

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 15, Palatine, Cook County, Illinois, held on February 10, 2016.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 15, Palatine, Cook County, Illinois, was held on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, at Walter R. Sundling Junior High School, 1100 N. Smith Street, Palatine, Illinois. Board members were notified by bulletin delivered to their homes and/or sent electronically on February 5, 2016.

ROLL CALL

President Babcock called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members physically present:

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

Board member(s) physically absent:

None

Also present were Scott B. Thompson, Ed.D., superintendent of schools; Matthew J. Barbini, Ed.D., deputy superintendent of schools; Michael Adamczyk, SFO, chief school business official; Meg Schnoor, Ed.D., assistant superintendent for teaching and learning; Lisa Nuss, executive director for personnel and human services; June Becker, recording secretary; members of the administrative staff, members of the press, and others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Thomas Jefferson Elementary School Principal Larry Sasso and students led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 15, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TO SELL \$27,250,000 SCHOOL FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY BONDS

Call to Order

Dr. Ekeberg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Seiffert, to open the public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 15, Cook County, IL, to sell \$27,250,000 School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds.

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Babcock, Chapman, Ekeberg, Khan, Morrison, Seiffert, Gurion

NAY: None

The motion carried.

Board President Babcock announced that the public hearing on the intent of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 15, Cook County, IL, to sell \$27,250,000 School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds was now open. The hearing opened at 7:08 p.m.

Report

Mr. Adamczyk presented the Board with updated details on the District's proposed bond issuance. The Illinois State Board of Education had approved roughly \$27.25 million of the \$29.6 million of projects the District submitted for approval. The list of work included all of the items that the District's life safety study identified that must be corrected within one year, as well as some items that must be corrected within a five year period.

It was noted that because these repairs are deemed mandatory by the state, no referendum would be required for the District to issue life safety bonds to fund the projects, only Board approval was required. Due to numerous unresolved financial concerns at the state level that could significantly impact the District's budget in a negative way, the Administration recommended that the Board finance the projects through the issuance of life safety bonds. Those potential negative events included:

- The passage of Senate Bill 1, which would change the state's education funding formula and result in an estimated annual revenue loss of approximately \$9.6 million.
- The proposed two-year property tax freeze, which would result in an estimated annual revenue loss of \$2 million.
- The State Superintendent's recommended 2016-17 budget, which would result in an estimated annual revenue loss of up to \$1.2 million.
- A pension cost shift, which would cost the District an additional \$800,000 annually.

The Board will vote on issuing the first series of these bonds (up to \$19.5 million) during its next meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2016. With the Board's approval, the District would likely close on the bonds near the end of March. Under the proposed 10-year repayment plan for these bonds, the owner of a house valued at \$250,000 would pay approximately \$15.58 additionally each year, which would amount to a less-than 1 percent increase in a property tax bill.

Public Comment

Mrs. Babcock asked if anyone wished to comment on the intent of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 15, Cook County, IL, to sell \$27,250,000 School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds. No one responded.

Adjourn Public Hearing

Dr. Chapman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ekeberg, to adjourn the public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 15, Cook County, IL, to sell \$27,250,000 School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds.

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Chapman, Ekeberg, Khan, Morrison, Seiffert, Gurion, Babcock

NAY: None

The motion carried. The public hearing was closed at 7:16 p.m.

RECOGNITION—BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Dr. Thompson introduced the volunteers from the Blessings in a Backpack program, and thanked them for their efforts in providing more than 200 District 15 students with enough groceries to feed themselves each weekend. The volunteers, all of whom are retired teachers from Willowbrook School, Glenview, IL, are in their third year of leading the Blessings in a Backpack program in District 15. The following volunteers were recognized: Sheila Ander, Annette Bonneville, Karen Kaiz, Andi Pechter-Friedman, and Jan Southerton.

RECOGNITION—2015 NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS

Lisa Nuss, Executive Director of Personnel and Human Services, introduced two District 15 teachers who renewed their certification this year with the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, and Dr. Thompson presented each of them with the District's "Above and Beyond" Award.

The following teachers were recognized:

- Donna Morris, a reading specialist at Stuart R. Paddock School, who renewed her certification in Early and Middle Childhood Literacy: Reading-Language Arts.
- Gina Van Wyk, a sixth-grade teacher at Jane Addams School, who renewed her certification as a Middle Childhood Generalist.

