

- **Regular Meeting** -

A Regular Meeting was held by the Board of Education, School District No. 100 at Piper School on Wednesday, February 27, 2008.

President Zendol called the regular meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

The following members responded to roll call: Rinehart, Swicionis, Harris, Frankovic, Zaworski, Pechous, Zendol.

President Zendol thanked Piper School and PTA for hosting the Board of Education meeting.

**Consent Agenda**

- Approval of regular, special and closed session minutes of January 16 and 23, 2008.
  - Approve payment of bills totaling \$829,718.52
  - Confirm payment of the payrolls for January 25, 2008 in the amount of \$697,444.05, February 8, 2008 in the amount of \$713,597.41 and February 22, 2008 payroll in the amount of \$715,898.80
  - Authorize preparation and release of payrolls dated March 7, 2008.
- (APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA) Upon motion made by Mr. Swicionis, seconded by Mrs. Pechous, it was moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Roll call: Aye – Rinehart, Swicionis, Harris, Frankovic, Zaworski, Pechous, Zendol  
Nay – None  
Motion Carried

**Routine Matters**

President Zendol thanked Piper School PTA for hosting the School Board meeting.

**Board Correspondence:**

- Monthly newsletters received

**Superintendent's Report**

**Enrollment Report:** As of January 31, 2008, 3606 students are enrolled in District 100. That is an increase of 15 students from January 2007.

**Communication:**

- The first District 100 Health Fair was held at Heritage School last week. There was information on many different areas. Dr. Wernet commended the Wellness Committee putting the Health Fair together.
- The ISATS are next week. Students are encouraged to get a good night's sleep before coming to school.
- The Early Childhood screening will be held April 8<sup>th</sup> through April 10<sup>th</sup>
- Dr. Wernet briefly highlighted activities held in each of the schools.
- District 100 was awarded an Illinois State Board of Education grant in the amount of \$250,000. This money will be used for staff development.

- Audience members are encouraged to write Congressman Lipinski and request the federal government not cut the \$300M of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Center after school program.

**Freedom of Information Request** – one request was received for independent contractors for cafeteria services, bus services and custodial services. District 100 replied within the legal timeline.

**Scholarship Lottery:** Annually the law firm of Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins gives awards the W. Klein Memorial Scholarship. District 100 graduates who are currently enrolled in college and submitted their names are eligible for the drawing. Michelle Mirabelli was drawn and her name will be submitted to Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins as representing District 100.

**Student Recognition:** The following students were recognized for their outstanding achievements during the past month.

*Emerson* – Amelia Pauly and Citlalli Cazales  
*Hiawatha* – Dalilah Garcia and Marissa De la Cruz  
*Irving* – Anthony Beimal and Giovanni Lombardi  
*Komensky* – Jessica Cabrera and Raquel Reyes  
*Pershing* – Ivan Grimaldo and Emily Servin  
*Piper* – Maria Castellanos and Diego Avila  
*Freedom* – Rodolfo Cruz and Adolfo Garcia  
*Heritage* – Alexis Camarena and Laura Burlacu

### **Meeting/Committee Reports**

**Education Foundation:** The Foundation has approved their budget for 2008. Over \$40,000 will be distributed back to the schools.

**IASB:**

- President Zendol reported that tonight is the big rally for education in DuPage. Over 600 people have registered for this event. Discussion will be held on education issues affecting the nation.
- President Zendol will be attending the Director Meeting held downtown
- President Zendol briefly discussed the upcoming convention. She suggested that District 100 be presenters at the annual conference

**Superintendent Search Committee:** The board has reviewed the calendar of dates. The brochure is out and the search is in full swing.

**Building & Grounds:** Mr. Swicionis reported that the committee toured Piper School. All is well. The fence by Heritage Middle School has been scheduled to be installed.

**Policy:** Mrs. Pechous reported that policies are up to date.

**Strategic Planning:** The Finance Subcommittee will report at a future board meeting.

**Legislation:** Bills are in front of the State House and Senate for school revenue.

TIF Presentation: BDC Executive Director, Tony Griffith, Alderwoman Michelle Scryd and Phil McKenna, Financial Consultant briefly presented a proposal that would extend the Cermak TIF District for another 12 years beginning in 2011. They are requesting District 100 support this extension. Pros for District 100 are: support for city initiatives, \$91,000 per year, increased EAV after improvements; Cons are: continued loss of tax revenue for the next 12 years which would amount to more than \$91,000 per year.

