



**MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, January 22, 2008, 6:00 p.m.
Belvidere Community Unit School District #100
1201 Fifth Avenue
Belvidere, Illinois 61008**

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #100, Boone, McHenry, DeKalb Counties, Illinois met in a regular meeting on January 22, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at the District's Central Office, 1201 Fifth Avenue, Belvidere, Illinois, which is within the boundaries of said District.

1. Call to Order:

The President called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call:

Members present were Mr. Cunningham, Ms. Gorman, Mrs. Norem, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Stenerson and Mr. Van Evera.

Also present were Mr. Houselog, Mr. Moeller, Dr. Davis, Attorney Curt Tobin (arrived at 6:06 p.m.) and Mrs. Hansen.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Member Gorman made a motion and Member Stenerson seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 17, 2007. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Gorman, Stenerson, Cunningham, Smiley and Van Evera
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Norem

The President declared the motion passed.

Member Cunningham made a motion and Member Smiley seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the executive session meeting on December 17, 2007. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Cunningham, Smiley, Gorman, Stenerson and Van Evera
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Norem

The President declared the motion passed.

Member Stenerson made a motion and Member Gorman seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting on January 7, 2008, the executive session meeting on January 7, 2008 and the special meeting on January 12, 2008. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Stenerson, Gorman, Norem, Smiley and Van Evera
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Cunningham

The President declared the motion passed.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Personnel Report
- B. Approval of Bills (#100 and #222)
- C. Approval of Treasurer's Report
- D. Approval of Imprest Fund Report
- E. Acknowledgement of Personnel Actions Approved by the Boone County Special Education Cooperative
- F. Approval of Overnight Trip to Peoria, Illinois January 30 – February 2 by NHS Music Students (participation in the Illinois Music Educators Association all-state music festival and conference)
- G. Acknowledgement of New Book Donation from Barnes and Noble to Belvidere and Belvidere North High Schools (estimated value \$17,500)
- H. Approval of Vendor Contract (Interstate and Caledonia Elementary School)
- I. Approval of Vendor Contract (Krispy Kreme and North High School)
- J. Approval of Vendor Contract (Lifetouch Studios and Lincoln Elementary School)
- K. Acknowledgement of Donation of Five Small Engines from Blackhawk Lawn & Power Equipment to Belvidere North
- L. Acknowledgement of Donation of \$100 from the Belvidere Veterans of Foreign Wars to the Belvidere North Marching Band
- M. Acknowledgement of Donation of a 1991 Pontiac Transport from Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kirkpatrick to the Belvidere North Auto Mechanics Classes
- N. Acknowledgement of Donation of a 1996 Chrysler Sebring from Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dewan to the Belvidere North Auto Mechanics Classes
- O. Acknowledgement of Donation of a Computer on Wheels from the Washington Elementary PTC to Washington Elementary School
- P. Acknowledgement of Donation of \$250 from the Poplar Grove Vintage Wings and Wheels Museum to the Belvidere North Choraliers Program
- Q. Acknowledgement of Donation of \$50 from the Belvidere Rotary Club to the Belvidere North Choraliers Program

- R. Acknowledgement of Donation of \$163 from National City Bank/Belvidere Chamber of Commerce to the Belvidere North Choraliers Program
- S. Acknowledgement of Donation of \$500 from Exxon Mobil Corporation's Educational Alliance Program to Kishwaukee Elementary School
- T. Acknowledgement of Donation of Two Television Sets from Joe Rekemeyer to District #100
- U. Approval of Designation of a Person or Persons to Prepare Tentative Budget
- V. Approval of Overnight Trip to Oak Brook, Illinois March 6-8 by the BHS Business Professionals Association (State Leadership Conference)
- W. Approval of Engagement Letter from Gorenz and Associates for Audit Services for Year Ending June 30, 2008
- X. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for School Resource Officer with the Boone County Sheriff's Department (Central Middle and North High Schools)
- Y. Approval of Vendor Contract (Josten's and Belvidere North High School)

After thanking each donor individually, President Van Evera inquired if any Board member wished to have an item or items removed from the Consent Agenda for independent consideration, and no one wished to have any items removed. Member Norem made a motion and Member Cunningham seconded the motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A through Y as listed previously. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Norem, Cunningham, Stenerson, Gorman, Smiley and Van Evera
NAY: None

The President declared the motion passed.

Member Smiley suggested dedicating a page on the District's website to donors.

6. Administration Reports:

- A. Acknowledge the Passing of Willard (Bill) Pryn

Members of the Board of Education took a few minutes to recognize the passing of Bill Pryn. Mr. Pryn served as principal at Belvidere High School for 11 years, until his retirement in 1990. Superintendent Houselog shared with the Board excerpts from an article published about Mr. Pryn at the time of his retirement.

