

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 89
HELD ON
December 14, 2006
906 Walton, Melrose Park, IL 60160**

**All Meetings convene at 6:00 p.m. for Closed Session
Open Session will convene at approximately 7:00 p.m.**

1. **The Regular Session Meeting of the Board of Education for School District 89 Maywood-Melrose Park-Broadview will come to order at 6:08 p.m.**
2. **Roll Call**

Upon roll call, the following members responded as present:
4 Present: Anguiano, Cervone, Urso, Rivers, Jr.
3 Absent: Cooper, Neely, Samuel (Neely and Samuel arrived at 6:25 p.m.)
3. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
4. **Special Presentations**
 - A. 7th Grade Boys-Irving, Berwyn Park District Tournament Championship – Irving Tigers went to Bellwood over the holidays and they won the Bellwood 7th grade Thanksgiving tournament, and they defeated the hometown team St. Cletis in the semi-finals, and the championship game was against Jefferson.
 - B. Business Machine Agents Superintendent's Scholarship Donation of \$6,000 – Mr. Hank Johnson and Mr. Kirk Regerman presented mock check to President Rivers.
 - C. Village of Maywood Resolution Honoring Academic Excellence – Mayor Henderson Yarbrough, Sr. declared a resolution honoring our students. It was given at celebration given by the Mayor and the Chamber of Commerce.
5. **Retire to Closed Session**

A Motion was made by Urso, seconded by Cervone that the Board retire into Closed Session at 6:18 for the purpose of discussion of matters of personnel, probable and imminent litigation and student discipline.

4 Ayes: Anguiano, Cervone, Urso, Rivers, Jr..
0 Nays: None
3 Absent: Cooper, Neely, Samuel

Motion carried.
6. **Board Reconvene to Regular Session**

A motion was made by Neely, seconded by Urso, to reconvene the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 6:42 p.m.

6 Ayes: Anguiano, Cervone, Neely, Samuel, Urso, Rivers, Jr..
0 Nays: None
1 Absent: Cooper

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.

Two (2) received at this time.

8. Superintendent’s Report

- A. Institute Day Evaluations – November 7, 2006 – Assistant Superintendent Thea Perkins; I have summarized the staff evaluations that were completed for the November 7th Institute Day and these results were submitted to the Regional Supt. Robert Ingrassia. The overall findings indicate that the staff really appreciated the opportunity to share ideas at the grade level meetings that they had as well as the primary teachers enjoyed the fact that they had make and take sessions; so with the math programs and the reading programs they were able to pre-plan lessons and prepare activities which they really liked. The overall feeling of the topics, they were very positive about the topics that we had because there was such a variety.
- B. Upcoming Institute – March 30, 2007 – SCSDD: On March 30th we have an upcoming Institute Day and the Superintendent’s Commission for the Study of Demographics and Diversity is hosting a conference entitled Transforming the Paradigm of Educating Children and the focus is on diversity and multi-culturalism which really fit with our strategic goals. So administrators, teachers, and related services staff will attend that conference on Friday. I know that the Superintendent is going to talk to you about the possibility of using technology from our district because it’s in Oak Brook.
- C. Music Update – presented by Velenda Martin, some of the things I am working on is trying to get the technology needed for the music teachers, since we now have electronic lesson planners in our new book series; pushing for literacy in the music program, several schools have a book library featured music books; I am integrating music curriculum by doing movement, dance, and art themes; encouraging professional development more with the music teachers. The proposal includes the possibility of busing students to after-school rehearsals; and payment for choral directors. Choral teachers should be classified as an extra-curricular activity. Would like to see a music link on our web page. I’m also looking for more funding for our department therefore, I am looking at different grants. Superintendent Broughton mentioned that she is working with Concordia University to look at the possibility of having some of their students work with our students. They have a student that lives close to Lincoln School who is interested in getting some more Concordia students involved in helping with the tutoring of music to our students. The Board will be looking into these proposals.
- D. PMSA Open House – Monday, December 11, 2006, 6:30 p.m. – We had 22 families represented. Ms. Phelps went to each school and gave a practice test to students so they would have a familiarity with the test. About 40% of our students are accepted into the program. As we continue to prepare students for high school one of the things we are doing is we are beginning an extended day program for reading at Garfield for 10 weeks for 7th and 8th grade students. Also, at Irving School for 10-week for 7th and 8th grade students in Math, because they have had an inconsistency with substitutes and we are trying to provide that extra

support for them. The one at Garfield began this week, and the one at Irving will begin after winter break.

