

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 December 8, 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, RON BRIGGS, DR. DENNIS BURNETT, PATRICK CURRY, BRAD EAVENSON, ALICIA GAINES, CATHY GAINES, JIM GREENWALD, DON HARRIS, GLORIA HARRISON, PAULA HUBBARD, DR. VIRGIL KAMBARIAN, DR. DEBRA KIBORT, NANCY LEVAULT, MIKE MURPHY, JIM PARKER, TOM SCHOOLEY, RON STERN, ZACK SUHRE, JERRY WEBB, AND BARBARA BILBREY.

OTHERS PRESENT: MIKE GAGICH, RICK GAINES, REV. JOHN GAMBLIN, JENNIFER KIM, STEPHANIE JONES, REV. MARK MAYNARD, DAVID SAFFOLD, MICHAEL SAFFOLD, AND MICHAEL SAFFOLD, SR.

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. Mark Maynard of Calvary Life Church offered the *Invocation*.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – There were no public comments.

RECOGNITION OF JENNIFER KIM – Jennifer Kim, a Senior student at Granite City High School and a member of the Tennis Team, was recognized for her accomplishments in being selected to the All-State Girls' Tennis Team for 2009 and being named as the Belleville News Democrat's "Metro East Player of the Year." A "Certificate of Award" was presented to Jennifer by Board Member Beverley Scroggins on behalf of the Board. Pictures were taken.

REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD FROM MICHAEL SAFFOLD – This item was held for discussion in executive session.

3. **MINUTES/REGULAR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 19, 2009** (122 & a-f) AND **SPECIAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 1, 2009** (122g-h) Motion by Member McKechan, seconded by Member Whitaker, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held on November 19, 2009 as presented on 122 & a-f and the special meeting of the Board of Education held on December 1, 2009 as presented on 122g-h. Members voting—Whitaker, "aye"; Scroggins, "aye"; McKechan, "aye"; Jeff Parker, "aye"; John Parker, "aye"; Dillard, "aye"; and Burnett, "aye"; motion carried.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA** (123-130) Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member Whitaker, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the items listed on the *Consent Agenda* as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT/OCTOBER 2009 (123) To accept the Treasurer's Report for October 2009 as presented on 123 and file for audit.

BILL LIST DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2009 (124 & a-t) AND **BILL LIST DATED DECEMBER 8, 2009** (125 & a-s) To approve the bill list dated November 19, 2009 on 124 & a-t and the bill list dated December 8, 2009 on 125 & a-s and authorize the payment of all items.

KITCHEN LARGE EQUIPMENT AND DISH MACHINE (126) To award the bid for Kitchen Large Equipment and Dish Machine to Servco and Rapids Wholesale as marked in the tabulation on 126, which will be paid for using AARA IDEA Part B funds.

SPECIAL PURCHASE/IDERA SOFTWARE (126a) To approve the special purchase of Idera Backup Solution for Microsoft SharePoint from Idera, including maintenance for one year as outlined on 126a at a cost of \$3,588.00.

REQUESTS FROM VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS (127) To approve Requests "a" through "i" as outlined on 127.

GIFT (127) To accept the gift outlined on 127 with thanks and appreciation.

ROTARY DICTIONARY PROJECT (128) To accept the donation of paperback dictionaries from the Granite City Rotary Club and approve distribution to each Third Grade student enrolled in our district as outlined on 128.

RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES (129) To approve the release of executive session minutes for June 9, 2009 to October 27, 2009, for which confidentiality is no longer necessary, to the public upon appropriate request.

DISPOSAL OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT (130 & a-b) To approve the disposal of computer equipment listed on 130 & a-b that is old, broken, or too costly to repair. 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** (131) Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member Dillard, upon the recommendation of the administration, to accept the following retirement:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
David Trower	Voc. Ed./High School	Retirement	Conclusion of 2013-2014 School Year

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

6. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE (131)** 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>
Rhonda Vest-Nolan	2 nd Grade/Worthen	Medical	1/4/10 – Pending Doctor’s Note

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

7. **EXTENSIONS TO LEAVES OF ABSENCE (131)** Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member McKechan, 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>
Heather Williams	Social Worker/Coolidge	Child Care	12/15/09 – 3/9/10
Cindy Desper	Special Ed./High School	Medical	11/3/09 – 1/27/10