National Board Certification is an advanced teaching credential achieved upon successful completion of a voluntary assessment program designed to recognize effective and accomplished teachers who meet high standards based on what teachers should know and be able to do. Their renewals mean District 15 remains among the state's leaders in number of National Board Certified Teachers with a total of 67.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Thompson reported that he had reconvened the District's Facilities Plan Committee for the purpose of exploring how the District's buildings can best facilitate 21st century learning.

He noted that the committee would focus on answering some of the following long-term questions:

- How do the physical setups of our schools and classrooms limit and/or enable teaching and learning? Do they have the space they will need to accommodate the large-group, small-group, and individual instruction needs of their students and staffs, as well as the wrap-around services required within their respective communities?
- What curricular changes might cause us to reimagine the way our schools look? What would need to change to allow the District to implement full-day kindergarten, expand our preschool program, and create academic academies or grade-level centers?
- What impact will our enrollment have on our long-term facilities plans? How many students will we serve? Where will they live? How far will they have to travel to school?
- Should our boundaries be adjusted so that, as much as possible, students can attend their neighborhood schools, and elementary schools feed into the same junior high and high schools?
- How can the District ensure the dollars it invests in its buildings provide the best value for taxpayers? From an operations and maintenance standpoint, are any facilities aging past their point of usefulness? Should we

consider closing any older, smaller buildings because they are simply no longer worthy of further investment?

- Finally, do the answers to any of these questions indicate the District should build new or larger schools that are closer to where our students live and better equipped to deliver the instructional programs they need?

The Facilities Plan Committee's answers to these questions will help guide the District's efforts to ensure that its facilities are properly situated to serve its students and meet the demands of modern education. It was noted that the Committee would present its recommendations to the Board later this spring.

READING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Dr. Ekeberg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Khan, that the minutes from the following meeting of the Board of Education be approved and placed on file:

- January 13, 2016, Regular Board of Education Meeting; as amended.

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Ekeberg, Khan, Seiffert, Gurion, Babcock, Chapman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Morrison

The motion carried.

ED-RED COUNCIL/LEGISLATION

Dr. Chapman reported that a budget was still not in place at the state level nor did it seem it would move forward in February. He noted that earlier in the meeting, Mr. Adamczyk had presented the financial issues facing the District as they relate to education. That combined with the ongoing budget impasse, possible reductions/closures of additional human services organizations could affect District 15 students, specifically funding for The Bridge would be in jeopardy. It was noted that students in the District could be suffering in terms of both their human services needs and their educational needs should funding dissipate. Lastly, Dr. Chapman noted that in Governor Bruce Rauner's State of the State address, he had stated one of his goals was to significantly increase state support of education. Additionally, he devoted a significant amount of time to two issues: early childhood education and flexibility when it comes to bargaining.

DISTRICT FIFTEEN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Mr. Seiffert reported that they are doing some reorganizing and rebranding of the District Fifteen Educational Foundation. No upcoming events are planned at this time, but more information would be available at the next Board meeting.

FIRST READING—BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

Dr. Barbini reviewed the following board policies up for initial review with the Board:

7:50 *Students—Student Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools*
No further changes were noted.

7:305 *Students—Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries*

Discussion included broadening the policy language to include all students and student activities.

Unless otherwise noted the above policies will be updated and brought back for second reading at the March 9, 2016, Board of Education meeting.

CITIZENS ADDRESS THE BOARD

Theresa Greinig addressed the Board on behalf of a group of parents, regarding the first-grade class sizes at Lincoln School.

Robb Barton addressed the Board regarding safety concerns related to his child.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Mr. Khan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Seiffert, to approve the February 10, 2016, Personnel Report, as presented. A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Khan, Morrison, Seiffert, Gurion, Babcock, Chapman, Ekeberg

NAY: None

The motion carried. A copy of the Personnel Report is contained in the Official Minutes.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET GUIDELINES

Mr. Seiffert made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ekeberg, to approve the Budget Guidelines for 2016–17, as presented. A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Morrison, Seiffert, Gurion, Babcock, Chapman, Ekeberg, Khan
 NAY: None

The motion carried. A copy of the Budget Guidelines for 2016–17 is contained in the official minutes.

