aj) To approve the bill list on 109 & a-ai and the invoice in excess of Board policy on 109aj and authorize the payment of all items.
 - SPECIAL PURCHASE/SKYLERT PARENT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM** (110) To approve the special purchase of an add-on (Skylert Parent Notification System) to the Skyward Student Information System as outlined on 110 at a cost of \$20,210 for the first year.

REQUESTS FROM VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS (111) To approve Requests “a” through “g” as outlined on 111.

GIFTS (111) To accept the gifts outlined on 111 with thanks and appreciation.

TRIP REQUEST/NCLB CONFERENCE (112) To grant permission for up to eighteen people to attend the NCLB Conference in Chicago, Illinois, on February 9-11, 2010 as outlined on 112 at an approximate cost of \$14,330.00, which will be funded from the NCLB Consolidated Application required Staff Development allocation.

VENUE RECYCLING EQUIPMENT GRANT FY09 (113) To approve the Venue Recycling Equipment Grant FY09 as outlined on 113 and authorize the administration to submit the grant to the Madison County Regional Office of Education.

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** (114) Motion by Member McKechan, seconded by Member Jeff Parker, upon the recommendation of the administration, to accept the following retirements:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Deborah Fisher	Matron/High School	Retirement	2/6/10
Ronald Fisher	Custodian/High School	Retirement	2/6/10

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** (114) Motion by Member John Parker, seconded by Member Whitaker, 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>
Kelley Wallace	Special Education/Coolidge	Maternity	12/16/09 – 3/10/10
Sheila Alexander	Science/High School	Maternity	2/22/10 - 6/14/10

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** (114) Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Scroggins, 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>
Sara Rials	Counselor/High School	Child Care	12/22/09 – 3/16/10

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** (114a) Motion by Member Whitaker, seconded by Member McKechan, upon the recommendation of the administration, to accept the following extra-curricular resignations effective immediately:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Wendy Knollman	Head Girls’ Volleyball Coach/Coolidge
Ashley Boyce	Assistant Girls’ Volleyball Coach/High 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 APPOINTMENT** (114a) Motion by Member McKechan, seconded by Member Whitaker, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following extra-curricular appointment for the 2009-2010 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Keri Lorton	Head 8 th Grade Girls' Volleyball Coach/Coolidge 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** (114b) 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

Kathy Hagnauer	Desiree Hutton	Leonard Johnson	Nikole Jordan
Kristen Kreher	David Lomas	Jesseca Meyenburg	Justin Williamson

CLASSIFIED

Martha Bridges	Tammy Hockaday	Rosa Luna	Melissa Sharp
Lisa Verstraten	Barbara Wilson	Sheila Buske	

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

11. **CREATION OF BILINGUAL TEACHER AIDE POSITION** (114b) Motion by Member Scroggins, seconded by Member Jeff Parker, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the creation and posting of a part-time bilingual teacher aide position as outlined on 114b. Members voting—McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
12. **EMPLOYMENT OF CLASSIFIED STAFF/CAFETERIA WORKER** (114c-d) This item was held for discussion in executive session.
13. **SALARY INCREASES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR** (114e-f) Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member McKechan, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve step increases and adding an additional Step 15 with the 2% increase on their respective salary schedules for the 2009-2010 school year for the administrative staff and executive secretaries. Members voting—Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “no”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
14. **DISCIPLINARY ACTION OF EMPLOYEE** - This item was held for discussion in executive session.

15. **SPECIAL MEETING AND CHANGE IN MEETING LOCATION** (115) Motion by Member John Parker, seconded by Member Scroggins, to call a Special Meeting of the Board of Education on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Administrative Offices' Conference Room, 1947 Adams, for the purpose of discussing the future financial condition of the district and personnel issues and to change the meeting place for the January 12, 2010 Board of Education meeting at 7:00 p.m. from the Board of Education Administrative Offices' Conference Room to Granite City High School's Performing Arts Center at 3101 Madison Avenue to accommodate the ISAT/PSAE winners and their parents. Members voting—Whitaker, "aye"; Scroggins, "aye"; McKeChan, "aye"; Jeff Parker, "aye"; John Parker, "aye"; Dillard, "aye"; and Burnett, "aye"; motion carried.

