



**MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, December 15, 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 December 15, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at the District's Central Office, located at 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 6:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call:

Members present were Mrs. Norem, Mr. Powell, Mr. Ramos, Mr. Rathbun, Mr. Stenerson, and Mr. Van Evera.

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

4. Public Hearing Regarding District #100's 2008 Tax Levy

President Van Evera read as follows:

"The public hearing concerning the 2008 tax levy for Belvidere Community Unit School District #100 is required by the Truth-in-Taxation Act as the proposed levy is an increase of more than 5% over the extension of the prior year's levy.

Public notice of the total proposed property tax levy increase, published in the local newspaper on December 2, 2008, stated the levy under consideration this evening is an increase of 33.31% over the prior year. The proposed tax increase in the levy for debt service is 7.65% over the prior year. The primary reasons for the increase are to cover salary raises, benefits and increasing costs for purchased services, supplies and equipment."

Upon hearing no one wished to present testimony, President Van Evera concluded the public hearing.

5. Approval of Minutes:

Member Rathbun made a motion and Member Norem seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on November 17, 2008, as presented. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Rathbun, Norem, Powell, Ramos, Stenerson, and Van Evera
 NAY: None

The President declared the motion passed.

Member Stenerson made a motion and Member Powell seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the executive session on November 17, 2008, as presented. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Stenerson, Powell, Ramos, Rathbun, Norem, and Van Evera
 NAY: None

The President declared the motion passed.

6. Committee Reports:

Policy Committee – Minutes of the November 17, 2008 were attached.

Member Norem made a motion and Member Ramos seconded the motion to approve the Policy Committee minutes on November 17, 2008, as presented. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Norem, Ramos, Powell, Stenerson, and Van Evera
 NAY: None
 ABSTAIN: Rathbun

The President declared the motion passed.

Policy changes recommended for second reading and approval were under Item 10B, Board Action and Discussion:

Policy	Title
TOC	Section 1 – School District Organization
1:10	School District Legal Status
1:20	District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements
1:30	School District Philosophy

The following policies were presented for a first reading:

Policy	Title
TOC	Section2 – School Board
2:10	School District Governance
2:20	Powers and Duties of the School Board
2:30	School District Elections
2:40	Board Member Qualifications
2:50	Board Member Term of Office
2:60	Board Member Removal From Office
2:70	Vacancies on School Board – Filing Vacancies

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2:80	Board member Oath and Conduct
2:90	OPEN
2:100	Board Member Conflict of Interest
2:105	Ethics and Gift Ban
2:110	Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers
2:120	Board Member Development
2:125	Board member Expenses
2:130	Board-Superintendent Relationship
2:140	Communications To and From the Board
2:150	Committees
2:160	School Attorney
2:170	Procurement of Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Services
2:190	Mailing Lists For Receiving Board Material
2:200	Types of School Board Meetings
2:210	Organizational School Board Meeting
2:220	School Board Meeting Procedure
2:230	Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board
2:240	Board Policy Development
2:250	Access to District's Public Records
2:260	Uniform Grievance Procedure
6:160	English Language Learners

Mr. Moeller explained to the board the format for the revisions and how they will be presented for First Readings and Second Readings.

7. Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Personnel Report (#100 and #222)
- B. Approval of Bills (#100 and #222) (Table Packet)
- C. Approval of Treasurer's Report (Table Packet)
- D. Approval of Imprest Fund Report (Table Packet)
- E. Approval of Vendor Contract between ArtSonia and Caledonia Elementary School
- F. Acknowledgement of a set of Lemony Snicket books by Katie Feit Bremer to Belvidere South Middle School Library
- G. Acknowledgement of 25 Backpacks with School Supplies by General Mills
- H. Acknowledgement of \$50.00 by First Baptist Church of Belvidere Stearns Fellowship to Belvidere North High School
- I. Acknowledgement of \$50.00 by Sister Cities Association of Belvidere to Belvidere North High School
- J. Acknowledgement of \$500.00 by ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Grant / Sheri Casey of Tony Dal Pra Southtowne Shopping Centre and Debbie Viederis of Kelley Williamson Co for Perry Elementary School
- K. Acknowledgement of \$500.00 by ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Grant for Kishwaukee Elementary School

- L. Acknowledgement of a 1990 Ford F150 4X4 Pickup Truck (Valued at \$1,800) by Anthony Paul to Belvidere North High School Auto Mechanics Class
- M. Acknowledgement of a 1998 Subaru Impreza Outback Station Wagon (Valued at \$2,000) by Jan Bullock to Belvidere North High School
- N. Acknowledgement of a 2009 Pontiac Vibe (Valued at \$11,132) from General Motors Corporation to Belvidere High School Automotive Technology Program
- O. Acknowledgement of a 2009 Jeep Patriot (Valued at \$21,195) from Chrysler Corporation to Belvidere High School Automotive Technology Program

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.

President Van Evera thanked the following individuals and organizations for their generous donations: Katie Feit Bremer, General Mills, First Baptist Church of Belvidere Stearns Fellowship, Sister Cities Association of Belvidere, ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Grant, Anthony Paul, Jan Bullock, General Motors Corporation, and Chrysler Corporation.

