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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

BREMEN HIGH SCHOOL ~ TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009

1 President Stearns called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Call to Order

2 Board of Education

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Browne, Mr. Kirkton, Pastor Mensing, Mrs. Riester, Mr. Turner (arrived at 7:04), Ms. Stearns

Absent: Mrs. Gleason

Central Office & Principals

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

Absent: Dr. Zielinski

3 Mrs. Riester moved to approve the regular and closed session minutes of April 7, 2009 and the special and reorganization minutes of April 28, 2009. Mr. Browne seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

Minutes

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

Nays: None

4 Mr. Turner arrived.

Note

5 Dr. Kibelkis introduced Mrs. Kelly Gary to receive the Board Recognition Award of the Month. Mrs. Gary has served in the BACO Organization, Parent Involvement Group and Cheerleaders Booster Club. Ms. Stearns presented Mrs. Gary with a plaque in her honor.

Recognition Award

6 Dr. Kibelkis introduced the Bremen Drill Team to provide a presentation of their routines. The Drill Team won first place awards at the Eisenhower and Hillcrest competitions.

Presentations

Art students provided examples of their work from the A.P. Senior Art Show, which took place this evening. Jessica Janisse, Carissa, Athans, and Kaitlyn Kolodziejski showed examples of artwork using a variety of techniques.

Ms. Stearns asked Mr. Kibelkis to provide information regarding the program held at Bremen High School this year for Spanish speaking parents. Dr. Kibelkis stated

that two sessions with 25 parents in each were held each semester. The purpose of this program was to help parents better communicate and have more confidence. Included with the sessions were child care and tutoring for the children parents brought with them.

- 1 Ms. Stearns opened the floor to the public for comments. Ms. Annette Miggins, of Country Club Hills, asked for information regarding dropped classes. Mr. Kendall asked Ms. Miggins to complete a public participation form and he would respond to her request in a timely manner. There being no further public comments, Ms. Stearns closed the floor.

Communications

- 2 **Freedom of Information Act Requests**

Superintendent's Report

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

- Keith MacLeod, of the District Management Council in Cambridge, Massachusetts has requested information regarding special education spending. This request is being processed.

Superintendent's Report

- We are on the final stretch of the 2008-2009 school year with just a little over three weeks left before students and teachers leave for the summer. Final exams and graduations are upcoming. It has been a good school year, and we look forward to the 2009-2010 school year.
- This week has been designated Staff Appreciation Week in all of our schools. It takes an entire team including teachers, aides, secretaries, custodians, nurses, deans, PPS and technology staff to educate and fulfill the needs of each student on a daily basis. Thank you to our staff for working hard on behalf of our students.

- 3 Mr. Turner thanked the drill team for their performance this evening, and noted our district is rich in diversity, skills and talent. Mr. Turner also congratulated Bremen for the money raised for St. Baldrick's. He noted a ceremony for high-achieving students, hosted by the City of Country Club Hills, will be held at Hillcrest on May 11 at Hillcrest High School.

Board Member Reports

Ms. Stearns stated she participated in an essay judging contest for scholarships. She noted the students have ideas for improvements at the schools, one of which is that students do not get heard. She asked everyone to consider this comment. Ms. Stearns also thanked Lori DeVos for speaking at the prom assemblies regarding the loss of her son in an alcohol-related auto crash.

- 4 Brian Stotter provided good news for Bremen High School including: Juniors and seniors participated in a pre-prom mock car crash assembly on April 27, the Annual Employer Appreciation Banquet took place recently, TV Production students received awards at the South Suburban Film Fest, prom will take place at DiNolfo's in Homer Glen to the theme "Midnight Masquerade," and the Drama Club will be presenting "CSI: Neverland" beginning on May 7.

Good News Reports

Quinton Ware and Brittany Williams provided good news for Oak Forest High School including: The yearbook and newspaper students won the Lewis University IHSA Journalism Sectional Championship as well as other individual awards, Band and Choir students received the highest Division 1 ratings at the IHSA Solo and Ensemble. Communication Arts and Technology students won the Regional Award

of Distinction at the South Suburban Video Competition, and the Student Council collected 197 units of blood at their recent blood drive.

Mrs. Cracco provided good news for Tinley Park High School including: Tim Skronski was provided free tuition by the local American Legion to participate in the "Leadership in the Land of Lincoln" program at Eastern Illinois University this summer, staff member Erin Kelly recently received the Ron Ciastko Outstanding Illinois Advisor Award for BPA, the Seekers Club donated \$3,000 to world organizations, and the Senior Class will be hosting a blood drive.

