

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 21, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
999 WEST DUNDEE ROAD, WHEELING, ILLINOIS
ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2011**

Present: Members Allan, Arreola, Harrison, Edmonds, Becker Dean and Gould

Absent: Pritzker

Mrs. Edmonds opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, welcomed everyone to the meeting, requested that electronic devices be turned off, and that anyone wishing to speak should fill out a comment card.

BOARD COMMUNICATION

- Board members identified their attendance at the IASB/ISBE/IASA Joint Conference. They referenced attendance at several workshops and general sessions that were of value and informative.
- Board members wished everyone a very happy and healthy New Year.
- Mr. Gould noted failed legislation that would have capped funds. Mr. Gould attended a luncheon featuring Cook County President Prekwinkle. She reported that it is a major priority to get tax bills out on a timely basis in the future. And finally, he announced the birth of his new grandson.
- Mrs. Allan noted that at the conference she realized the financial differences between suburban and rural districts are very striking. Mrs. Allan attended several chorus, band and orchestra performances for District 21 and High School District 214. She also noted that a news report indicated that one in every two people are living as low income status this holiday season.
- Mr. Harrison suggested that after each Board election and reorganization the Board hold a retreat to discuss Board rules. Mr. Harrison attended a seminar on pension reform and Special Education law as it pertains to service animals in the schools. He attended an ED-RED meeting where they presented a five-year outlook for the state indicating that additional funding was unlikely. He attended a music program at Buffalo Grove High School highlighting upcoming eighth graders. Mr. Harrison also thanked Board members, administrators and staff members for the support he and his family received after the recent loss of his mother.
- Mrs. Arreola attended an exciting Holmes basketball game where they won by 3 points in overtime.
- Mrs. Becker Dean noted her attendance at the Joint Conference session she attended related to common core standards. She also questioned the protocol of the medical plan if an emergency incident occurred in the district.
- In a letter read by President Edmonds, Mr. Pritzker apologized for his absence. Mr. Pritzker announced that he was elected to the IASB Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and he appreciated everyone's support.
- Mrs. Edmonds attended the NSSEO Board meeting where they ratified the 2-year contract.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Dr. Mical congratulated Mr. Gould for receiving the Masters Certificate from the Illinois Association of School Boards.
- Mrs. Edmonds and Dr. Kate Hyland introduced and announced the December 2011 Celebrating Excellence recipients. Mrs. Edmonds congratulated staff members and thanked them for their service. Recipients are: Cooper: Kate Willing Smith; Frost: Tina Shannon; Holmes: T.R. Frye; Kilmer: Kelly Thorstenson and Melanie Fritsch; Tarkington: Marisol Carlos; Twain: Kristie Zamet; Whitman: Debbie Marks
- Mrs. Edmonds also introduced former Wheeling Village President and former Holmes science teacher Greg Klatecki.

CITIZENS

- Randall Swanson, a Longfellow resident for nine years questioned property tax revenues and taxes, TIF district and salary increases. He strongly opposes the tax levy and encouraged the Board to get on a sustainable course. Mr. Gould stated that the TIF district is enacted by the Village of Wheeling, that the entire district staff agreed last year to a total salary freeze and stated that it is a 1.5% levy. He also stated that the district is driven by salaries and the Board is keeping it as low as possible.

CONSENT AGENDA & ADDENDUM

Mr. Pritzker had a question related to the rate of snowplowing and all disbursement items were addressed. Item #1-Board of Education Minutes and Closed Session Minutes, and Item #3- Disbursement List for W. W. Grainger were pulled from the consent agenda. On a motion by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Allan, the following resolution was proposed:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Consent Agenda Items be approved as presented:

