

**STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
410 EAST LEFEVRE ROAD  
STERLING, IL 61081**

*Board of Education Minutes*

*DATE: December 16, 2009*

**Regular Meeting**

President Brotheridge called the regular meeting of the Sterling Public Schools Board of Education to order at 6:08 PM on December 16, 2009, in the Sterling High School Library Conference Room with the following Board members present at roll call: Brotheridge, Dancey, Geil, McPherson, Reyes, Van Horn, and Allen.

Member Dancey made the motion to include in the list of exceptions for the following Closed Session: Matters related to security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, public, or public property. Member Reyes seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes – Brotheridge, Dancey, Geil, McPherson, Reyes, Van Horn, and Allen. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Member Reyes made the motion, seconded by Member Dancey, to go into Closed Session at 6:10 PM for matters related to the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees or officers, matters related to collective negotiations between the public body and its employees or representatives, matters related to pending litigation, and matters related to security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, public, or public property. Voice vote: Ayes – Brotheridge, Dancey, Geil, McPherson, Reyes, Van Horn, and Allen. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Member Reyes made the motion to return to Open Session at 7:05 PM in the Sterling High School Library, seconded by Member Dancey. Roll call vote: Ayes – Brotheridge, Dancey, Geil, McPherson, Reyes, Van Horn, and Allen. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

President Brotheridge led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Board Salute, Member Geil reported he visited Mr. Fortney at Washington School, took a tour of the school, and visited classrooms. Member Allen stated he attended two school music concerts and the Auditorium was full and the performances were a treat. Member Reyes attended the Madrigal Dinner and reported it was a wonderful dinner with great music.

The Education Committee meeting in December was cancelled due to bad weather.

Member Reyes reported on the December 14, 2009, Facilities-Transportation-Finance Committee meeting. Items discussed under Facilities were: construction projects, building report, building and grounds report, and food service report. Under Finance, items discussed were: CUSD5 and WRVS monthly financials, loans, employee benefit plan, and Board agenda topics—Final Tax Levy 2009, SHS Chess Club Activity Account Addition, and CUSD5 Interfund Loan. The Transportation Report showed ridership for November was 71%, which is up from last year. Also discussed was ARRA Funding.

There was no Policy and Community Relations Committee meeting scheduled in December.

President Brotheridge requested communication from visitors. There were no comments or questions from the SEA, SAESP, or the public.

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Member Allen made the motion, seconded by Member Reyes, to approve the administrative appointment of Cheryl Robinson, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, effective 12/14/09. Roll call vote: Ayes – Brotheridge, Dancey, Geil, McPherson, Reyes, Van Horn, and Allen. Nays - 0. Motion carried. Appointments  
09-10.093

Member Geil made the motion, seconded by Member McPherson, to approve the resignation of classified staff Molly Goff, SHS special education aide, effective 01/04/09. Roll call vote: Ayes – Brotheridge, Dancey, Geil, McPherson, Reyes, Van Horn, and Allen. Nays - 0. Motion carried. Resignations  
09-10.094

Member Allen made the motion, seconded by Member McPherson, to approve the 2009-2010 supplemental appointments of: Roy Calkins, CMS first year mentor .5; Becki Edmondson, Franklin first year mentor; Tyler Gaumer, SHS girls track head coach; and Becky Haas, CMS first year mentor .5. Roll call vote: Ayes – Brotheridge, Dancey, Geil, McPherson, Reyes, Van Horn, and Allen. Nays - 0. Motion carried. Supplementals  
09-10.095

Member Allen made the motion, seconded by Member Geil, to approve the following supplemental 2009-2010 resignations: Angel Barker, Franklin first year mentor (Schultz), and Kim Reiley, CMS first year mentor (Oland). Roll call vote: Ayes – Brotheridge, Dancey, Geil, McPherson, Reyes, Van Horn, and Allen. Nays - 0. Motion carried. Supplementals  
09-10.096

Member Allen made the motion, seconded by Member McPherson, to table action on the volunteers listed in the Personnel Report, to next month's meeting. Voice vote: Ayes – Brotheridge, Dancey, Geil, McPherson, Reyes, Van Horn, and Allen. Nays - 0. Motion carried. Volunteers  
09-10.097

Mr. Schwingle presented the employee benefit plan balance sheet, noting the November 2009, balance was \$2,819,199.94.