- B. Review of Transition Area Placements for the 2008-2009 School Year

When the boundaries for District #100 schools changed with the start of the 2006-2007 school year, two areas were considered "transition" areas. The two areas, the Knolls of Boone and Four Seasons, would not move to their new attendance areas until such time as growth warranted the change. It was

also decided at that time the Board would review the status of the transition areas on a yearly basis. It is the recommendation of administration that both areas remain in "transition" for the 2008-2009 school year.

C. Building Status Report

A report by Gary Gustafson was attached. President Van Evera thanked Mr. Gustafson for his marvelous job and Member Norem commented the report was a nice working document.

D. Department Highlights

Department Highlights were attached.

8. Hearing of Visitors:

Hearing no one wished to address the Board, President Van Evera closed the hearing of visitors.

9. Board Action and Discussion:

A. Approval of Bid and Awarding of Contract for Healthcare Insurance

This item was removed from the agenda. Mr. Houselog stated Administration will make a recommendation to the Board at its February meeting.

B. Approval of Executive Session Minutes to be Released to the Public

Member Norem made a motion and Member Smiley seconded the motion to accept Attorney Tobin's advice and approve the release of the following executive session minutes:

June 4, 2007; June 5, 2007; June 6, 2007; June 14, 2007; October 30, 2007 and December 3, 2007.

The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Norem, Smiley, Cunningham, Gorman, Stenerson and Van
Evera
NAY: None

The President declared the motion passed.

C. Approval of Contract with Richard L. Johnson Associates

Member Stenerson made a motion and Member Cunningham seconded the motion to enter into a contract with Richard L. Johnson Associates, with whom District #100 has maintained a satisfactory, long-term prior

relationship, regarding the remodeling of the Washington Elementary School bus barn. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Stenerson, Cunningham, Smiley, Gorman, Norem and Van
Evera
NAY: None

The President declared the motion passed.

D. Approval to Direct Administration to Draft Guidelines Revising the District's Student Dress Policy

After reading a prepared statement, Member Norem made a motion to adopt a district-wide standardized dress code policy and direct administration to draft such a policy and guidelines.

Board members requested information such as the cost/affordability, availability and practicality of the clothing suggested. Also discussed was the implementation of a policy at the elementary level beginning the 2008-2009 school year and the middle and high schools in 2009-2010.

Member Gorman seconded the motion. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Norem, Gorman, Stenerson, Cunningham and Van Evera
NAY: Smiley

The President asked that the policy require students to be clothed in a manner that is conducive to education, and declared the motion passed.

E. Approval of Plan Document for Flexible Benefits Plan

Mr. Moeller stated it is an update of the District's current plan and includes all mandates.

Member Norem made a motion and Member Stenerson seconded the motion to approve the Plan Document as presented. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Norem, Stenerson, Gorman, Cunningham, Smiley and Van
Evera
NAY: None

The President declared the motion passed.

F. Approval of Additional Preventative Screening Allowed Under the District's Insurance Plan (colorectal cancer screening)

After a brief discussion, Member Norem made a motion and Member Smiley seconded the motion to approve the additional preventative screening as presented. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Norem, Smiley, Stenerson, Cunningham, Gorman and Van Evera
NAY: None

The President declared the motion passed.

G. Approval of Resolution of Intent to Issue Working Cash Fund Bonds

For the past five months we have had discussion with the Board about the current overcrowding at the middle schools. Central Middle School currently has six portable classrooms, and the District plans to add 6 portable classrooms to South Middle School this coming fall. Board members have discussed space requirements, grade level considerations and academic achievement.

In December, Scott Smith and Bob Lewis from PMA Public Finance Specialists presented information to the Business Services Committee regarding the District's Debt Service Extension Base. PMA determined, along with the District's Bond Counsel, that the debt service extension base is \$1.7 million. Given this, the maximum bond term is 20 years from the date of issuance and the District's maximum borrowing capacity is approximately \$21-23 million. PMA walked the Board members through the scenarios and advised the Board what would be required as far as notifications and resolutions if the District wishes to move forward.

On January 12 Board members discussed funding options for the necessary additions to South and Central Middle Schools to increase capacity to 1500 students each.

President Van Evera stated that if the Board voted this evening to approve the resolution, it is not obligated to use the bonds. However, if the Board did not approve the resolution, it would be unable move forward on this issue for one year.

Member Gorman made a motion and Member Stenerson seconded the motion to approve the Resolution of Intent to Issue Working Cash Fund Bonds as recommended. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Gorman, Stenerson, Cunningham, Smiley, Norem and Van Evera
NAY: None

The President declared the motion passed.

