

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR LINCOLNWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 74**

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education for Lincolnwood School District 74 was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President, Michael G. Davros in the Village of Lincolnwood Council Chambers on September 4, 2007.

Members Present	Member Absent
Michael G. Davros, President	None
David Koder, VP/Secretary	
Georjean Hlepas Nickell	
Paul Langer	
Allen Perl	
Richard Ruderman	

**Also Present:**

Mark Klaisner, Superintendent; Susan Brandt, Assistant Superintendent; Scott Jackson, Business Manager; Building Administrators, Kristen McElligatt, Jean Weiss, Larry Sasso, Jerry Michel; Board of Education Administrative Assistant, Pam Dorband; and 50 people in the audience.

**Audience to Visitors:** No one chose to address the Board at this time

**District Recognition**

The Board of Education met from 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for a reception to meet with the new staff members who were later introduced during the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Staff Members Diane Kane and Jamie Schremser were honored for receiving their Masters Degrees. Brunella Carlberg, Karen Choate and Anne Govostis were honored for achieving a 60 semester hours beyond a Masters Degree.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

On a 7-0 vote, (Motion by Member Koder, second by Member Ruderman) the Board of Education approved the following Consent Agenda Items:

Minutes: Regular Minutes approved for 8/1/2007, Special Meeting (EKG Info night) 8/8/2007

Closed Session Minutes: Closed Session Minutes 8/9/2007, not made public permanently

Bills Payable: \$1,377,598.44

Leave of Absence: None

Parental Leave Request: None

Retirement Request: None

Resignations:

1. Martha Henrikson, Orchestra Teacher, Lincoln Hall, effective August 13, 2007
2. Jean Francione, Sp. Ed. Aide, Todd Hall, effective August 14, 2007
3. David Mosello, Technology Aide, effective September 7, 2007
4. Jezenia Sanchez, Sp. Ed. Aide, Rutledge Hall, effective August 15, 2007

Employment:

1. Sheryl Fair, Lunch Supervisor, Todd Hall, \$17. per hour, 1.5 hours per day, no benefits
2. Teresa Groat, Recess Supervisor, Rutledge Hall, \$17.per hour, 1.25 hours per day, no benefits
3. Linda Pedi, Recess Supervisor, Rutledge Hall, \$17. per hour, 1.25 hours per day, no benefits
4. Geneva Royel, Sp. Ed. Aide-Resource, Todd Hall, \$14.per hour, 7 hours per day, ½ hour unpaid lunch, benefits included.
5. Aileen Goldman, Para Professional, Rutledge Hall, \$14.50 per hour, 7 hours per day, ½ hour unpaid lunch, benefits included.

6. John Jones, Orchestra Teacher, Lincoln Hall, Class 3, Level 3 = \$54,367
7. Patricia Brunner, Sp. Ed. Instructional Teacher, Rutledge Hall, Class 2, Level 2 = \$49,375
8. Jeralynn Weiner, Sp. Ed. Aide, Rutledge Hall, \$14.50 per hour, 7 hours per day, ½ hour unpaid lunch, benefits included.

Member Koder moved to approve the above listed Consent Agenda items.

The motion was seconded by Member Ruderman

Upon being put to vote, the motion carried the vote being:

Ayes: Davros, Fourkas, Koder, Langer, Perl, Nickell, Ruderman  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

#### **Curriculum and Instruction**

The 6 year Curriculum/Program Review Cycle was presented by Dr. Brandt. She explained that the cycle will ensure that our curriculum and programs are current and reflect the needs of the students and will be reviewed on a regular basis.

#### **Assessment for Learning**

Dr. Benjamin Ditekowsky explained that under his leadership District 74 will be using Curriculum-Based Measurement and AIMSWEB to monitor the academic progress of all students.

#### **Public Hearing – 2007/2008 Budget**

A public hearing was held to allow individuals in the audience and the Board to ask questions related to the 2007/2008 budget.

Member Koder moved to go into a Public Hearing to discuss the 2007/2008 budget for the purpose of public Comment.

The motion was seconded by Member Nickell.

Upon being put to vote, the motion carried.

#### **Public Comments:**

**Phil Prale, Bonnie Kranzy, Elena Duarte** directed questions to the Board of Education and the Business Manager on various areas of the budget and the proposed “Communication Center” project.

Board Members and Mr. Jackson responded to the questions and explained that at the recent finance meeting the Board had an opportunity to clarify any questions they may have had. The Board feels that the children of District 74 are well served.

There being no further budget questions or discussion, Member Nickell moved to go back into the Regular Session.

The motion was seconded by Member Ruderman.

Upon being put to vote, the motion carried.

**Budget Approval (continued)**

Member Koder moved to approve the 2007-2008 Budget as presented at the September 4, 2007 meeting.

The motion was seconded by Member Ruderman.

Upon being put to vote, the motion carried, the vote being:

Ayes: Davros, Fourkas, Koder, Langer, Perl, Nickell, Ruderman  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**Appointment of the funds treasurer for 2007-2008**

Member Perl moved to approve Scott Jackson, Lincolnwood School District 74 Business Manager, as the funds treasurer for the 2007-2008 school year in accordance with Illinois School Code and Board of Education Policy 4:90.

The motion was seconded by Member Fourkas.