Mr. Moeller informed the Board Consent Agenda (A) Personnel Actions had two amendments under Leave of Absence: *Kathleen Churchill* Dates of Leave are 11-20-08 to 1-05-09 , and *Aaron Holloway* Dates of Leave are 11-10-08 to 12-1-08.

Member Norem made a motion and Member Ramos seconded the motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A through O as listed previously and amended. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Norem, Ramos, Rathbun, Stenerson, Powell, and Van Evera
NAY: None

The President declared the motion passed.

8. Administration Reports:

A. Department Highlights

Department highlights were attached.

Mr. Houselog also informed the Board action would be taken in January on a LaCrosse program where 75 students recently attended an informational meeting. Athletic Director Bryon Houy will be hosting another event in January, and Mr. Rob Funderburg will be financially donating to the program.

9. Hearing of Visitors:

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

10. Board Action and Discussion:

A. Approval of the 2008 Tax Levy

Member Norem made a motion and Member Stenerson seconded the motion to approve the 2008 Tax Levy, as presented. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Norem, Stenerson, Powell, Ramos, Rathbun, and Van Evera
NAY: None

The President declared the motion passed.

B. Adoption of Revisions to Existing Board of Education Table of Contents – Section 1

Member Rathbun made a motion and Member Ramos seconded the motion to approve the adoption to existing Board of Education Table of Contents – Section 1, as presented. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Rathbun, Ramos, Stenerson, Norem, Powell, and Van Evera
NAY: None

The President declared the motion passed.

C. Adoption of Revisions to Existing Board of Education Policy 1:10

Member Stenerson made a motion and Member Powell seconded the motion to approve the adoption to existing Board of Education Policy 1:10, as presented. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Stenerson, Powell, Norem, Ramos, Rathbun, and Van Evera
NAY: None

The President declared the motion passed.

D. Adoption of Revisions to Existing Board of Education Policy 1:20

Member Rathbun made a motion and Member Stenerson seconded the motion to approve the adoption to existing Board of Education Policy 1:20, as presented. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Rathbun, Stenerson, Powell, Ramos, Norem, and Van Evera
NAY: None

The President declared the motion passed.

E. Adoption of Revisions to Existing Board of Education Policy 1:30

Member Powell made a motion and Member Norem seconded the motion to approve the adoption to existing Board of Education Policy 1:30, as presented. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Powell, Norem, Ramos, Rathbun, Stenerson, and Van Evera
NAY: None

The President declared the motion passed.

F. Approval of Course Recommendations Beginning 2009-2010

The Curriculum Council members and parent representatives proposed the following courses high school courses for the 2009-1020 school year: 1) Photography; 2) Advanced Placement Spanish; and 3) Broadcast Media.

Member Stenerson made a motion and Member Ramos seconded the motion to approve course recommendation beginning 2009-2010 as presented. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Stenerson, Ramos, Rathbun, Norem, Powell, and Van Evera
NAY: None

The President declared the motion passed.

G. Approval of SIP Plans for Belvidere High School, Belvidere North High School, and Lincoln Elementary School

Member Rathbun made a motion and Member Stenerson seconded the motion to approve SIP Plans for Belvidere High School, Belvidere North High School, and Lincoln Elementary School, as presented. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Rathbun, Stenerson, Norem, Powell, Ramos, and Van Evera
NAY: None

The President declared the motion passed.

H. Approval of Life Safety Amendment at Belvidere High School

Mr. Metz informed the Board this approval is for roof repairs on the older section of Belvidere High School. The project will be funded from Health, Life, Safety Bonds.

Member Norem made a motion and Member Powell seconded the motion to approve the Life Safety Amendment at Belvidere High School, as presented. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Norem, Powell, Stenerson, Ramos, Rathbun, and Van Evera
NAY: None

The President declared the motion passed.

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

No other matters to bring to the attention of the Board.

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

Noah Ulbert and Evan Schoepski, Seniors at Belvidere North High School, addressed the board on the reason seniors need to take finals at the end of second semester.

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

13. 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 discuss the appointment, employment and dismissal of employees; and
- B. To discuss litigation.

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

Member Rathbun 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: Rathbun, Stenerson, Norem, Powell, Ramos, and Van Evera
NAY: None

The President declared the motion passed.

The open session meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Members present were Mrs. Norem, Mr. Powell, Mr. Ramos, Mr. Rathbun, Mr. Stenerson and Mr. Van Evera.

Member Norem made a motion and Member Rathbun seconded the motion to approve the termination of "Employee A" effective December 15, 2008. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Norem, Rathbun, Powell, Stenerson, Ramos, and Van Evera
NAY: None

The President declared the motion passed.

Member Norem made a motion and Member Stenerson seconded the motion to approve the posting of Games Manager for the remainder of the 2008-2009 School Year at Belvidere North High School. The President put the question, and the following members voted:

YEA: Norem, Stenerson, Powell, Ramos, Rathbun, and Van Evera
NAY: None

The President declared the motion passed.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Approved this 20th day of January, 2009.

 X As Presented As Amended

President

Secretary