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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

OAK FOREST HIGH SCHOOL ~ TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009

1 Secretary Mensing called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2 Board of Education

Present: Mr. Browne, Mr. Kirkton, Pastor Mensing, Mrs. Riester,
Ms. Stearns (arrived at 7:08 p.m.)

Absent: Mrs. Gleason, Mr. Turner

Central Office & Principals

Present: Mr. Kendall, Mr. O'Malley, Dr. Mendenhall, Dr. Williams,
Dr. Corbin, Mr. Strietelmeier, Ms. DeVos, Mr. Rybarczyk,
Dr. Zielinski, Mrs. Simms, Dr. Wilson

Absent: Dr. Kibelkis

3 Mr. Kirkton moved to approve the regular and closed session minutes of March 3, 2009 and the regular and closed session minutes of March 10, 2009. Mr. Browne seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

Ayes: Mr. Kirkton, Mr. Browne, Pastor Mensing, Mrs. Riester

Nays: None

4 Ms. Stearns arrived.

5 Dr. Wilson introduced Ms. Marilyn O'Shea to receive the Board Recognition Award of the Month. Ms. O'Shea has been involved at Oak Forest High School for many years volunteering with the Music Boosters and the many activities of the Band/Choir program. Ms. Stearns presented Ms. O'Shea with a plaque in her honor.

6 Dr. Wilson introduced math teachers Nanci Kopecky and Matt Manzke to provide information regarding the Extended Algebra classes. They explained how the program works, and stated that the program is successful. Students Justine Scott, Jamie Cornwall, and Merna Esily provided examples of how the classes have helped them to increase their math skills.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Minutes

Note

Board Recognition
Award of the
Month

Presentation –
Extended Algebra

- 1 Matt Griffin, District 228 Transition Coordinator at South Suburban College, presented information regarding the JOBS2 (Journeys and Opportunities with Bremen South Suburban) program. The goal of the program is to prepare students for both post-secondary educational opportunities and employment acquisition skills within a community college setting. The students targeted for this program are those who would have traditionally taken their diplomas rather than access further services allowed on their Individual Education Programs (IEP). Students Bob Brenner and Chris Krupa provided examples of how they have benefitted from this program.
- 2 Dr. Williams provided an update for reading and math initiatives, curriculum development, professional development, and the peer mentoring program. Dr. Williams explained how reading strategies are taking place across departments and how students are benefitting from working with math tutors in the district. She explained that Understanding by Design units are being revised and departments are focusing on real-world applications. Dr. Williams reviewed the professional development staff workshops and institutes for this school year including: Working effectively with paraprofessionals, differentiated instruction, collegial evaluation, intervention strategies for challenging behavior, active strategies for differentiation, homework that gets done, motivating students, co-teaching, understanding teen problems, analyzing EPAS data, utilizing Mastery Manager, UbD curriculum revisions, and incorporation technology (EPALS, LabQuests). She also provided explanations for the professional development focus for next year, the induction program, and peer mentoring.
- 3 Ms. Stearns opened the floor to the public for comments. There being no public comments, Ms. Stearns closed the floor.

4 Freedom of Information Act Requests

Since the last Board meeting, we received the following Freedom of Information Act requests:

- Patti Hoff, of Ecolab in St. Paul, Minnesota, requested information regarding our custodial/ground care supplies bid. This request has been filled.
- Joan Heft, of Sunrise Southwest in Crestwood, requested information regarding our pupil transportation services. This request has also been filled.

Superintendent's Report

- Mr. Kendall congratulated two District 228 employees for successfully defending their dissertations and receiving their Doctorate degrees. They are: Dr. Corinne Williams, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning and Dr. April Nykaza, Family and Consumer Science Department Supervisor.
- Mr. Kendall reported that district and school administrators attended the 21st Annual Employer Banquet at House of Hughes for our Special Education students. Each student presented his or her employer with a plaque and said a few words. They did an outstanding job of presenting. Mr. Kendall also thanked area employers for supporting our special education work program.

Presentation – JOBS2

Presentation – Teaching & Learning Update

Communications

Superintendent's Report

- Mr. Kendall extended sympathy on behalf of our entire district to the family of Mr. John Blakey. John was our Director of Financial Services, and retired from District 228 in 2006. He passed away in his sleep on April 1. A moment of silence was held in John’s memory.