- the hiring of full-time non-certified staff Natalie Polinski effective November 28, 2011;
- the Administrative resignation of Lori Henkels at the conclusion of the 2011-12 school year;
- the regular disbursement list for December 2011 in the amount of \$1,564,643.44 including replenishment of the imprest fund in the amount of \$10,438.27, and supplemental disbursements in the amount of \$5,000 and \$17,500;
- the financial report of December, 2011;
- the Board of Education attests that the School Library Media Center in each attendance area meets the stipulated grant requirements, and that the grant funds will be an incremental increase to local and anticipated library funds and will not replace previously budgeted items;
- the Board of Education accepts the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Annual Audit as presented; and
- that the Freedom of Information request submitted by John Trelo, Director of Business Development for Durham School Services has been reported;

Upon roll call, the vote was approved. The chairperson declared the foregoing resolution adopted.

Item #1 – Minutes & Closed Session Minutes of the Board Meeting dated November 17, 2011

On a motion by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Allan, the following resolution was proposed:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Board of Education meeting dated November 17, 2011

AYES: Harrison, Arreola, Allan, Becker Dean, and Edmonds
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Gould
ABSENT: Pritzker

Upon roll call, the vote was approved. The chairperson declared the foregoing resolution adopted.

Item #3 – Disbursement List for W. W. Grainger

On a motion by Mrs. Becker Dean, seconded by Mr. Gould, the following resolution was proposed:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves the W. W. Grainger December disbursement amount of \$1,160.90.

AYES: Harrison, Arreola, Allan, Becker Dean, and Gould
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Edmonds
ABSENT: Pritzker

Upon roll call, the vote was approved. The chairperson declared the foregoing resolution adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1 – 2011 Proposed Property Tax Levy

On a motion by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mrs. Allan, the following resolution was proposed:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education meeting of December 15, 2011 be recessed until after the public hearing on the 2011 Property Tax Levy.

Upon roll call, the vote was unanimously approved. The chairperson declared the foregoing resolution adopted.

Mrs. Edmonds called the Public Hearing on the 2011 Property Tax Levy for Community Consolidated School District 21, Cook County, Illinois to order.

Present: Citizens, Board Members Edmonds, Arreola, Gould, Allan, Harrison, and Becker Dean, and District 21 administrators.

Mr. Schuler stated that although the district is not required to hold a public hearing unless the levy is in excess of 5%, this district has always had the practice of holding a hearing to allow the public to attend and make comments. All required notices have been published. Daniel indicated that the district is presenting a balanced budget despite the fact that the State has pulled at least \$600,000 in transportation reimbursement, the district receives tax money later and are forced to enact Tax Anticipation Warrants and the State still owes the district just under one million dollars. Daniel did forecast a deficit in three years and if the district does not request a tax levy the district loses the option to get additional monies. No citizen requested to address the Board at the public hearing.

On a motion by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mrs. Allan, the Public Hearing was adjourned and the Board of Education reconvened its regular December 15, 2011 meeting. Upon roll call, the vote

was unanimously approved. The chairperson declared the foregoing resolution adopted. The Board continued their discussion on the proposed levy request and the impact on the district funds. On a motion by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Allan, the following resolution was proposed:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves the following Resolutions to properly file the 2011 Property Tax Levy Request: 1) 2011 Tax Levy Resolution; 2) Resolution provided for the direction to the Cook County Clerk as to which funds would be limited under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Act, PA 89-01 for Community Consolidated School District 21; 3) Certificate of Compliance with the Truth-In-Taxation Act; 4) Certificate of Tax Levy Resolution & Estimated Revenues for 2011-2012.

Upon roll call, the vote was unanimously approved. The chairperson declared the foregoing resolution adopted.

Item #2 - Board Policy – Technology & Internet Use Policy for Students (SECOND READING)

On a motion by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Allan, the following resolution was proposed:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education has reviewed and approves the proposed changes/corrections to the Technology and Internet Use Policy for Students (6:235).

Upon roll call, Board members present unanimously approved the vote. The chairperson declared the foregoing resolution adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Gould, and unanimously approved by Board members, the regular Board of Education meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

APPROVED:

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

Date