

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 15, Palatine, Cook County, Illinois, held on January 13, 2016.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 15, Palatine, Cook County, Illinois, was held on Wednesday, January 13, 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 January 8, 2016.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

Judge Arthur L. Janura, Jr., administered the Oath of Office to David Gurion. Mr. Gurion will fill the vacated seat. The Board appointed Mr. Gurion to this position during a special meeting on December 21, 2015, and he will serve the remainder of the term, which expires in April 2017. The current Board members then welcomed Mr. Gurion to the Board of Education of School District 15.

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	David W. Seiffert

Board member(s) physically absent:

Jessica C. Morrison

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; Susan Gehring, assistant superintendent for student services; 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

Willow Bend Elementary School Principal Melissa Sabatino and students led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OVERVIEW OF LIFE SAFETY PROJECTS

Mr. Adamczyk reported that the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) questioned whether many of the projects the District submitted for its review this past fall qualified as life safety projects under school code. That list included all items that the District's life safety study determined must be corrected within one year, and some items that must be corrected within five years but, in the opinion of the District's architect, would be more cost effective to complete in conjunction with other high priority items. The list totaled approximately \$29.6 million in projects that would be complete during the 2016 and 2017 summer breaks.

Due to the number of inquiries the ISBE had, Mr. Adamczyk, Craig Phillips, Environmental Services Manager, and Jan Taniguchi of STR Partners, the District's architect, met with ISBE officials on December 14, 2015, in Springfield and resolved most of ISBE's concerns. Since then, ISBE has, to date, approved nearly \$27.4 million of the projects submitted, and is expected to decide on the remaining items in the very near future. Despite this delay, bid packages have already been prepared and advertised for the life safety projects scheduled for this summer, and those bids will be presented for the Board's approval at its February 10, 2016, Regular Board of Education meeting.

It was noted that once the ISBE approves a final total, the Board must decide whether to fund the projects by issuing life safety bonds, using its fund balance, or both. Mr. Adamczyk presented the Board with five-year forecasts that projected each scenario's impact on the District's fund balance. They indicated the District's 2019-20 fund balance would stand at roughly \$46.2 million (28.7 percent of its budget) if the projects were financed entirely through bonds, \$31.2 million (19.37 percent) if half of them were financed through bonds and half were paid for with reserve funds, and \$16.2 million (10 percent) if paid for using only the District's fund balance.

Mr. Adamczyk also shared how numerous unresolved issues at the state level could significantly impact the District's budget in a negative way, and explained how those issues have led the Administration to recommend that the Board finance the projects entirely through the issuance of life safety bonds. Those issues include the following:

- The potential passage of Senate Bill 1, which would change the state's education funding formula and result in an estimated annual revenue loss of approximately \$9.4 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 \$1.2 million.

- A potential pension cost shift, which could cost the District an additional \$800,000 annually.

It was noted that should the Board decide to issue bonds for all or a portion of the projects, it would need to pass a Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Bonds.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT—SUPERINTENDENT'S GOALS UPDATE

Dr. Thompson presented the Board with a summary of the work that has been done thus far to meet his six goals for the year. The following items were noted:

- A report to the Board on the financial cost and space requirements necessary for implementing a full-day kindergarten program would be presented this spring.
- The concept of academies across the District would be a part of the Facilities Plan Committee's work that would begin later this month and continue throughout the spring.
- A pilot of new math programs is underway, and the District is also in the midst of a robust curriculum review cycle that is preparing it to adopt new materials for math, science, and reading instruction.
- Efforts to increase the number of at-risk students participating in the District's preschool program are already showing positive results.
- The District is studying how a shift from a two-tier busing schedule to a three-tier schedule, including its impact on the budget, schedules, and various stakeholders, and will report its finding in March.
- The District's soccer program, its promotion of the Palatine Area Chamber of Commerce's Young Entrepreneurs Academy; creation of mariachi bands; and coders clubs in its junior highs are some of this year's efforts that have increased the overall school experience for students.

READING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Dr. Ekeberg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Seiffert, 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 presented.

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Ekeberg, Khan, Seiffert, Babcock, Chapman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Gurion

The motion carried.

ED-RED COUNCIL/LEGISLATION

State Rep. Elaine Nekritz, whose 57th District includes a portion of District 15, provided an extensive legislative update to the Board. Highlights covered in her report included: lack of a state budget, state expenditures vs. revenues, court judgments regarding the payment of employees, pension and bond payments, revenue pressures concerning SB1, controller back log on paying bills, and a possible property tax freeze.