H. Approval of Clinical Experience Placement Agreement with the University of Illinois

Mr. Moeller stated placement helps the District expand possibilities of bringing in good first year teachers. There is no cost to the District and the agreement may be terminated by either party with 30 days' notice.

Member Cunningham made a motion and Member Gorman seconded the motion to approve the Clinical Experience Placement Agreement with the University of Illinois as presented. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Cunningham, Gorman, Smiley, Norem, Stenerson and Van Evera

NAY: None

The President declared the motion passed.

10. Any Other Matters to Come to the Attention of the Board:

- A. Boone County Growth Summit Scheduled for Thursday, January 24 at 6:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church – Informational Item
- B. Quarterly Investment Report – Informational Item
- C. Fund Balance as of December 31, 2007 – Informational Item
- D. February 19 Board of Education Meeting to be Held in the Learning Center at Belvidere High School
- E. Annual Retirement Dinner Scheduled for Tuesday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m. at Giovanni's – Informational Item

11. Members of the public and employees of District #100 may make comments or ask questions of the Board:

Lyle Morgensen, 100 West Locust Street, Belvidere, Illinois addressed the Board on behalf of the Boone County Taxpayers Association. Mr. Morgensen asked for clarification on the process for community members to ask questions or protest the District's issuance of working cash fund bonds.

Hearing no one else wished to address the Board of Education, President Van Evera closed the hearing of visitors.

12. Closed Executive Session of the Board of Education from Section 2 of the Open Meetings Act:

The meeting adjourned to closed executive session at 6:36 p.m. for the following:

- A. To consider student disciplinary cases;

- B. To consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of employees of the public body; and
- C. To discuss the purchase or lease of real estate.**

President Van Evera stated action will be taken after closed executive session.

Member Norem made a motion and Member Cunningham seconded the motion to adjourn to closed executive session. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Norem, Cunningham, Gorman, Smiley, Stenerson and Van Evera
NAY: None

The President declared the motion passed.

The open session meeting reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

Roll Call:

Members present were Mr. Cunningham, Ms. Gorman, Mrs. Norem, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Stenerson and Mr. Van Evera.

Member Stenerson made a motion and Member Smiley seconded the motion to expel Student #1 for the remainder of the 07-08 school year and the entire 2008-2009 school year. The Board also directs Administration to offer Student #1 special education testing and evaluation services, to provide at-home tutoring in the interim (not to exceed 30 days), and to explore alternative options based on the results of the testing/evaluation. Administration shall inform the Board of the results of the testing/evaluation, at which time the Board may re-evaluate its decision. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Stenerson, Smiley, Cunningham, Gorman, Norem and Van Evera
NAY: None

The President declared the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned to closed executive session at 7:45 p.m. for the following:

- A. To consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of employees of the public body; and
- B. To discuss the purchase or lease of real estate.

President Van Evera stated action will be taken after closed executive session.

Member Smiley made a motion and Member Cunningham seconded the motion to adjourn to closed executive session. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Smiley, Cunningham, Gorman, Norem, Stenerson and Van Evera
NAY: None

The President declared the motion passed.

The open session meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

Roll Call:

Members present were Mr. Cunningham, Ms. Gorman, Mrs. Norem, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Stenerson and Mr. Van Evera.

Member Norem made a motion and Member Cunningham seconded the motion to terminate Employee #1 effective January 8, 2008. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Norem, Cunningham, Gorman, Smiley, Stenerson and Van Evera
NAY: None

The President declared the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned to closed executive session at 8:11 p.m. for the following:

- A. To consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of employees of the public body; and
- B. To discuss the purchase or lease of real estate.

President Van Evera stated action will be taken after closed executive session.

Member Cunningham made a motion and Member Stenerson seconded the motion to adjourn to closed executive session. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Cunningham, Stenerson, Gorman, Norem, Smiley and Van Evera
NAY: None

The President declared the motion passed.

The open session meeting reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

Roll Call:

Members present were Mr. Cunningham, Ms. Gorman, Mrs. Norem, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Stenerson and Mr. Van Evera.

Member Norem made a motion and Member Gorman seconded the motion to employ Elizabeth Marchini as Principal of Lincoln Elementary School beginning July 1, 2008. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Norem, Gorman, Cunningham, Smiley, Stenerson and Van Evera

NAY: None

The President declared the motion passed.

Board members discussed a possible presentation regarding electronic board packets.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business to conduct, Member Norem made a motion and Member Cunningham seconded the motion to adjourn. The President put the question, and the motion passed on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Approved this 19th day of February, 2008.

 X As Presented As Amended

President

Secretary