

Minutes of an Instructional Board of Education Meeting of  
McHenry Elementary School District 15, McHenry and Lake Counties, Illinois,  
held at Parkland School, 1802 Ringwood Rd., McHenry, Illinois 60050  
on May 11, 2010, 2010 at 7:30pm

The Instructional Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Ted Pillow, with Vice President Kim Qualls, with the following Board of Education members present:

Melanie Orendorff, Tim Sabatka, Patrick Miller

Absent: Matt Mayer, John O'Neill

Others present: Superintendent Alan Hoffman; Assistant Superintendent John Lehnen; Chief Financial Officer Allan Smigiel; Director of Learning and Technology Fred Laudadio; Director of Special Education Debbie Barton; Manager of Facilities Don Booker; Director of Bilingual Education Misael Nascimento, Director of Human Resources Cherie Rickert, various staff and citizens.

President Pillow called the Instructional Board of Education meeting to order at 7:30pm and asked Board Member Sabatka to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

GOOD NEWS

President Pillow introduced Principal Amanda Cohn and Valley View Teacher Mary Tomlinson. They shared that Mrs. Tomlinson's class wrote a book titled We can be Community Workers as part of the National Book Challenge sponsored by Nationwide. The class won the book challenge! More than 1 million students participated and there were only ten winners in the entire United States. Congratulations to Mrs. Tomlinson and her class!

President Pillow then introduced Principal Josh Reitz spoke about MMS student Nevada Perry who participated in the Illinois Math Competition. 128 schools participated and Nevada came in 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state. Mr. Reitz introduced MMS student Claudia Pasche who was their school spelling bee champ, regional champ, and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the county overall. Congratulations to both Nevada and Claudia.

President Pillow introduced Principal Michelle Reinhardt. Mrs. Reinhardt introduced Matthew Garwood. Matthew came to Mrs. Reinhardt wanting to do a science fair. She asked him to write her a persuasive letter why he would like to do this. He did a great job on his letter and persuaded Mrs. Reinhardt to let Edgebrook have their first ever science fair. The PTO even donated \$100 to help get it started.

President Pillow introduced Principals Bill Burke and Bill Uhl. The co-principals introduced Courtney Murray and Mr. Dave Rigby. Courtney was instrumental in raising funds for Landmark to donate to Haiti for a water purification system. The Landmark students raised enough money to purchase 3 filtration systems. Mr. Rigby took the purification systems to Haiti. He stated the systems were given to an elementary school, orphanage and one additional location in Haiti.

President Pillow introduced Principal Kathie Robinson. Mrs. Robinson introduced PE teacher Joy Hafer. Mrs. Hafer has organized Riverwood's Jump Rope for Heart to raise money for the American Heart Association. This year alone students raised \$6,838.00 and over the last ten years have raised over \$57,000. Mrs. Hafer shared her personal story about losing her parents and how much the American Heart Association means to her. She also expressed her appreciation to the Riverwood family.

President Pillow then introduced Principal Mike Adams. Mr. Adams shared that the following Parkland Students competed in a Scholastic Bowl and came in 4<sup>th</sup> place...Riley Blaz, Calvin Dargan, Kasie Floden, Tanner Garcia, Brittany Goebel, Kyle Hamaker, Catrina Waite.

President Pillow thanked everyone for sharing their good news and the Board applauded everyone for their outstanding efforts!

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

CONSENT AGENDA

Prior to approving the Consent Agenda President Pillow stated that item II. C. Resolution Electing Exemption from the Mental Health Parity Act of 2008 be pulled for a separate motion and vote.

- Agenda of Bills and Imprest Cash summary ending on May 11, 2010:

Education Fund	\$ 466,872.19
Building Fund	78,516.50
Debt Services Fund	364,544.40
Transportation Fund	<u>53,588.76</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 963,521.85</b>

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Approval of Board Policies 7:190 Student Discipline and 2:250 Access to District Public Records

- Personnel Report

*CERTIFICATED NEW HIRES*

Luis Diaz	3/4 Bilingual Teacher/VV	\$35,095.00	effective 8/12/10
Luz Marina Rhode	1 <sup>st</sup> Bilingual Teacher/VV	\$35,095.00	effective 8/12/10
Victoria Rimmelzwaal	School Psych. RW	\$52,140.20	effective 8/12/10
Lindsey Hoppestad	4 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Bilingual/RW	\$35,095.00	effective 8/12/10
Abraham Hernandez	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gr. Bilingual/VV	\$35,095.00	effective 8/12/10

*CERTIFIED CHANGE IN STATUS*

Michele Fralick	PT K to FT 2 <sup>nd</sup> /RW	effective 8/12/10
Kimberly Koehn	Sub Tchr to 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade/EB	effective 8/12/10

