

MINUTES of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 15, Palatine, Cook County, Illinois, held on August 25, 2016.

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 15, Palatine, Cook County, Illinois, was held on Thursday, August 25, 2016, at the Joseph M. Kiszka Educational Service Center, 580 North 1<sup>st</sup> Bank Drive, Palatine, Illinois. The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the Board and Administration Participation during a referendum.

ROLL CALL

President Babcock called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Board members physically present:

Margaret (Peggy) Babcock	Gerald D. Chapman
James G. Ekeberg	Zubair Khan
David W. Seiffert	

Board member(s) absent:

David Gurion	Jessica C. Morrison
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Also present were Scott B. Thompson, Ed.D., superintendent of schools; Michael Loizzi, Jr., and Steven Richart, District attorneys, Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn LLP; members of the press, and others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President Babcock led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION OF BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION PARTICIPATION DURING A REFERENDUM

District attorneys, Michael Loizzi, Jr., and Steven Richart provided the Board with a presentation advising/directing the Board and Administration on the parameters, limitations, and restrictions regarding Board member activity as it related to the upcoming referendum concerning the placement of a \$130 million School Building Bond question on the November 8, 2016, General Election ballot.

The presentation included a summary of the following three statutes:

- Election Interference Prohibition Act (10 ILCS 5/9-25.1)
- State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/1-5; 5 ILCS 430/5-15)
- Local Governmental Employees Political Rights Act (50 ILCS 135/1)

Additionally, a list of what school officials and board members can and cannot do regarding referenda was reviewed. A copy of the presentation is included in the Official Minutes.

It was noted that informational meetings regarding the plan for new schools and reconfiguration were being scheduled at most or all of the schools, as well as other presentations to groups that request one. Those meetings would be publicized.

CITIZENS ADDRESS THE BOARD

Bill Douba, resident of Palatine, addressed the Board regarding the impact increased property taxes (to build new schools) will have on seniors.

Jane VanWolvelear, resident of Palatine, addressed the Board regarding the change in district demographics and acquisition of park district land for the building of new schools.

Becky Booth, resident of Palatine, addressed the Board regarding Board the possibility of more detailed discussion of agenda items at board meetings.

Mark Eichaker, resident of Palatine, addressed the Board regarding the social and financial impact of the potential boundary changes.

Melanie Santostefano, resident of Palatine, addressed the Board regarding the timeframe of placing the referendum on the ballot, dissemination of information, possible District boundary configuration, and community engagement.

Lauren Dudal, resident of Palatine, addressed the Board regarding the dissemination of referendum information to the community and public input.

Deana Dziadosz, resident of Palatine, addressed the Board regarding the formation of the Facilities Committee and the communication of referendum information to the community.

Chuck Rossetti, resident of Palatine, addressed the Board regarding student diversity and enrollment numbers in relation to the building of new schools.

Lori Brustad, resident of Palatine, addressed the Board regarding dissemination of possible District boundary reconfiguration information, clarification of intent of new school and STEM Academy.

Lisa Isaacs, resident of Palatine, addressed the Board regarding the dissemination of possible District boundary reconfiguration information.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Dr. Chapman made a motion for adjournment which was seconded by Dr. Ekeberg.

The motion to adjourn carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

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Margaret (Peggy) Babcock, President  
Board of Education

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David W. Seiffert, Secretary  
Board of Education