Board Member Reports

Good News Reports

1 Ms. Stearns reported that the health of Tinley Park High School’s Associate Principal, Randy Couwenhoven, is improving and asked that we continue to keep Mr. Couwenhoven in our thoughts.

2 Nate Becker and Jenny Swanson provided good news for Oak Forest High School including conference championship wins for Girls’ Basketball, Boys’ Swimming and Diving, and Wrestling; \$10,000 raised for St. Baldrick’s; and senior Alan Walnoha has been selected to be among the 100 members of the Golden Apple Scholars.

Brian Stotter provided good news for Bremen High School including the over \$20,000 raised for St. Baldrick’s, the Jazz Band and Jazz Combo both received 1st ratings at the Chicago Area Jazz Festival, and the Girls’ Water Polo Team is off to an excellent 8-1 start and are currently ranked 20 in the state.

Alexandria Owens provided good news for Hillcrest High School including preparation and activities for the upcoming PSAE tests, the recent “Rising Star Breakfast” to recognize student achievement and motivate and instill school pride, the 86 students who recently donated blood for the blood drive, and that Hillcrest welcomed back author Earl Sewel to their book club discussion of his book, *Lessons Learned*. Alexandria then recognized the Track Team for their participation in the Illinois Wesleyan University State Indoor meet. They came home with three event championships.

Dr. Zielinski announced that Zack Vaught could not attend this Board meeting, but noted that he would be playing the part of Dallas in the upcoming school play, *The Outsiders*. She then announced that staff and students have begun their PSAE testing campaign, “Setting Our Sights on Seventy,” and that the Tinley Park music program is successful thanks to staff members Vince Aiello and Bonnie Mootry. Dr. Zielinski also commented on the health progress of Associate Principal Randy Couwenhoven and Athletic Director Mike Mongan, and asked that we keep recent retiree Al Jurgens in our thoughts because his wife passed away recently.

Committee Reports

3 Mr. O’Malley reported that the Finance Committee met on March 31 to discuss monthly items, the paper bid, and a PTAB resolution.

Mr. Kirkton reported that the Educational Support Services Committee met on March 31 to discuss a vandalism issue, a roofing bid, parking lot resealing bid, replacement of interior doors, and custodial uniform price lists.

Pastor Mensing reported that the Personnel Committee met on March 31 to discuss a certificated staff change in position, and the employment of two part-time secretaries.

4 Mr. O’Malley presented item 9.1 including **Bills, Addendum to Bills, Payroll, and CDS Bills**. Mr. Browne moved to approve item 9.1. Mrs. Riester seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

New Business

Ayes: Mr. Browne, Mrs. Riester, Mr. Kirkton, Pastor Mensing, Ms. Stearns

Nays: None

Mr. O'Malley presented item 9.2 – **Paper Bid**. Mr. Browne moved to approve item 9.2. Pastor Mensing seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

Ayes: Mr. Browne, Pastor Mensing, Mr. Kirkton, Mrs. Riester, Ms. Stearns

Nays: None

Mr. O'Malley presented item 9.3 – **PTAB Resolution to Sraga Hauser for Attorney Representation**. Mr. Kirkton moved to approve item 9.3. Mr. Browne seconded the motion. Mr. Browne asked if any businesses are applying for PTAB. Mr. O'Malley confirmed that some are applying. Roll call vote indicated:

Ayes: Mr. Kirkton, Mr. Browne, Pastor Mensing, Mrs. Riester, Ms. Stearns

Nays: None

Dr. Williams presented item 9.4 – **Adoption of Instructional Materials**. These items were reviewed at the committee level and were on display at the Administration Center. Mrs. Riester moved to approve item 9.4. Mr. Kirkton seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

Ayes: Mrs. Riester, Mr. Kirkton, Mr. Browne, Pastor Mensing, Ms. Stearns

Nays: None

Dr. Corbin presented item 9.5 – **Roof Repair Bid for Bremen High School to Riddiford Roofing**. Mr. Kirkton moved to approve item 9.5. Mr. Browne seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

Ayes: Mr. Kirkton, Mr. Browne, Pastor Mensing, Mrs. Riester, Ms. Stearns

Nays: None

Dr. Corbin presented item 9.6 – **Bid to Repair/Reseal District Parking Lots to Construction Management Corporation**. Pastor Mensing moved to approve item 9.6. Mrs. Riester seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

