

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 89
OCTOBER 14, 2004-- 6:00 p.m.
906 Walton Melrose Park, IL 60160**

1. **The Regular Session Meeting of the Board of Education for School District 89 Maywood-Melrose Park-Broadview was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by President Grady Rivers.**

2. **Roll Call**

Upon roll call, the following members responded as present:

5 Present: Cervone, Mendoza-Taylor, Neely, Urso, Rivers, Jr.
1 Absent: Anderson (**Arrived at 6:55 p.m.**)

3. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

4. **School Presentations**

A. Melrose Park

- Students presented their projects after the Board returned from closed session. The projects included All About Me—a poster with at least one page of written work and the creation of Mythical Creatures using rubrics and student creativity.

B. Irving

- Ms. Evans presented information on the Urban Gateways Grant and the Tutorial Program with Neighborhood Methodist Church. Discussion included asking Dr. Johnson to attend a board meeting and see the benefits of her generosity through student presentations.

Motion was made by Urso and seconded by Cervone to suspend the regular meeting for the purpose of conducting the working cash bond hearing at 6:31 p.m.

When the question was called, the following vote resulted:

5 Ayes: Cervone, Mendoza-Taylor, Neely, Urso, Rivers, Jr.
0 Nays: None
1 Absent: Anderson

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Urso and seconded by Neely to reconvene the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 6:41 p.m.

When the question was called, the following vote resulted:

5 Ayes: Cervone, Mendoza-Taylor, Neely, Urso, Rivers, Jr.
0 Nays: None
1 Absent: Anderson

Motion carried.

5. **Retire to Closed Session**

A motion was made by Cervone, seconded by Urso, that the Board retire into Closed Session at 6:43 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of matters of disciplinary student placement, MEA contract, personnel issues, and board member vacancy.

When the question was called, the following vote resulted:

4 Ayes: Cervone, Neely, Urso, Rivers, Jr.
1 Present: Mendoza-Taylor (Responded “Pass”)

1 Absent: Anderson
Motion carried.

6. Board Reconvene to Regular Session

A motion was made by Neely, seconded by Cervone, to reconvene the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 7:31 p.m.

When the question was called, the following vote resulted:

6 Ayes: Anderson, Cervone, Mendoza-Taylor, Neely, Urso, Rivers, Jr.
0 Nays: None

Motion carried.

7. Statement Regarding Public Comments

- If you intend to speak, please fill out completely a “Questions and Comments Form” and present it to the Superintendent’s secretary at this time.
- The Board will hear comments related to the agenda.
- The Board will hear comments not related to the agenda, however, these comments may be forwarded to the Superintendent or to the school Principal for an individual response.
- Please remain seated until you are called. Comments will be limited to three minutes.

3 Received at this time by the Superintendent’s Executive Administrative Assistant

8. Superintendent’s Report

- A. Special Education Class Sizes
The board was updated on class sizes and will need to consider possibly moving/transforming current facilities/programs to accommodate student needs.
- B. Early Childhood Program Relocation for 2005-06 School Year
This is continuation of above item “A”.
- C. Special Education Brochure—will share when finished
- D. West Suburban Thunder Presentation
Representatives thanked District 89 for its support of the program by providing use of facilities. Board discussion included cost of facility usage which was free.
- E. Open House Report
Attendance data was presented and the administration is looking at compiling longitudinal data.
- F. PBIS
 - Program has begun and the District is developing a discipline booklet to send to all parents and staff.
 - Training is provided through West 40 at no cost to schools
 - The Superintendent reported this program is data driven and the data will be presented to the Board.
- G. SES Choices Update
 - Sept 29 was the vendor fair with 125 parents invited and 33 attending involving 92 students.
 - The District actively worked to notify parents including with follow-up calls.
 - Discussion included amount of money available per student, time of program and last year’s results with Sylvan. The Superintendent will provide a summary to the Board of last year’s results.

