

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 89
HELD ON
November 12, 2008
906 Walton, Melrose Park, IL 60160

1. The Regular Session Meeting of the Board of Education for School District 89 Maywood-Melrose Park-Broadview will come to order at 6:20 p.m..

2. Roll Call

5 Present: Anguiano, Cervone, Neely, Urso, Rivers, Jr.
1 Absent: Cooper

Cooper arrived at 6:23 p.m.

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

4. Recognitions

- A. Introduction of Melrose Park Alliance – Ms. Sylvia Dea, Director, and Ms. Eva Sanchez spoke about the Alliance and the services they provide to the community. Melrose Park Alliance is a consortium of social agencies, state of il only center in country; welcoming center, point of entry for immigrants; 100 services for community members; 9 state agencies in partnership; opened in 2007; have welcoming days because funds aren't available to open more centers; 90 directors attending 1st community meeting; 3rd Thursday of the month, since Aug 2007; now working with stonepark, maywood, northlake, franklin park. Triton college, Westlake, access health center, last 3 months working on comm. Prio, educa, immigration, social services – what they look like; domestic violence shelters, family planning, notre dame is also helping us; wil have a pub with voices of leadership & comm. Mems in Jan. hopefully. Funding to do 2 afterschool prog, bring authors in; 1708 Main (new horizons & police station; Lady of Mt. Carmel, comm. Outreach office;
- B. Recognition of Bilingual Proficiency and Progress in English – Eva Rosa, annual measurable achievement objectives is 85% of the population in English. We made 96.8%. Under the Title III program, which is a NCLB fund, we have established a cohort for Dominican University for teachers seeking certification in ESL or bilingual. This is our 3rd year with program. We have 25 teachers continuing the cycle this year. We are seeing the results of this program.

5. Retire to Closed Session

A motion was made by Anguiano, seconded by Neely, that the Board retire into Closed Session at 6:34 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of matters of personnel, probable and imminent litigation, student discipline, and closed session minutes.

When the question was called, the following vote resulted:

6 Ayes: Anguiano, Cervone, Cooper, Neely, Urso, Rivers, Jr.
0 Nays:
0 Absent:

Motion carried

6. Board Reconvene to Regular Session

A motion was made by Cooper, seconded by Anguiano, to reconvene the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 7:35 p.m..

Anguiano ___ Cervone___Cooper___Neely___ Urso___Rivers, Jr. ___ all

When the question was called, the following vote resulted:

6 Ayes: Anguiano, Cervone, Cooper, Neely, Urso, Rivers, Jr.

0 Nays:

0 Absent:

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.

8. Superintendent’s Report

- A. Cost Containment Committee Update – The committee consists of two board members, the superintendent, a principal, two assistant principals, and two district office administrators. Every aspect of cutting costs is being looked at.
- B. SES Fair – We held a fare on September 30. Twenty providers attended. Nine tutoring companies will be working with the district. We have 340 requests for tutoring services. Our budget will handle 250 requests. SASI data is used to track how students perform after receiving services.
- C. Pre-K Program Update – We received a grant of \$240,000. We opened one class at Emerson and one at Garfield this week. This year we have four classes; last year we had one.
- D. SIP Evaluations Update – Survey Monkey is the evaluation tool we are using. It collects data for us.
- E. Choice Update – We have 90 students enrolled in the program.
- F. ISAT Saturdays Update – There will be a parents’ meeting at all the buildings. The parents will be given students skills for test taking at home.
- G. Title 1 Parent Meeting Update, Bilingual Advisory Update – The bilingual parents meeting was held November 5 to establish a planning committee. Nineteen parents were in attendance and we had a guest speaker. A Title I parent meeting was held October 23. We had over 60 parents to attend. They received information on services offered to 4 - 6 grade students.
- H. Sports Update –All fall sports season will end tomorrow, and finals will begin Monday; basketball season will start.
- I. Buildings & Grounds Update – We had a visit from the ROE at 8th avenue and Van Buren.
- J. Grants Update – We are working on updating the web page with Mr. Hodges. We are planning to do a monthly newsletter. Dr. Butler received a grant from Senator Lightford and the Orchard Learning Center Program will be started soon. Best Buy has a program called gift card for students in Melrose Park. All students that

make an A will receive a \$5 gift card each quarter. Best Buy is talking about expanding this program into Maywood. Response to Intervention ED USS has made contact with us. They will help with special education, and training teachers responsible for response and intervention. We are waiting on PAEC to determine if we will receive this grant. They will pay 75% of cost. SIMIENS is working with us through Illinois King Energy Foundation for a small school solar energy program, which provides gym lighting and outside lighting. Achieve 3000 is scheduled to start training in January. We will meet with their representatives in December. We will target ISAT Saturdays and after school programs. We are targeting students based on need; the way the grant is written every student in the school will be covered and we can select based on our need criteria.

