

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 June 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: WALT WHITAKER, BEVERLEY SCROGGINS, JERRY McKECHAN, 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, PAULA HUBBARD, PAULA KWIATKOWSKI, NANCY LEVAULT, TIM MORAN, JIM PARKER, TOM SCHOOLEY, RON STERN, ZACK SUHRE, JUSTIN WARREN, AND BARBARA BILBREY.

OTHERS PRESENT: REV. MARK MAYNARD AND KEN MITCHELL.

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Board President, Ralph Burnett. Roll was called. All members, with the exception of Member Jeff Parker, 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. Rev. Mark Maynard of Calvary Life Church offered the *Invocation*.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – There were no public comments.

RESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBER – Superintendent Briggs read the following letter of resignation from Board Member Jeff Parker:

Fellow Board Members, Superintendent Briggs, Citizens of Granite City School District #9:

In life, circumstances change for all of us. I find that those things are in the midst of changing for me at this current point and time in my life. Due to these current changes, I regret to announce that I have decided to resign from my elected position as a Board Member of the Granite City School District #9 effective June 8, 2010.

In my almost twenty years of service to the School District I have had the opportunity to meet many wonderful people from this community and to work with many talented administrators, teachers, and support staff. The twenty years I have given to the School District will be treasured in my memory for all of my life. This is truly a wonderful district with wonderful people giving their talents to make it a quality organization.

I want to thank all past and present Board Members and staff of this district for always being kind to me, and I appreciate their friendship and will always hold in my heart a special place for all of you. In these twenty years, there have been many ups and downs; but we have always strived to do what's best for the kids of this community and the results show the effort of all who have been involved.

In closing, I want to again thank all of the citizens of this community and the staff of the district for your support in electing me to represent you for all these years. It has been my honor to serve you and to get to know many of you.

Thank you and may God bless this community and its quality school district for many years to come.

Respectfully yours,
/s/ Jeff Parker

Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member McKechan, to accept the resignation of Jeff Parker as a Member of the Board of Education with regrets effective June 8, 2010. Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

President Burnett said that, on behalf of the Board, he wanted to thank Member Jeff Parker for his many years of service. He suggested that a remembrance similar to those presented to retired Board Members in previous years be ordered and that Member Parker be invited back to a future meeting so it can be presented to him.

3. **MINUTES** (279 & 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 May 25, 2010 as presented on 279 & a-f. Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA** (280-283) Motion by Member John Parker, seconded by Member Scroggins, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the items listed on the *Consent Agenda* as follows:
 - BILL LIST** (280 & a-z) To approve the bill list on 280 & a-z and authorize the payment of all items.

SPECIAL PURCHASES

BUILDING AUTOMATION SYSTEM SOFTWARE UPGRADE (281) To approve the special purchase of the building automation system software upgrade as outlined on 281 from Automatic Controls Equipment Systems, the only source of supply, at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.

“INFINITE VISIONS” FINANCE AND PERSONNEL SOFTWARE PROGRAM (281 & a-f) To approve the special purchase of the “Infinite Visions” Finance and Personnel Software Program as outlined on 281 & a-f from Windsor Management Group at a cost not to exceed \$332,780.84, of which \$110,000 will be paid from AARA funds.

REQUESTS FROM VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS (282) To approve Requests “a” through “c” as outlined on 282.

RATIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE ACTION (282) To ratify the actions of the Construction Committee and approve the purchase of a new compressor for Coolidge’s Chiller 1 from the Trane Company, including a five-year warranty, at a cost of \$42,995 and the repair of Coolidge’s Chiller 2 by the Trane Company, the manufacturer of the original equipment, at a cost of \$7,895 as outlined on 282.

ANNUAL STUDENT REPORT FOR BILINGUAL EDUCATION FY11 CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION TO SERVE ELL STUDENTS (283) To direct the administration to submit the FY11 Consolidated Application to serve English Language Learner (ELL) students as outlined on 283.

CHANGE IN JUNE MEETING DATE (283) To cancel the Board of Education meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 2010 and re-schedule the meeting on Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Administrative Offices, 1947 Adams, Granite City, Illinois.

RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES (283 & a) To authorize the release of the executive session minutes for the period November 10, 2009 through May 11, 2010 as presented on 283a for which confidentiality is no longer necessary. Members voting—Scroggins, “aye”; McKeachan, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

5. **RESCIND ACTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING ON RETIREMENT (284)** Motion by Member Burnett, seconded by Member John Parker, upon the recommendation of the administration to rescind action of a previous meeting on the following retirement:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Debra Garland	5 th Grade/Niedringhaus	Conclusion of 2010-2011

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

6. **RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS (284)** Motion by Member Scroggins, seconded by Member John Parker, 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>
Sara Rials	Counselor/High School	Resignation	Conclusion of 2009-2010 School Year
Debra Garland	5 th Grade/Niedringhaus	Retirement	Conclusion of 2012-2013 School Year
Judith Greco	3 rd Grade/Wilson	Retirement	Conclusion of 2010-2011 School Year
Gary Aaron	Maintenance	Retirement	June 30, 2011
Harry Briggs	Superintendent	Retirement	June 30, 2012
Donna Swanson	Secretary/High School	Retirement	June 30, 2012
L. Rebecca Cooper	2 nd Grade/Mitchell	Retirement	Conclusion of 2013-2014 School Year
Cindy O'Neill	Secretary/Board Office	Retirement	June 30, 2014
Patricia Stevens	2 nd Grade/Mitchell	Retirement	Conclusion of 2014-2015 School Year