16. **POLICIES** (115 & a-bp) Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Scroggins, upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, to adopt the following amended policies:

2:20 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
2:40 BOARD MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS
2:70E EXHIBIT – CHECKLIST FOR FILLING BOARD VACANCIES BY APPOINTMENT
2:110 QUALIFICATIONS, TERM, AND DUTIES OF BOARD OFFICERS
3:40 SUPERINTENDENT
4:30 REVENUE AND INVESTMENTS
4:40 INCURRING DEBT
4:100 INSURANCE MANAGEMENT
4:110 TRANSPORTATION
4:110AP2 ADM. PROCEDURE - POST-TRIP INSPECTION AND BUS DRIVING COMMENTS
4:140 WAIVER OF STUDENT FEES
4:140E1 EXHIBIT – APPLICATION FOR FEE WAIVER
5:30 HIRING PROCESS AND CRITERIA
5:90 ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILD REPORTING
5:100 STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
5:120 ETHICS
5:120AP2 ADM. PROCEDURE – EMPLOYEE CONDUCT STANDARDS
5:280 EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL DUTIES AND QUALIFICATIONS
5:330 EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL SICK DAYS, VACATION, HOLIDAYS, AND LEAVES
6:110 PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS AT RISK OF ACADEMIC FAILURE AND/OR DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL AND GRADUATION INCENTIVES PROGRAM
6:300 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
6:300E1 EXHIBIT – APPLICATION FOR A DIPLOMA FOR VETERANS OF WW II, THE KOREAN CONFLICT OR THE VIETNAM CONFLICT
6:310 CREDIT FOR ALTERNATIVE COURSES AND PROGRAMS, AND COURSE SUBSTITUTIONS
6:320 HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT FOR PROFICIENCY
6:340 STUDENT TESTING AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
7:100 HEALTH, EYE, AND DENTAL EXAMINATIONS: IMMUNIZATIONS, AND EXCLUSION OF STUDENTS
7:190 STUDENT DISCIPLINE
7:240 CONDUCT CODE FOR PARTICIPANTS IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
7:300 EXTRACURRICULAR ATHLETICS
8:100 RELATIONS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES

Members voting—Scroggins, "aye"; McKeChan, "aye"; Jeff Parker, "aye"; John Parker, "aye"; Dillard, "aye"; Whitaker, "aye"; and Burnett, "aye"; motion carried.

17. **RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FROM OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUND TO DEBT SERVICE FUND AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (116 & a)** Motion by Member Scroggins, seconded by Member McKechan, to adopt the resolution to permanently transfer monies from the Operations & Maintenance Fund to the Debt Service Fund to cover the Series 2005 Qualified Zone Academy Bond, as well as the 2003B Certs Series principle and interest payments, as presented on 116a 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.

18. **2009 LEVY RESOLUTION/TAX LEVY RESOLUTION FOR THE 2009 TAXES (COLLECTED IN 2010); PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR THE GRANITE CITY CUSD #9 AND TRUTH IN TAXATION CERTIFICATE; AND SET TIME AND PLACE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2009 LEVY (117 & a-d)** It was noted that the proposed Resolution is computed on a 7.0% increase in Assessed Evaluation and would result in a tax rate of \$4.1930, which would be almost 2 cents less than last year (\$4.2124). Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member Burnett, to adopt a Tax Levy Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for the Tax Year 2009 as presented on 117a-b and authorize the necessary signatures; to authorize the publication of a Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for the Granite City CUSD #9 and Truth in Taxation Certificate; and to establish the date for the Public Hearing on the 2009 Levy for December 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Board of Education Administrative Offices, 1947 Adams Street, Granite City, Illinois. Members voting—Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “no”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

19. **REPORTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**
 - Committee Reports** – There were no committee reports.

 - Freedom of Information Act Report (118)** It was reported that there were no requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act during the period October 23 to November 5, 2009.

 - Expulsions (118)** This item was held for discussion in executive session.

 - Activity Fund Statements/September 2009 (119 & a-g)**

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Motion by Member Jeff Parker, 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 7:10 p.m.

Executive session closed and the meeting resumed at 8:33 p.m.

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

21. **EMPLOYMENT OF CLASSIFIED STAFF/CAFETERIA WORKER** (114c-d) Motion by Member John Parker, seconded by Member Scroggins, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ Teresa Phelps as a four-hour cafeteria worker. Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
22. **EXPULSIONS** (118) Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member Dillard, to expel two Senior High School students for infractions of the Student “Code of Conduct” for one calendar year from the date of the Board of Education Meeting (November 10, 2009). Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
23. **DISCIPLINARY ACTION/EMPLOYEE** – Motion by Member McKechan, seconded by Member Scroggins, to suspend an employee, named under separate cover, without pay pending termination. Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

Motion by Member John Parker, seconded by Member Jeff Parker, upon the recommendation of the administration, to authorize the administration to prepare a “Notice of Dismissal” with cause for an employee, named under separate cover. Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

24. **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES/OCTOBER 27, 2009** (120) Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Scroggins, to approve the executive session minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held on October 27, 2009 as presented. Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

25. **SETTING THE AGENDA FOR THE DECEMBER 8, 2009 MEETING** – There were no items.
26. **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion by Member McKechan, seconded by Member Scroggins, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Members voting—all aye; voice vote; motion carried.

President

Secretary