- K. HR Update – We are reviewing Lane Salary Changes/Academic Record of staff. Ms. Denton, Roberta Smith, and Dr. Thompson are working with us to review files. We are finding that some out of district verifications are not in the files. We will be sending out correspondence to the effected employees requesting documentation. The auditing of files should be complete by December 15th. We have an increase in employee disciplinary hearings. As principals become stronger there will be more activity in this area.
- L. FOIA Requests - none

9. Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Urso, seconded by Cooper that the Board of Education approve the minutes as provided.

When the question was called, the following vote resulted:

6 Ayes: Anguiano, Cervone, Cooper, Neely, Urso, Rivers, Jr.
0 Nays:
0 Absent:

Motion carried

10. Approval of Personnel Items

Appointment of Certified Personnel

- A. Certified Resignations
- B. Certified Request for Leaves
- C. Certified Transfers
- D. Educational Support Personnel Transactions
- E. Resignations of non-tenure certified staff
- F. Volunteers/Student Teachers

A Motion was made by Neely, seconded by Urso that the Board of Education approve the personnel items as provided.

When the question was called, the following vote resulted:

6 Ayes: Anguiano, Cervone, Cooper, Neely, Urso, Rivers, Jr.
0 Nays:
0 Absent:

Motion carried

11. Approval of October Bills/Payroll

A Motion was made by Cooper, seconded by Anguiano that the Board of Education approve the October bills/payroll as provided.

When the question was called, the following vote resulted:

6 Ayes: Anguiano, Cervone, Cooper, Neely, Urso, Rivers, Jr.
0 Nays:
0 Absent:

Motion carried

12. Request to Contract for 403(b) Third Party Administration Services

A Motion was made by Cervone, seconded by Cooper that the Board of Education approve the agreement with CPI Qualified Plan Consultants, Inc. to provide independent 403(b) third party administrator services to the District as presented.

When the question was called, the following vote resulted:

6 Ayes: Anguiano, Cervone, Cooper, Neely, Urso, Rivers, Jr.
0 Nays:
0 Absent:

Motion carried

13. Renewal of Illinois Time Recorder Service Agreement

A Motion was made by Cooper, seconded by Anguiano that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the preventive maintenance contract with Illinois Time Recorder for a period of one year as presented.

When the question was called, the following vote resulted:

6 Ayes: Anguiano, Cervone, Cooper, Neely, Urso, Rivers, Jr.
0 Nays:
0 Absent:

Motion carried

14. Request to Contract for Electric Rates with Integrys Energy

A Motion was made by Cooper, seconded by Anguiano that the Board of Education approve the renewal of its contract for electrical rates with Integrys Energy for a period of two years ending December 15, 2010 as presented.

When the question was called, the following vote resulted:

6 Ayes: Anguiano, Cervone, Cooper, Neely, Urso, Rivers, Jr.
0 Nays:
0 Absent:

Motion carried

15. Acceptance of Comments or Questions from Audience

None

16. Old Business

Rivers – I attended a Jammy Jam at Irving last week. It was a fun event to show students how to have fun while reading. I am proud of what I see going on over there. There is a new feel at Irving.

17. New Business

Neely – Thank you to those on the Cost Containment Committee. Also, this Saturday is National Board Member Day, and I appreciate working with all the board members at table, the superintendent and staff (Cabinet) that help make the district work. We really appreciate what you all do to help.

18. Motion for Adjournment

A motion was made by Neely, seconded by Cooper, that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 8:05 p.m..

When the question was called, the following vote resulted:

6 Ayes: Anguiano, Cervone, Cooper, Neely, Urso, Rivers, Jr.

0 Nays:

0 Absent:

Motion carried

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

Lequita Neely, Secretary
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