

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 89  
HELD ON  
July 9, 2009  
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 6:12 p.m.**
2. **Roll Call**

Upon roll call, the following members responded as:  
Present: Anguiano, Cervone, Gustello, Rivers, Urso  
Absent: Neely, Rivers, Jr.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
4. **Superintendent's Report (\* Indicates Action Item)**
  - A. **Special Education Transportation-**

**Assistant Superintendent Cushion** summarized that there was an increase in our transportation costs for fiscal year 2009. **Special Education Director, Kennedi Strickland-Dixon** and Mr. Cushion reported on the analysis of Special Education Transportation. On the agenda is a motion for an interfund loan from working cash to the education fund and to the IMRF fund and that is customary, but we are going to be adding a loan to the transportation fund. Mr. Cushion explained that before we'd be pretty much breaking even between tax revenues and what we spent. In the course of the last year we have had extraordinary situations, related to special education in particular, back in April, by PAEC had to bill out for their transportation charges. Director Dixon took each item indicated what they were primarily used for: special education, Westway Coach is used for Choice students and these are all mandated transportation issues. We are presenting this for your review; we will be taking action tonight on the interfund loan because the transportation fund is now in the negative. We'll continue to evaluate and reduce transportation expenses. **Board Secretary Gustello** asked if the Westway Coach costs for Choice students should be coming out of the Title I because it is a part of the No Child Left Behind Act. Mr. Cushion responded that it could possibly be reimbursed from Title I and that auditors would need to reclassify some of that Title I money. But transportation costs need to come out of transportation. Ms. Dixon further explained PAEC transportation costs. Mr. Cushion further explained that we have to eliminate any negative situations at the close of the fiscal year. Working cash fund has a little over 16 million that is used to fund other funds as needed. Education fund is operating in the negative.
  - B. **Buildings & Grounds Report-**

**Cartrese Carswell** reported that the Melrose Park All Bright Painting project had been completed. Higher quality paint was used for the project. The Buildings and Grounds Director has met with the District's new architectural firm, Studio GC.

C. HR Update-

**Helen Mardis** gave thanks to Ms. Henderson for cleaning up and the MEA with concerns that were brought forth at the meeting with the Superintendent in the fall of 2008. The HR Director provided a summary of teachers with issues that need to register with the Suburban Cook County ROE and the need to work with ISBE on registering and renewing certificates. Ms. Mardis reported that the HR department lost staff person Priscilla Little, and that she was a huge loss for the department. It was found that the database which she was known for was very useful. Ms. Mardis suggested that it is critical that we continue to update the database. The HR department has been forced to reorganize again and those duties have been spread over the remaining staff members. Ms. Mardis further stated that Connie Riales is the go-to person for that database. The department is working on files, and they have a huge backlog. The department will create a teacher evaluation database and Ms. Mardis stated that she was surprised that we don't have that online. HR Director had spoken to Supt. Perkins about it and one of the things that will be looked at is the storage and retrieval of information and the criticalness of teacher evaluations. Helen Mardis made a public appeal to Mr. Cushion, as a good gate keeper in terms of finances, for a cabinet and file folders.

D. FOIA Requests-One

5. **Retire to Closed Session**

A motion was made by Rivers, seconded by Anguiano, that the Board retire into Closed Session at 6:26 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:

Ayes: Anguiano, Cervone, Gustello, Rivers, Urso

Nays: 0

The motion was declared carried.

6. **Board Reconvene to Regular Session**

A motion was made by Anguiano, seconded by Cervone, to reconvene the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 8:12 p.m.

When the question was called, the following vote resulted:

Ayes: Anguiano, Cervone, Gustello, Rivers, Urso

Nays: 0

The motion was declared 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.

**President Marie Urso called for pulling the approval of minutes for the June 25, 2009 Regular Session, pending corrections and called for a consent agenda for items 8-15.**

**Motion for a consent agenda for items 8-15 was moved by Cervone, seconded by Rivers.**

**When the question was called, the following vote resulted:**

**Ayes: Anguiano, Cervone, Gustello, Rivers, Urso**

**Nays: 0**

**The motion was declared carried.**

**8. Approval of Personnel Items**

- A. Appointment of Certified Personnel
- B. Certified Resignations
- C. Certified Request for Leaves
- D. Certified Transfers
- E. Involuntary Transfers
- F. Termination of Employees
- G. Educational Support Personnel Transactions
- H. Resignations of non-tenure certified staff
- I. Volunteers/Student Teachers

**9. Approval of Minutes - March 19, 2009, June 11, 2009, ~~June 25, 2009 Regular Session~~, and May 14, 2009, May 21, 2009 Closed Session**

**10. Approval of July Bills/Payroll**

**11. Approval of Administrative Contracts – S. Aguilar, AP Melrose Park/Stevenson; D. Ballard, Executive Director of Curriculum; R. Bland, Director of Grants and Public Relations; A. Bolden, AP Irving; J. Boyd, Principal Washington; W. Carrasquillo, Principal Melrose Park; C. Carswell, Director of Buildings & Grounds; B. Cosby, Principal Irving; M. Cushion, Assist. Supt. of Business Services; B. Dahly, AP Jane Addams/Coordinator for Staff Development; L. Farrar, Principal Lexington; C. Ferraro, AP Stevenson; S. Flanagan, Director of School Site Operations; K. Hayes, AP Melrose Park; C. Hines-Butler, Principal Roosevelt; R. Hodges, Director of Technology; P. Keller, AP Roosevelt; J. Kostelaz, Principal Stevenson; E. Lee, AP Washington; A. Lott-Jackson, AP Emerson; F. Mikl, Principal Jane Addams; Z. Mohammed, AP Garfield; K. Petties, Principal Emerson; V. Phelps, Director of Instructional Services; C. Oswald-Thomas, Principal Garfield; E. Rosa, Director of Bilingual Services; S. Spivey, AP Lincoln; K. Strickland-Dixon, Director of Special Education; V. Watkins, Director of Literacy Services; D. Weitzman, Principal Lincoln; K. Williams, AP Lexington**

**12. Approval of Bid Award – Instructional Supplies**

13. **Resolution Authorizing a Loan of \$15,000,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund**
14. **Resolution Authorizing a Loan of \$650,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the IMRF/FICA Fund**
15. **Resolution Authorizing a Loan of \$350,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund**
16. **Acceptance of Comments or Questions from Audience-None**
17. **Motion for Adjournment**

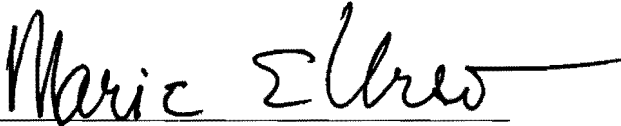
A motion was made by Cervone , seconded by Anguiano , that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

~~When the question was called, the following vote resulted:~~

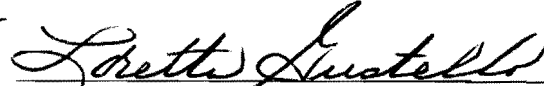
Ayes: Anguiano, Cervone, Gustello, Rivers, Urso

Nays: 0

The motion was declared carried.



Marie Urso  
School District 89  
Board President



Loretta Gustello  
School District 89  
Board Secretary