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

8. **CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES (131a)** Motion by Member John Parker, 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

Sharon Bloodworth	Heather Hornsey	Norris Horton	Heather Knetzer
Kristopher Riskovsky			

CLASSIFIED

Ronnie Burton	Cynthia Gibbs	Pamela Holten	Terri Thompson
Bill Valencia			

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

9. **SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR 2009-2010 FOR ATHLETIC TRAINER (131a)** This item was held for discussion in executive session.
10. **EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED STAFF/TRUANCY INTERVENTIONIST (131b-c)** This item was held for discussion in executive session.
11. **EMPLOYMENT OF CLASSIFIED STAFF/TEACHER AIDE (131d-e)** This item was held for discussion in executive session.
12. **BILINGUAL TEACHER HELPER JOB DESCRIPTION (131f-g)** Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member McKechan, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the Bilingual Teacher Helper job description as presented on 131f-g. Members voting—McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

13. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR APPOINTMENT** (131h) Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member John Parker, 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>
Daren DePew	Assistant Athletic Director/High School

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

14. **CONSIDERATION OF TAX LEVY RESOLUTION AND TRUTH-IN-TAXATION HEARING** (132 & a-c) Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Scroggins, to recess the District #9 Board of Education meeting and open the Public Hearing on the Tax Rate. Members voting—all aye; voice vote; motion carried.

TAX RATE HEARING (132) Dr. Dennis Burnett advised the Board that the district had complied with the Truth-in-Taxation requirement to publish notice of the proposed tax increase in the Belleville News Democrat on November 30, 2009 and the Suburban Journal on November 30, 2009.

Dr. Burnett recommended that the following amounts be levied for 2009: \$14,658,100 for education; \$2,874,100 for operations and maintenance; \$1,149,700 for transportation; \$187,400 for working cash fund; \$900,000 for municipal retirement; \$515,000 for social security and Medicare; \$0 for rental of facilities; \$287,400 for fire prevention, safety, school security and environmental and energy conservation; \$1,400,000 for tort immunity; \$229,900 for special education; \$287,400 for leasing of educational facilities or computer technology or both, and temporary relocation expense purposes; and \$0 to be levied as a special tax for other funds on the taxable property of our school district for the year 2009.

President Burnett asked if there were any questions or comments on the proposed amounts to be levied for 2009. Hearing none, President Burnett asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Motion by Member John Parker, seconded by Member McKechan, to close the Public Hearing on the Tax Rate and resume the regular meeting of the District #9 Board of Education. Members voting—all aye; voice vote; motion carried.

TOTAL TAX LEVY RESOLUTION (132a); **CERTIFICATE OF TAX LEVY; AND TRUTH-IN-TAXATION CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE** (130b) Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member Scroggins, to adopt the Total Tax Levy Resolution as presented on 132a; adopt the Certificate of Tax Levy as presented; and adopt the Truth-in-Taxation Certification of Compliance as presented on 132b and authorize the necessary signatures. Members voting—John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