BID AWARD—2016 SUMMER LIFE SAFETY PROJECTS (16-005)

Mr. Gurion made a motion, seconded by Dr. Chapman, to award the contracts for the Life Safety Projects Bids (16-005) to the fifteen (15) companies listed below, for a total bid award of \$11,791,815.50, of which \$10,930,625.50, will be an expenditure of the 2016–17 Fire Prevention and Safety Fund and \$861,200.00, will be an expenditure of the 2016–17 Capital Projects Fund.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Trades	6A	Simpson Construction	\$ 1,436,500.00
	6B	Boller Construction	\$ 956,000.00
	6C	D. Kersey Construction	\$ 1,008,433.00
	6D	Boller Construction	\$ 1,125,000.00
Roofing	7A	A1 Roofing	\$ 1,139,420.00
	7B	A1 Roofing	\$ 601,135.00
	7C	F&G Roofing	\$ 951,950.00
	7D	Weatherguard Roofing	\$ 273,460.00
Flooring	9A	Vortex	\$ 276,585.00
Plumbing	22A	Jensen’s Plumbing	\$ 582,800.00
	22B	Jensen’s Plumbing	\$ 377,900.00
	22C	C.R. Leonard Plumbing	\$ 175,613.00
	22D	DeFranco Plumbing	\$ 496,852.00
Mechanical	23A	Amber Mechanical	\$ 198,550.00
	23B	Mechanical Concepts	\$ 186,850.00
	23C	Mechanical Concepts	\$ 80,000.00
	23D	Mechanical Concepts	\$ 260,000.00
Electrical	26A	Peak Electric	\$ 276,181.50
	26B	Correct Electric	\$ 532,076.00
	26C	Shoreline Electric	\$ 259,107.00
	26D	Shoreline Electric	\$ 597,413.00
BID TOTAL			\$ 11,791,825.50

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Seiffert, Gurion, Babcock, Chapman, Ekeberg, Khan, Morrison
 NAY: None

The motion carried. A copy of the bid summary is on file in the Department of Business and Auxiliary Services.

BID AWARD—PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS (16-006)

Dr. Ekeberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Chapman, to award the contract for the Parking Lot Improvements Bid (16-006) to Orange Crush, LLC, Hillside, IL, for a total bid award amount of \$175,888.00, as recommended.

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Gurion, Babcock, Chapman, Ekeberg, Khan, Morrison, Seiffert
 NAY: None

The motion carried. A copy of the bid summary is on file in the Department of Business and Auxiliary Services.

BID AWARD—DIRECT DIVERSION OF USDA CHESE 110242 BARREL CHEESE, NATURAL AMERICAN (16-007)

Mr. Seiffert made a motion, seconded by Dr. Chapman, to award the contract for the Direct Diversion of USDA Cheese 110242 Barrel Cheese, Natural American Bid (16-007) to Land O Lakes, Arden Hills, MN, for a total bid award amount of \$72,329.70, as recommended.

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Babcock, Chapman, Ekeberg, Khan, Morrison, Seiffert, Gurion

NAY: None

The motion carried. A copy of the bid summary is on file in the Department of Business and Auxiliary Services.

BID AWARD—ASBESTOS ABATEMENT (16-008)

Mr. Gurion made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Morrison, to award the contract for the Asbestos Abatement Bid (16-008) to Kinsale Contracting, Westmont, IL, for a total bid award amount of \$58,900.00, as recommended.

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Chapman, Ekeberg, Khan, Morrison, Seiffert, Gurion, Babcock

NAY: None

The motion carried. A copy of the bid summary is on file in the Department of Business and Auxiliary Services.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mrs. Babcock presented the consent calendar and asked if any Board member wished to have any items removed for separate consideration and vote. No item was removed.

Dr. Ekeberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Chapman, for approval of the consent calendar, as presented.

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Ekeberg, Khan, Morrison, Seiffert, Gurion, Babcock, Chapman

NAY: None

The motion carried.

Copies of consent calendar Items A–F are contained in the Official Minutes. Items H, I, and M are on file in the Department of Business and Auxiliary Services. Items J and K are on file in the Department of Student Services.

- A. January 2016 Investment Report
- B. January 2016 Treasurer's Report
- C. January 2016 Report of Payroll Vouchers and Invoices
- D. December 2015 Activities Fund Report
- E. January 2016 Budget Report
- F. January 2016 Imprest Detail
- G. Disposals
- H. 2016–17 Student Fees
- I. Audit Services Proposal (Extension)
- J. Field Trip Consent Request—Plum Grove Junior High School
- K. Field Trip Consent Request—Special Olympics
- L. Destruction of Executive Session Audio Recordings—April 2014
- M. Ratification of Life Safety Amendments

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Thompson reported that one (1) Freedom of Information Act request was received last month.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this meeting, Mr. Seiffert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Khan, for adjournment of the meeting.

The motion to adjourn carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.