- E. Math Olympiads – December 18, 2006 and December 21, 2006, 10:00 a.m. – will take place on the 18th at 11:30 for 3rd and 4th graders. The 5th and 6th graders will have one at 12:30 on the 21st.
- F. Grants Update – K-3 Class Size Reduction Grant; we have finally gotten the four classroom open. At Washington moved the Special Ed resource room to put the first grade class in there. We are still waiting on more funding information. However, presently the program is at Lexington, Emerson, Washington, and Irving. We were able to get all first grade classes down to less than 15 students in every classroom. We will monitor the program over the next three years. The State can come in at anytime to see how it is going. We have the funding for the 3-year period. There may be additional funding after that period but we are not planning on that until we receive it. I will sit down with Ms. Martin to see if I can assist her with getting additional funding for the music program.
- G. Sports Update - Breakdown of tournament schedule over the holidays. Will be having our second annual District 89 holiday tournament students at four schools, Seventh and 8th grade boys at Irving, 7th & 8th grade girls at Lexington, 5th and 6th grade boys at JA, and 5th & 6th grade girls at MP. Will forward brackets once all teams are identified. This year we are sending 3 boys teams and two girls team to Montiny High School for their holiday classic. It's in Lombard, and this is a step up for participate in a different competition for west suburban areas. We have the Melrose Park Civic Center Tournament, the girls start next week, 7th and 8th grade, we have Irving, Melrose and Roosevelt, 5th and 6th grade boys and 7th and 8th grade boys are in early January. These tournaments don't conflict with the students while they are in school. The only one that happens when school is in is 7th and 8th grade boys January 12 & 13, and that's a weekend.
- H. FOIA Requests Report – 1 FOIA received since last board meeting.

9. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Neely, seconded by Urso, that the Board of Education approve the minutes as provided; July 13, 2006 Regular & Closed; and November 20, 2006 Special & Closed.

6 Ayes: Anguiano, Cervone, Neely, Samuel, Urso, Rivers, Jr..
 0 Nays: None
 1 Absent: Cooper

Motion carried.

10. Personnel Items

A motion was made by Cervone, seconded by Samuel, that the Board of Education approve the approve the personnel items as provided.

6 Ayes: Anguiano, Cervone, Neely, Samuel, Urso, Rivers, Jr..
 0 Nays: None
 1 Absent: Cooper

Motion carried.

11. Approval of November Bills/Payroll

A Motion was made by Urso, seconded by Neely that the Board of Education approve the November bills/payroll as provided, with the exception of vendor #17756, Tobias Brown, in the amount of \$2,100 on page 29 of the list of bills.

6 Ayes: Anguiano, Cervone, Neely, Samuel, Urso, Rivers, Jr.
 0 Nays: None
 1 Absent: Cooper

Motion carried.

12. Approval of 2006 Tax Levy

A Motion was made by Neely, seconded by Urso that the Board of Education Approve the Resolution regarding the Estimated Amounts necessary to be levied for the Year 2006; also to approve the 2006 Tax Levy Resolution; approve the Certificate of Tax Levy; approve a Resolution to Levy Taxes for Certain Purposes; also, approve a Resolution to Instruct County Clerk How to Apportion 2006 Tax Levy Extension Reductions; also approve Certificate of Compliance with Truth in Taxation Act; and approve the Lost Cost Factors.

6 Ayes: Anguiano, Cervone, Neely, Samuel, Urso, Rivers, Jr.
 0 Nays: None
 1 Absent: Cooper

Motion carried.

13. Approve the Award of the Instructional Supplies II Bid

A Motion was made by Cervone, seconded by Urso that the Board of Education award the per unit bids for Instructional Supplies II to Standard Stationery Supply Co. (\$13,114.99), School Specialty Latta Division (\$540.54), and S & S Worldwide (\$232.32), respectively which total \$13,887.85.

6 Ayes: Anguiano, Cervone, Neely, Samuel, Urso, Rivers, Jr.
 0 Nays: None
 1 Absent: Cooper

Motion carried.

14. Acceptance of Public Comments or Questions from Audience

Roberta McGill – Parent Conference hosted by Chicago; snow removal
 Dorothy Lane-Thomas – Support of Proviso Band and Maywood Police Explorers
 Basket Distribution

15. Old Business

Discussion: Cervone – On April 19th the Board of Education approved a contract for a security system, what is the status of that contract, will it be moving ahead or lay in limbo? Mr. Cushion responded that we received the riders and they have been forwarded for signature. Attorney Mark Sterk responded that the contracts are complete and just need a signature.

A Motion was made by Cervone, seconded by Urso that the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to sign the contract that was drawn up by Odelson & Sterk and the Board wishes from the April 19th meeting that those contracts be signed and completed.

6 Ayes: Anguiano, Cervone, Neely, Samuel, Urso, Rivers, Jr.
0 Nays: None
1 Absent: Cooper

Motion carried.

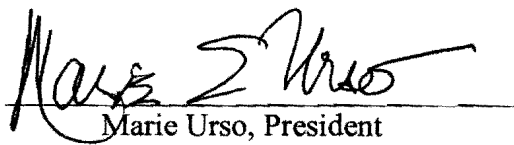
16. New Business

17. Motion for Adjournment

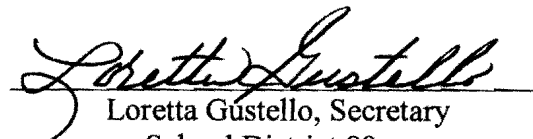
A motion was made by Neely, seconded by Samuel, that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 7:23 p.m..

6 Ayes: Anguiano, Cervone, Neely, Samuel, Urso, Rivers, Jr.
0 Nays: None
1 Absent: Cooper

Motion carried.



Marie Urso, President
School District 89
Board of Education



Loretta Gustello, Secretary
School District 89
Board of Education