Upon being put to vote, the motion carried, the vote being:

Ayes: Davros, Fourkas, Koder, Langer, Perl, Nickell, Ruderman  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**Appointment of an Authorizing Agent for IMRF**

Member Ruderman moved to approve Scott Jackson, Lincolnwood School District 74 Business Manager, as the IMRF authorizing agent for 2007-2008 school year in compliance with IMRF rules and regulations.

The motion was seconded by Member Koder.

Upon being put to vote, the motion carried, the vote being:

Ayes: Davros, Fourkas, Koder, Langer, Perl, Nickell, Ruderman  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Proceedings before the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board.**

On a 7-0 vote (Motion by Member Koder, second by Member Perl) the Board approved the resolution authorizing interventions in proceedings before the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board by John M. Izzo.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

**Communication Center** (No vote was taken – this will be readdressed at the October 2, 2007 meeting.)

Mr. Klaisner gave an overview report of the rationale behind the proposed District 74 Communication Center. He pointed out the lack of space and efficiency of the current building and pointed out the needs

and benefits that a new communication center will address. Following Mr. Klaisner's report, Sven Dahlquist, the District's architect, gave an overview report of how the Board and administrators arrived at the current design and location of the proposed building that has an estimated cost of \$6.5 million dollars in construction costs and \$.5 million in appointments. Immediately following Mr. Dahlquist's report, Dan Denys, who has worked with District 74 for many years, and who is affiliated with the Chicago based firm of Austin, Meade Financial, LTD, explained that the District would refinance current debt over a longer period of time resulting in needed funds to be paid under the current budget amounts. He further explained that this strategy will result in not having to access fund balances or request a referendum.

**Town Hall Meeting dates:** Mr. Klaisner will spearhead several Town Hall meetings to discuss and inform the residents of the proposed "Communication Center." The dates set for these meetings are as follows:

Monday, September 10, 2007	Lincoln Hall - LGI	7 p.m.
Tuesday, September 11, 2007	Lincolnwood Public Library	1 p.m.
Tuesday, September 18, 2007	Lincolnwood Public Library	10 a.m.
Tuesday, September 18, 2007	Lincolnwood Village Hall	7 p.m.
Wednesday, September 26, 2007	Lincoln Hall – LGI	7 p.m.

## **PERSONNEL/POLICY PLANNING**

### **Revision to EKG Policy**

Mr. Klaisner explained that he has had a discussion with the Midwest Heart Foundation who indicated that EKG's are not appropriate to administer to students younger than middle school age.

On a 7-0 vote (Motion my member Langer and second by Member Koder) the Board approved the amendment to the Extra Curricular Athletics Policy 7:300 to apply to middle school students only.

### **Food Allergy Protocol**

Member Nickell presented a policy "Creating an Allergen-Safe School Environment" that she asked be forwarded to the policy committee for review and discussion.

On a 7-0 vote (Motion by Member Nickell, second by Member Perl) the Board approved referring the Food Allergy Policy (Creating an Allergen-Safe School Environment) to the Policy Committee at their September 17, 2007 meeting.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **Opening of the 2007-2008 School Year**

Mr. Klaisner stated that other than the annoyance with bus issues, things started off very well.

### **EKG Screening**

Mr. Klaisner explained that a total of 116 students have been screened with the assistance of Midwest Heart Foundation.

### **Decline of request from District 65 for student admittance**

Mr. Klaisner explained that he has declined the request from District 65 asking District 74 to accept students from their District. This request is in direct relationship to the No Child Left Behind choice requirement.

### **The 25 Year Club Dinner**

This year this traditional event, honoring those individuals who have served District 74 for 25 or more years will be held on November 28, 2007.

### **Other Information/Reminders and Announcements**

- ▶ President Davros reminded the Board of the IASB Dinner, October 29<sup>th</sup>; the Triple I Conference November 16-18; and the NSBA Board Convention March 29 - 4/1.
- ▶ President Davros reminded staff members of the numerous ways they may correspond with Board members.
- ▶ NTDSE- District 807 Report from Member Koder shared a similar concern about the student transportation issue that is affecting District 74.
- ▶ Shellaine Kang invited the Board and members of the audience to the PTA meetings and the Fun Fair that is coming up this weekend.
- ▶ Anita Filip encouraged everyone to attend the free Sweetest Day event at Lincoln Hall on October 20 from 7 to 10 p.m. This event is directed to adults.
- ▶ Christina Economou and Stephanie Shortell are the LTA Co-Presidents this year. Mrs. Economou shared the names of the teachers who are part of the 6 week mentoring program for new staff members. Board members were also encouraged to attend the LTA Picnic on Friday.

### **RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION**

The Board of Education held a closed session for the purpose of placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2 (10).

**ACTION AS a RESULT OF THE CLOSED SESSION** – No action was taken

### **Notes:**

- ➡ The next regular board meeting will be held at the Lincolnwood Village Hall on Tuesday, October 2, 2007.
- ➡ You may view the agenda for the Board of Education meetings on the District website [www.sd74.org](http://www.sd74.org)
- ➡ Live broadcasts of Board meetings will not be re-broadcast.
- ➡ If you missed the meeting and would like to view the tape, please contact Pam Dorband at 847-745-3703.