*CERTIFIED RESIGNATION/TERMINATION*

Avis Fisher	ESL Teacher/Dist.	effective 5/24/10
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*CERTIFIED LEAVE OF ABSENCE*

Sabina Rodenkirch	5 <sup>th</sup> Grd. RW	effective 8/12/10x 12 weeks
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*NON-CERTIFIED RESIGNATION/TERMINATION*

Marianne Howe	Bilingual Asst/EB	effective 5/24/10
Maggie Petersen	Playground/EB	effective 4/22/10
Katie Jacobsen	Asst./HT	effective 4/26/10
Shirley Hutt	Café/MMS	effective 5/3/1

*NON-CERTIFIED CHANGE IN STATUS*

Jody Pohlman	Health Floater to Secretary/Dist.	effective 8/11/10
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A motion was made by Orendorff, second by Qualls to approve the consent agenda.

Voting aye: Orendorff, Pillow, Qualls, Sabatka, Miller

Voting nay: None

Absent: Mayer, O'Neill

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Miller, second by Orendorff to approve the Resolution Electing exemption from the Mental Health Parity Act of 2008.

Voting aye: Pillow, Qualls, Sabatka, Miller, Orendorff

Voting nay: None

Absent: Mayer, O'Neill

Motion carried.

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hoffman reported that Edgebrook School won the Recognition Dinner Breakfast. They had the highest percentage of attendees at our recent Recognition Dinner. The breakfast will be served by district administrators on May 12<sup>th</sup>. He also reminded all that middle school graduation is May 19<sup>th</sup> and the last day of school is May 24<sup>th</sup>. Dr. also Hoffman also shared that the next Board Meeting is May 25<sup>th</sup> at Central. In June, July, and August there will be only one Board Meeting per month; the second Tuesday of the month. The agenda for future Board Meetings will be approved at the next Board Meeting. Dr. Hoffman also invited all to participate in the District/Foundation Golf Outing on June 4<sup>th</sup>. In closing, Dr. Hoffman extended his thanks and appreciation to Bill Burke and Bill Uhl for their leadership at Landmark for the past two years. President Pillow and the Board also expressed their thanks.

#### INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

Mr. Laudadio introduced Principal Mike Adams who introduced Band Director Nick Atchley and Chorus Director Lauren Walter. Both shared their music program and showed a brief powerpoint. They also shared all of the events that these students compete in and the events they do for the community. Mr. Atchley and Ms. Walter had several of their students perform some musical performances. The students were very impressive...Jason Kupsik, Samantha Swank, Kaitlyn Strickfaden, Caroline Strickfaden, Emily Wolf, Shannon Stewart, Ashley Clingingsmith. Mr. Adams addressed the Board stating how impressed and lucky Parkland and the District is to have these two staff members. Most of the programs they take the students to is done voluntarily on weekends and in the evenings. President Pillow thanked Mr. Atchley and Ms. Walters for a wonderful presentation and thanked the students for sharing their musical talents with everyone this evening.

#### Committee Reports

##### Building/Transportation Committee

Mr. Sabatka reported that the committee is pulling the District Summer Projects at this time. He also stated that we have received a lighting grant. New lighting will be put in Hilltop, Valley View, and Edgebrook. The District hopes to receive this grant again next year to finish the remaining schools. The committee also discussed wireless networking. Finally, Mr. Sabatka stated that construction on the Pole Barn will begin next week.

Curriculum Committee

Mrs. Qualls stated that the committee also reviewed wireless networking. She stated that this would open doors for students relating to curriculum and instruction. She also stated that there may be a joint committee recommendation to approve this at a future meeting.

Finance Committee

Mr. Miller reported that the cash flow is good. He also stated that the state has released all funds and will be paying, in full, what is owed. He also said that the draft budget for 2010-2011 will be presented at a future meeting, as well as the perfunctory duty of transferring funds.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Miller, second by Melanie to adjourn the Instructional Meeting and go into closed session to consider appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee(s).

Voting aye: Qualls, Sabatka, Miller, Orendorff, Pillow

Voting nay: None

Absent: Mayer, O'Neill

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Open Session

A motion was made by Sabatka, second by Orendorff to reconvene into Open Session at 9:01pm.

Voting aye: Miller, Sabatka, Orendorff, Pillow, Qualls

Voting nay: None

Absent: Mayer, O'Neill

Motion carried.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Miller, second by Orendorff to adjourn the meeting

Voting aye: Sabatka, Miller, Orendorff, Pillow, Qualls

Voting nay: None

Absent: Mayer, O'Neill

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.

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Ted Pillow, President

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John O'Neill, Secretary