There was much discussion regarding extending the Cermak TIF District. Issues raised:

- This would be a long term investment for the District.
- Lose of revenue of \$2.7M with increasing enrollment
- Reasons to support TIF
- Area businesses support District 100 events
- District 100 to receive about \$91,000 per year
- Develop an intergovernmental agreement with the city is essential.
- District support needed by March 13<sup>th</sup>
- Will the extension improve the School District
- Faith in city leaders
- Dr. Wernet to talk with other superintendents and get feedback
- What TIF expects from District 100
- TIF accountability

It was the consensus of the board to call a special meeting on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> to hold further discussions on the TIF extension. An intergovernmental agreement with the City will be developed for board members to review. If time permitting, the agreement will be reviewed by the District attorneys prior to the special meeting. Mr. McGinnis will also be on hand with the current numbers.

### **New Business**

Catalog of Records: Freedom of Information Act: This is an annual action by the Board.

- (APPROVE CATALOG OF RECORDS: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT) Upon motion made by Mrs. Rinehart, seconded by Mr. Swicionis, it was moved to approve the Catalog of Records for the Freedom of Information Act.

Roll call: Aye – Rinehart, Swicionis, Harris, Frankovic, Zaworski, Pechous, Zendol  
 Nay – None  
 Motion Carried

Approve Science Text Books: tee of Funds: The Science textbook adoption process has been ongoing for the past several months. The committee is asking for board approval to allocate the Illinois Textbook Loan Program funds of \$93,470 plus the curriculum budget money in the amount of approximately \$18,837 towards the purchase of the Scott-Foresman Elementary Science Program for grades 1 through 5. Scott-Foresman is giving the district about \$300,000 of free material. Feedback for the Scott-Foresman science textbook was received from parents and staff. All ITLP money must be requested by March 11<sup>th</sup>.

- (SCIENCE TEXTBOOK) Upon motion made by Mrs. Rinehart, seconded by Mr. Swicionis, it was moved to approve the allocation of approximately \$18,837 towards the purchase of the Scott-Foresman Elementary Science Program for grades 1 through 5 as recommended.

Roll call: Aye – Rinehart, Swicionis, Harris, Frankovic, Zaworski, Pechous, Zendol  
Nay – None  
Motion Carried

School Board Calendar 2008/09: The calendar for school year 2008/09 is up for adoption by the board. Input has been solicited from administrators and staff. There have been no changes made to the calendar since the board saw it last in January.

- (CALENDAR 2008/2009) Upon motion made by Mr. Swicionis, seconded by Mrs. Zendol, it was moved to adopt the calendar for school year 2008/2009 as presented.

Roll call: Aye – Rinehart, Swicionis, Harris, Frankovic, Zaworski, Pechous, Zendol  
Nay – None  
Motion Carried

### **Informational Items**

Treasurer's Office Update: Mr. McGinnis reported that there have been no changes since last update.

Superintendent's Search: The board is formulating questions that will be used when interviewing candidates.

District Newsletter: this is a recommendation from the Strategic Planning Committee, Community Subcommittee to implement a district newsletter. Mr. Cundari has been exploring the logistics involved in the development of a newsletter. The cost is approximately \$7,000 per mailing. Sponsors for the newsletter are being sought. Partners may include the City of Berwyn and Berwyn Rec. South Berwyn Education Foundation made a donation of \$6,000 to be used for the District newsletter. Mr. Cundari will provide the board with an update at future meetings.

Board Meeting Dates: The board received the proposed schedule of meeting dates. The dates will be approved at the April meeting.

### **Personnel**

- (SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHING ASSISTANT POSITION) Upon motion made by Mrs. Rinehart, seconded by Mrs. Zendol, it was moved to approve the Special Education Teaching Assistant position.

Roll call: Aye – Rinehart, Swicionis, Harris, Frankovic, Zaworski, Pechous, Zendol  
Nay – None  
Motion Carried

- (RESIGNATION/LEAVE OF ABSENCE/EMPLOYMENT) Upon motion made by Mrs. Rinehart, seconded by Mrs. Frankovic, it was moved to approve the following personnel items: Resignations of Maria Salinas – TA and Ken Valskis - Maintenance; Leave of Absence of Christine Mainock (TA, Student teaching) and Judy Boustead (Speech Therapist, FMLA, ½ day through end of 07/08); and Employment of Patricia Vergara (short term contract – TBE teacher), Manuel Rivera – Security Officer, Brian Cantwell – Security Officer, and Derek Haak – Security Officer.

Roll call: Aye – Rinehart, Swicionis, Harris, Frankovic, Zaworski, Pechous, Zendol  
Nay – None  
Motion Carried

- (ADJOURNMENT) Upon motion made by Mrs. Rinehart, seconded by Mr. Swicionis, it was moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Roll call: Aye – Rinehart, Swicionis, Harris, Frankovic, Zaworski, Pechous, Zendol  
Nay – None  
Motion Carried

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James E. Swicionis, Secretary

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Joanne D. Zendol, President

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Dolly Konopka, Board Recording Clerk