15. **WAR MEMORIAL (133)** A copy of the Veterans' Memorial proposal submitted by the Granite City High School Drafting Class was presented to each Board Member, a copy of which is attached and made a part of the official minutes of this meeting. Director of Building Services, Brad Eavenson, reviewed location, features, and called attention to the proposed plan view. The cost of this project will be between \$12,000 - \$15,000 and funding will come from donations through a special fund. Motion by Member Burnett, seconded by Member Jeff Parker, to approve the proposal for the veterans' war memorial as presented. Members voting—Dillard, "aye"; Whitaker, "aye"; Scroggins, "aye"; McKechan, "aye"; Jeff Parker, "aye"; John Parker, "aye"; and Burnett, "aye"; motion carried.
16. **2009-2010 DISTRICT AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS (133)** Motion by Member Scroggins, seconded by Member Jeff Parker, to approve the 2009-2010 District and School Improvement Plans for each school in the Granite City School District as presented. Members voting—Whitaker, "aye"; Scroggins, "aye"; McKechan, "aye"; Jeff Parker, "aye"; John Parker, "aye"; Dillard, "aye"; and Burnett, "aye"; motion carried.
17. **PROPOSED MATH CURRICULUM CHANGES FOR 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR (134 & a)** Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member Scroggins, to approve the proposed math curriculum changes for the 2010-2011 school year as outlined on 134 & a. Members voting—Scroggins, "aye"; McKechan, "aye"; Jeff Parker, "aye"; John Parker, "aye"; Dillard, "aye"; Whitaker, "aye"; and Burnett, "aye"; motion carried.
18. **POLICIES (135 & a-z)** Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member McKechan, upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, to adopt the following amended policies:
 - 4:120 FOOD SERVICES
 - 4:120AP ADMIN. PROCEDURE – FOOD SERVICES
 - 4:130 FREE AND REDUCED-PRICED FOOD SERVICES
 - 4:150 FACILITY MANAGEMENT AND BUILDING PROGRAMS
 - 4:160 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
 - 4:160AP ADMIN. PROCEDURE – ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
 - 6:20 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR AND DAY
 - 6:50 SCHOOL WELLNESS
 - 8:70 ACCOMMODATING INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIESMembers voting—McKechan, "aye"; Jeff Parker, "aye"; John Parker, "aye"; Dillard, "aye"; Whitaker, "aye"; Scroggins, "aye"; and Burnett, "aye"; motion carried.
19. **ARRA IDEA PART B GRANT EXPENDITURES (135aa)** Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member John Parker, to approve the following expenditures to be paid with AARA Stimulus Grant funds as outlined on 135aa:
 - \$160,000 Cafeteria Equipment
 - \$100,000 Infinite Visions (GC Accounting Software)
 - \$49,000 Universal Screening Tool Software (RTI)
 - \$40,000 Read, Write Gold SoftwareMembers voting—Jeff Parker, "aye"; John Parker, "aye"; Dillard, "aye"; Whitaker, "aye"; Scroggins, "aye"; McKechan, "aye"; and Burnett, "aye"; motion carried.

20. **REPORTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

Committee Reports – There were no committee reports.

Freedom of Information Act Report (136) It was reported that there was one request for information under the Freedom of Information Act during the period November 6, 2009 to December 3, 2009. The request was from Maria Baran and George Pawlaczyk with the Belleville News Democrat for all statements from January 1, 2007 through the present for the School District #9 credit card for Tricia Patton. It was noted that it was explained both verbally and by letter that since this is a personal credit card the district does not have copies.

Expulsions (136) This item was held for discussion in executive session.

Reinstatement of Expelled Students (137) Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Scroggins, to approve the reinstatement of two middle school students, named under separate cover, for the second semester of the 2009-2010 school year. Members voting—John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

Activity Fund Statements/October 2009 (138 & a-g)

21. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Jeff Parker, 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 7:18 p.m.

Executive session closed and the meeting resumed at 8:39 p.m.

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

22. **AGREEMENT AS TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT**
Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Whitaker, to ratify and approve the Agreement as to Terms and Conditions of Continued Employment as presented for the employee named under separate cover 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.
23. **SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR 2009-2010 FOR ATHLETIC TRAINER (131a)** Motion by Member McKechan, seconded by Member Scroggins, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve a 2% increase for the athletic trainer 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.
24. **EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED STAFF/TRUANCY INTERVENTIONIST (131b-c)**
Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Jeff Parker, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ Melanie Williams as a Truancy Interventionist effective December 17, 2009. Members voting—Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
25. **EMPLOYMENT OF CLASSIFIED STAFF/TEACHER AIDE (131d-e)** Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member John Parker, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ Tina Perrin as a teacher aide effective December 17, 2009. Members voting—McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
26. **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES/NOVEMBER 10 AND DECEMBER 1, 2009 (139)**
Motion by Member Scroggins, seconded by Member Whitaker, to approve the executive session minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held on November 10, 2009 and the special meeting of the Board of Education held on December 1, 2009 as presented. Members voting—Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
27. **EXPULSIONS (136)** Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member John Parker, to expel four Senior High School students and one Grigsby Middle School student for infractions of the Student “Code of Conduct” for one calendar year from the date of the Board of Education Meeting (December 8, 2009). Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; Jeff Parker, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
28. **SETTING THE AGENDA FOR THE JANUARY 12, 2010 MEETING** – There were no items. It was noted that this meeting will be held in the Performing Arts Center at Granite City High School at 7:00 p.m.

29. **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion by Member Jeff Parker, seconded by Member Dillard, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Members voting—all aye; voice vote; motion carried.

President

Secretary