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

7. **LEAVES OF ABSENCE (284)** Motion by Member Burnett, 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	8/26/10 – 9/3/10
Christie Moad	Business/High School	Maternity	8/11/10 – 10/22/10

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

8. **EXTENSION TO A LEAVE OF ABSENCE** (284a) Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member John 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>
Carla Taylor	Cafeteria/Frohardt	Medical	5/13/10 – 8/13/10

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

9. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR APPOINTMENT** (284a) Motion by Member Burnett, seconded by Member McKechan, upon the recommendation of the administration, to ratify the actions of the Board Member phone poll taken on June 3, 2010 and appoint Carl Luehmann to the extra-curricular position of Head Football Coach at the high school effective for the 2010-2011 school year. Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; John Parker, “no”; Dillard, “no”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried. Member Dillard commented that it was his opinion that the e-mail sent out by Carl Luehmann was “out of hand” and his demeanor seemed to be “arrogant.”
10. **MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE** (284b) Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member McKechan, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve an increase in the hourly minimum wage to \$8.25 per hour to meet the State requirements effective July 1 2010 for the following substitutes: custodian, secretary, monitor, teacher aide, cafeteria, building aide, co-op, and secondary library aide. Members voting—Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
11. **PREVAILING WAGE RATE** (284c-m) Motion by Member Scroggins, seconded by Member Dillard, upon the recommendation of the administration, to adopt the resolution and ordinance for the Prevailing Wage Rates for Construction Trades as set forth by the Illinois Department of Labor and to authorize the necessary signatures. Members voting—McKechan, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
12. **EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED STAFF/SCHOOL NURSE** (284n-o) This item was held for discussion in executive session.
13. **SECONDARY STUDENT HANDBOOKS** (285) Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Scroggins, to approve the secondary student handbooks as presented for Granite City High School and Coolidge and Grigsby Middle Schools for the 2010-2011 school year. Members voting—John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
14. **DRIVER EDUCATION WAIVER** (285) Motion by Member John Parker, seconded by Member Dillard, to call a special meeting on Monday, July 19, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at the Granite City School District #9 Board of Education Administrative Offices, 1947 Adams, Granite City, Illinois, for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing for the Drivers’ Education waiver request for the five-year period (2010-2011 through the 2014-15 school years). Members voting—Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

15. **LOCAL 98 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** (286) Motion by Member John Parker, seconded by Member Scroggins, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Local 98 in regard to the replacement plan for the two vacated maintenance positions (due to retirements), which involve H.V.A.C. operations. Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried. Director of Building Services, Brad Eavenson, informed the Board that a job description on these positions will be prepared by the administration and brought back for approval at a future meeting.
16. **TRUST AGREEMENT WITH THE BANK OF EDWARDSVILLE** (287 & a-d) Motion by Member Burnett, seconded by Member Dillard, to adopt the Trust Agreement with The Bank of Edwardsville as presented on 287a-d and authorize the necessary signatures. Members voting—Scroggins, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.
17. **DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES** (288 & a) Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Burnett, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Investment of District Funds as presented on 288a and authorize the necessary signatures. Members voting—McKechan, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

18. **REPORTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

Committee Reports – There were no committee reports.

Freedom of Information Act Report (289) It was reported that there were two requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act during the period May 21 to June 3, 2010.

Jordan Haramia of Bank Note Capital Corp. requested the following:

- Financial Audits

Wayne Gensler of First Student, PA Gateway Regional Office, requested the following:

- Any and all documentary materials, data or communication with Illinois Central School Bus concerning requests by Illinois Central outside the original bid specifications.
- Any and all documentary materials, data or communications pertaining to any exceptions from the bid specifications given to Illinois Central School Bus.
- Any and all documents, data or communications pertaining to the most recent bid submissions by Illinois Central School Bus.
- A copy of the entire bid response submitted by Illinois Central Bus to the district for the April 6, 2010, bid opening.

It was noted that these requests have been filled by the administration.

Truancy Update (289 & a)

19. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Motion by Member Scroggins, seconded by Member John 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;
- 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”; McKeachan, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

The Board was called into executive session at 5:16 p.m.

Executive session closed and the meeting resumed at 5:34 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.

20. **EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED STAFF/SCHOOL NURSE** (284n-o) Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Scroggins, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ Laura Hamilton as a School Nurse effective for the 2010-2011 school year. Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKeachan, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

21. **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES/MAY 25, 2010** (290) Motion by Member McKeachan, seconded by Member Scroggins, to approve the executive session minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held on May 25, 2010 as presented. Members voting—Whitaker, “aye”; Scroggins, “aye”; McKeachan, “aye”; John Parker, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; and Burnett, “aye”; motion carried.

22. **SETTING THE AGENDA FOR THE JUNE 29, 2010 MEETING** – Member McKeachan asked that extra-curricular appointments for the remaining football staff at the High School and the middle school coaches be added to the June 29th Agenda for approval.

23. **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Scroggins, to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 p.m. Members voting—all aye; voice vote; motion carried.

President

Secretary