Ayes: Pastor Mensing, Mrs. Riester, Mr. Browne, Mr. Kirkton, Ms. Stearns

Nays: None

Dr. Corbin presented item 9.7 – **Bid to Install New Interior Doors at Hillcrest and Oak Forest High Schools to Semford Corporation**. Mr. Browne moved to approve item 9.7. Mr. Kirkton seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

Ayes: Mr. Browne, Mr. Kirkton, Pastor Mensing, Mrs. Riester, Ms. Stearns

Nays: None

Dr. Corbin presented item 9.8 – **Custodial Uniform Price List to Michaels Uniforms**. Mrs. Riester moved to approve item 9.8. Mr. Browne seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

Ayes: Mrs. Riester, Mr. Browne, Mr. Kirkton, Pastor Mensing, Ms. Stearns

Nays: None

Mr. Kendall presented item 9.9 – **Scariano Legal Bill**. Pastor Mensing moved that the invoice received from Scariano, Himes and Petrarca dated March 3, 2009 in the amount of \$138.60 for work performed in response to a subpoena, be disapproved in its entirety. Mrs. Riester seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

Ayes: Pastor Mensing, Mrs. Riester, Mr. Browne, Mr. Kirkton, Ms. Stearns

Nays: None

Dr. Mendenhall presented item 9.10 – **Personnel**. Pastor Mensing moved to approve item 9.10. Mrs. Riester seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

Ayes: Pastor Mensing, Mrs. Riester, Mr. Browne, Mr. Kirkton, Ms. Stearns

Nays: None

Certificated Staff

Change in Position

Colin Milton	Social Science Dept.	Bremen HS
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Resignation

Tammy Groenendal	Math Teacher	Oak Forest HS
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Educational Support Personnel

Employment

Anniece Bracey	Part-Time Secretary	Hillcrest HS
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Sheri McIntosh	Part-Time Secretary	Hillcrest HS
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- 1 At 8:42 p.m., Mrs. Riester made a motion to move to closed session to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of an employee or officer, and student discipline. Mr. Browne seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

Ayes: Mrs. Riester, Mr. Browne, Mr. Kirkton, Pastor Mensing, Ms. Stearns

Nays: None

At 10:42 p.m., Pastor Mensing made a motion to return to public session. Mrs. Riester seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

Ayes: Pastor Mensing, Mrs. Riester, Mr. Browne, Mr. Kirkton, Ms. Stearns

Nays: None

- 2 Pastor Mensing moved to expel student discipline #01030809 for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year and all of the 2009-10 school year as discussed in closed session. Mrs. Riester seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

Ayes: Pastor Mensing, Mrs. Riester, Mr. Browne, Mr. Kirkton, Ms. Stearns

Nays: None

Pastor Mensing moved to expel student discipline #03030809 for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year and first semester of the 2009-10 school year as discussed in closed session. Mr. Browne seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

Ayes: Pastor Mensing, Mr. Browne, Mr. Kirkton, Mrs. Riester, Ms. Stearns

Nays: None

Pastor Mensing moved to expel student discipline #03040809 for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year and first semester of the 2009-10 school year as discussed in closed session. Mrs. Riester seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

Ayes: Pastor Mensing, Mrs. Riester, Mr. Browne, Mr. Kirkton, Ms. Stearns

Nays: None

Closed Session

Student Discipline

Pastor Mensing moved to expel student discipline #01040809 for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year and first semester of the 2009-10 school year as discussed in closed session. Mr. Browne seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

Ayes: Pastor Mensing, Mr. Browne, Mr. Kirkton, Mrs. Riester, Ms. Stearns

Nays: None

- 1** Pastor Mensing moved to approve the revised addendum to an administrative contract as discussed in closed session. Mr. Browne seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

Ayes: Pastor Mensing, Mr. Browne, Mr. Kirkton, Mrs. Riester, Ms. Stearns

Nays: None

- 2** Ms. Stearns announced the following:

Educational Support Svcs.	4/28/09	7:00 p.m.	Ad Center
Personnel Committee	4/28/09	11:00 a.m.	Ad Center
Finance Committee	4/28/09	7:00 p.m.	Ad Center
Board of Education Meeting	5/5/09	7:00 p.m.	Bremen HS

She also announced that J.J. Bittenbinder will be speaking at Oak Forest High School at 11:00 a.m. on April 25 regarding self defense for women.

- 3** At 10:46 p.m., Mr. Browne made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Riester seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous.

Personnel

Announcements

Adjournment

President

Secretary