DISTRICT FIFTEEN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Mr. Seiffert reported that the Foundation's 3rd Annual Staff Volleyball Tournament held November 14, 2015 at Winston Campus was a huge success. Appreciation was extended to the more than 500 people who in various ways participated in the tournament, which featured 18 teams comprised of school staff members who played a total of 28 volleyball matches. Congratulations were extended to Winston Campus Junior High for emerging as the tournament's competitive division champions, earning a \$300 Foundation Grant and bringing home the Foundation's traveling trophy. Carl Sandburg received a \$100 grant for its second-place finish in the competitive division. In the tournament's exhibition division, Jane Addams School took first place receiving a \$300 grant, and Hunting Ridge School finished second receiving a \$100 grant. It was further noted that John G. Conyers Learning Academy won the tournament's \$100 Spirit Grant, as it had the most fans in attendance.

CITIZENS ADDRESS THE BOARD

There were no requests to address the Board at this meeting.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Dr. Ekeberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Chapman, to approve the January 13, 2016, Personnel Report, as presented. A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN:

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

SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES (JANUARY 2015 – JUNE 2015)

Mr. Seiffert made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ekeberg, to approve the Administration's recommendation for the release of the closed session minutes, as presented.

The following closed session minutes will be approved for release: January 14, 2015 (Special Meeting); April 29, 2015 (Special Meeting); May 26, 2015 (Special Meeting); and June 3, 2015 (Special Meeting).

A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO PREPARE BUDGET AND ESTABLISH A FISCAL YEAR

Mr. Khan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Seiffert, to approve the Resolution to Establish the Fiscal Year and Authorization to Prepare a Tentative Budget, as presented. A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

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

RESOLUTION—LIFE SAFETY AMENDMENTS (WALTER R. SUNDLING JUNIOR HIGH AND JANE ADDAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS)

Mr. Gurion made a motion, seconded by Dr. Chapman, to approve the Resolution Authorizing Life Safety Amendments (Walter R. Sundling Junior High and Jane Addams Elementary Schools), as presented. A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

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

BID AWARD—SCHOOL BUSES (16-004)

Dr. Ekeberg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gurion, to approve the contract for the School Buses Bid (16-004) to Midwest Transit, Kankakee, IL, for a total bid award amount of \$744,639.00, as recommended. The purchase would include four (4) new 35-passenger diesel school buses, one (1) new wheel chair school bus, and up to six (6) one-year-old 35-passenger diesel school buses. The recommendation was based on bid meeting all bid specifications.

A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION TO THE ISBE FOR QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND DESIGNATION FOR OBLIGATIONS TO FINANCE CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS IN AND FOR THE DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE BOARD PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE AND DIRECTING A SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIAL TO SUBMIT TO ISBE SAID APPLICATION

Dr. Chapman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ekeberg, to approve the Resolution Approving an Application to the ISBE for Qualified School Construction Bond Designation for Obligations to Finance Certain Capital Projects in and for the District and Authorizing the Board President to Execute and Directing a School District Official to Submit to ISBE Said Application, as presented. It was noted that the Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB) were created under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and provide federal funding for the rehabilitation and repair of existing school buildings. If selected for the program, District 15 taxpayers would pay less in the long term, as QSCBs are low- or zero-interest bonds.

A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

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

RESOLUTION—REIMBURSEMENT FOR LIFE SAFETY FEES PAID PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF BONDS

Mr. Seiffert made a motion, seconded by Dr. Chapman, to approve the Resolution expressing official intent regarding certain capital expenditures to be reimbursed from proceeds of an obligation to be issued by Community Consolidated School District Number 15, Cook County, IL, as presented. It was noted that this would allow the District to reimburse itself out of bond proceeds for any expenses related to these life safety projects incurred up to 60 days before issuance of the bonds.

A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

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

APPROVAL OF 2016 DISTRICT 15 NETWORK REFRESH (E-RATE)

Dr. Ekeberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Chapman, to approve the usage of CDW-G to provide community Consolidated School District 15 Cisco switches and services for the refresh of the District’s wired network (net cost to District 15 approximately \$700,00.00), to commence Spring 2016. This item had been noted in the Five-Year Technology Plan. A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried.

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 items were removed.

Mr. Gurion made a motion, seconded by Mr. Seiffert, for approval of the consent calendar, as presented.

A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried.

Copies of consent calendar Items A–F are contained in the Official Minutes. Item H is on file in the Superintendent’s Office. Items I, K, and L are on file in the Department of Business and Auxiliary Services.

- A. December 2015 Investment Report
- B. December 2015 Treasurer’s Report
- C. December 2015 Report of Payroll Vouchers and Invoices
- D. November 2015 Activities Fund Report
- E. December 2015 Budget Report
- F. December 2015 Imprest Detail
- G. Second Reading—Board of Education Policy
 - 7:130 Students—Rights and Responsibilities
 - 8:30 Community Relations—Visitors to and Conduct on School Property
- H. Contract—Oak Enterprises
- I. STR Proposal for Additional Services
- J. Destruction of Executive Session Audio Recordings—March 2014
- K. Construction Management Agreement
- L. Architect/Engineer Agreement

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Thompson reported that three (3) Freedom of Information Act requests were received last month.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion to adjourn carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.