Mr. Schwingle presented for adoption the Final Tax Levy for 2009 for \$11,531,000. Member McPherson made the motion to approve, seconded by Member Dancey. Roll call vote: Ayes – Brotheridge, Dancey, Geil, McPherson, Reyes, Van Horn, and Allen. Nays - 0. Motion carried. Tax Info  
09-10.098

Mr. Schwingle presented for approval the addition of the Chess Club as an activity account in the SHS Activity Fund. Member Allen made the motion to approve, seconded by Member Reyes. Roll call vote: Ayes – Brotheridge, Dancey, Geil, McPherson, Reyes, Van Horn, and Allen. Nays - 0. Motion carried. SHS  
09-10.099

Mr. Schwingle presented for approval an Interfund loan of \$250,000 from the CUSD5 Working Cash Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. Member Reyes made the motion to approve, seconded by Member Allen. Roll call vote: Ayes – Brotheridge, Dancey, Geil, McPherson, Reyes, Van Horn, and Allen. Nays - 0. Motion carried. Interfund  
Loans  
09-10.100

Mrs. Robinson presented information on the use of DRA for the K-5 reading program. The assessment program has been in use for years, and she mentioned the upcoming changes. The materials and staff development costs will be covered using ARRA, Title 1, and staff development budget funds. Curriculum  
09-10.101

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Mrs. Dunphy presented information on a SHS course proposal for Statistical Reasoning in Sports. She provided the Board with a course description, prerequisites, and goals. She explained a survey of students was taken to determine interest in the course. Board members had questions about the pilot and the associated curriculum and textbook. Further information will be presented at the January Education Committee and Board meetings.

Curriculum  
09-10.102

Mr. Everett presented for approval IASB suggested revisions to Board policies, 2.20, 2.110, 3.40, 4.30, 4.40, 4.100, 4.140, 5.90, 6.300, 6.320, 7.190, 7.240, 7.300, 8.100. Member Allen made the motion to approve, seconded by member Geil. The revisions were reviewed by the Policy and Community Relations Committee at its November 5, 2009, meeting, and presented for first reading at the December 18, 2009, Board meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Brotheridge, Dancey, Geil, McPherson, Reyes, Van Horn, and Allen. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Board  
Policies  
09-10.103

Mr. DeLany was unable to attend the meeting, but provided a booklet report on a successful fall sports season. If Board members have questions, please contact Mr. DeLany or Mr. Everett. If necessary, Mr. DeLany will provide additional information at the January Board meeting.

Reports  
09-10.104

Member Allen made the motion, seconded by Member McPherson, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 11/18/09; closed session minutes of 11/18/09; bills for payment and imprest fund payments totaling \$2,778,047.89; statements of position, treasurer's report, and activity fund reports; and destruction of audio recording of closed sessions dated 05/28/08. Roll call vote: Ayes – Brotheridge, Dancey, Geil, McPherson, Reyes, Van Horn, and Allen. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Under Items for Clarification, Member Reyes noted that the published Board meeting agenda did not specifically state action on Administrative or Classified Staff. It was determined to bring these items back to the Board for formal approval at the January 27, 2010, Board meeting.

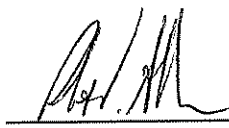
There were no other Items for Future Agendas.

The Board calendar was shared noting the next regular Board meeting is January 27, 2010, beginning with Closed Session at 6:00 PM.

There was not a second Closed Session.

Member Reyes made the motion to adjourn at 7:39 PM, seconded by Member McPherson. Voice vote: Ayes – Brotheridge, Dancey, Geil, McPherson, Reyes, Van Horn, and Allen. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

  
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