9. Consider Consent Agenda Voice Vote Items & Roll Call Agenda Items

A. Voice Vote Agenda Items

It was moved by Cervone and seconded by Neely, that the following voice vote agenda items be approved:

11, 12, 13

When the question was called, the following vote resulted:

4 Ayes: Cervone, Neely, Urso, Rivers, Jr.

2 Nays: Anderson, Mendoza-Taylor

Motion carried.

B. Roll Call Agenda Items

Anderson requested Roll Call Items be considered individually.

10. Items To be Called Individually

The following item(s) will be called individually: 14, 15, 16

11. Approval of Minutes—Moted Under Agenda Item 9A

- A. August 12, 2004 Regular Session
- B. August 12, 2004 Closed Session
- C. September 9, 2004 Regular Session
- D. September 9, 2004 Closed Session
- E. September 9, 2004 Budget Hearing
- F. September 27, 2004 Special Meeting
- G. September 27, 2004, Closed Session
- H. October 4, 2004 Special Meeting

12. Approval of September Bills/Payroll—Moted Under Agenda Item 9A

13. Personnel Items—Moted Under Agenda Item 9A

- A. Appoint Certified Personnel
- B. Accept Resignations of Certified Personnel
- C. Grant Leave Requests
- D. Hire, accept the resignations, reinstate and promote classified employees as presented.

14. Bid Award for Playground Projects

It was moved by Neely and seconded by Cervone that the Board of Education approve Lt. Mac Enterprises to complete playground projects at Washington School and Emerson School respectively in accordance with the terms set forth in the bid.

DISCUSSION:

There was Board discussion regarding the scope of work to be completed.

When the question was called, the following vote resulted:

6 Ayes: Anderson, Cervone, Mendoza-Taylor, Neely, Urso, Rivers, Jr.

0 Nays: None

Motion carried.

15. Labor Relations Legal Services

It was moved by Urso and seconded by Cervone that the Board of Education approve the proposal for specialized legal services with the law firm of Laner, Muchin, Dombrow, Becker, Levin and Tominberg, Ltd. in accordance with the terms set forth in the attached agreement.

DISCUSSION:

Discussion included proposed scope of work to be provided by the firm, references and costs.

When the question was called, the following vote resulted:

4 Ayes: Cervone, Neely, Urso, Rivers, Jr.

2 Abstentions: Anderson, Mendoza-Taylor

0 Nays: None

Motion carried.

16. Billboard Lease

It was moved by Cervone and seconded by Urso that the Board of Education approve the lease agreement with Premere Media, Inc. subject to negotiation of final contract language.

DISCUSSION:

Board discussion included clarifying terms of lease, appropriate advertising on the billboard and future negotiations.

When the question was called, the following vote resulted:

4 Ayes: Cervone, Neely, Urso, Rivers, Jr.

2 Nays: Anderson, Mendoza-Taylor

Motion carried.

17. Acceptance of Comments or Questions from Audience

• **Robert McGill**

- SES concerns
- Questions regarding the company awarded bid for playground
- Questions regarding law firm
- District report card

• **Roberta McGill**

- Open house night issues—questions not answered
- Want public information
- What's going on with school improvement plans
- Discipline book—need parental involvement
- Inclement weather—children in rain at Roosevelt school
- Want meetings to start on time
- Balanced literacy—where are books

• **Dorothy Lane Thomas**

- FOIA requests
- Billboard issues/questions

18. Old Business

Discussion of ISAT results and availability. Final data is not available and the state does not know when it will be released.

19. New Business

Discussion of committee minutes and if the board votes on them. Attorney stated no the Board does not vote on committee minutes.

20. Retire to Closed Session

(No Recess to Closed Session)

21. Board Reconvene to Regular Session
(No Recess to Closed Session)

22. Motion for Adjournment

It was moved by Neely, seconded by Cervone, that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

When the question was called, the following vote resulted:

6 Ayes: Anderson, Cervone, Mendoza-Taylor, Neely, Urso, Rivers, Jr.

0 Nays: None

Motion carried.

Grady "Gar" Rivers Jr., President
School District 89
Board of Education

Lequita Neely, Secretary
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