Mrs. Simms provided good news for Hillcrest High School including: Ten ATP students attended the Cook County Bar Association's Annual Law Day Program on April 30; radio station V103 disc jockey and former Hillcrest grad Tony Sculfield attended the PSAE motivational assembly on April 8; art students Imani Williams, Camille Scott and Mona Wright participated in the Second Congressional District Art Exhibit recently; the Principal's Parent Advisory held a fashion show on April 25 and raised \$2,000 for the scholarship fund; and the Boys' Track Team won the H-F Invitational, the TP Relay Invitational, and their own Hillcrest Classic Invitational.

- 1 Mr. Turner reported that the Finance Committee met on April 28 to discuss monthly items, the 2009-10 operating budget, replacement hardware for technology, P.E. study guides, and a tax abatement resolution.

Mr. Kirkton reported that the Educational Support Services Committee met on April 28 to discuss a new tractor and the 10-year Life Safety report.

Pastor Mensing reported that the Personnel Committee met on April 28 to discuss a certificated retirement request, and employment of a P.E. teacher and a science teacher. They also discussed an educational support personnel medical leave request.

- 2 Mr. O'Malley presented item 9.1 including **Bills, Addendum to Bills, Payroll, and CDS Bills**. Mr. Browne moved to approve item 9.1. Mr. Turner seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Mr. O'Malley presented item 9.2 – the **Operating Budget**, explaining that recommendations will be brought to the Board in July for the Tentative Budget and in September for the Legal Budget. Pastor Mensing moved to approve item 9.2.

Mrs. Riester seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Mr. O'Malley presented item 9.3 – **Replacement Hardware for Technology**, stating that we work to remain on the cutting edge of technology while remaining fiscally responsible. Mr. Kirkton moved to approve item 9.3. Pastor Mensing seconded the motion. Mr. Browne asked what will be done with replacement units. Mr. Strietelmeier explained that the units are recycled. Roll call vote indicated:

Committee Reports

New Business

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

Nays: None

Mr. O'Malley presented item 9.4 – **P.E. Study Guides**. Mrs. Riester moved to approve item 9.4. Mr. Turner seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Dr. Williams presented item 9.5 – **the Summer Academy Proposals**. Summer academies will be held in each building for 8th and 9th graders and some 10th graders, and they are designed to best fit the needs of the students. Pastor Mensing moved to approve item 9.5. Mr. Browne seconded the motion. Mr. Turner asked if we are working with District 160 to be sure their 8th graders know about the academy. Dr. Williams confirmed. Mr. Browne asked what class sizes will be for the academies. Dr. Williams stated there are 15-20 in each class. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Dr. Corbin presented item 9.6 – **Tractor Bid** for Circle W. Mr. Browne moved to approve item 9.6. Mrs. Riester seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Mr. Kendall presented item 9.7 – **the Career Development System (CDS) Intergovernmental Agreement** between Districts 205, 215, 228, and 510 for the purpose of offering shared career and technical education programs. Mr. Turner moved to approve item 9.7. Mr. Browne seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Mr. Kendall presented item 9.8 – **2009-10 North Central Association (NCA) dues** in the amount of \$625 per school (the same amount as last year). Mr. Browne moved to approve item 9.8. Mr. Kirkton seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Mr. Kendall presented item 9.9 – **Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Membership Renewal** at no charge to the district. Mr. Turner moved to approve item 9.9. Mrs. Riester seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Mr. Kendall presented item 9.10 – **Resolution Honoring Community Support.** Pastor Mensing read the resolution as a motion. Mr. Turner seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Mr. Kendall presented item 9.11 – **Resolution Honoring Staff Members.** Pastor Mensing read the resolution as a motion. Mrs. Riester seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Dr. Mendenhall presented item 9.12 – **Personnel.** Mr. Browne moved to approve item 9.12. Mr. Turner seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Certificated Staff

Retirement

Susan O'Malley	English Teacher	Tinley Park HS
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Resignation

Daniel Uniek	Assistant Principal	Tinley Park HS
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Employment

Andrew Bandos	Science Teacher	Tinley Park HS
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Cassie Fouts	P.E. Teacher	Tinley Park HS
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Edward Sterling	PPS Coordinator	Bremen HS
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Earnest Sutton	Dean of Compliance	Hillcrest HS
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Jamilah Adebessin	Fine Arts Teacher	Hillcrest/Oak Forest HS
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Rachel Brinkman	Family & Consumer Science Teacher	Bremen HS
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Matthew Spreadbury	Science Teacher	Oak Forest HS
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Educational Support Personnel

Medical Leave

Edward Haugh	Maintenance/Groundsman	Oak Forest HS
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Change in Position

Marie Prutsman	Executive Secretary	Tinley Park HS
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- 1 At 8:03 p.m., Mr. Turner made a motion to move to closed session to consider information regarding negotiations. Pastor Mensing seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

Closed Session

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

Nays: None

At 9:20 p.m., Mr. Turner made a motion to return to public session. Mr. Kirkton seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

1 Ms. Stearns announced the following:

Special Board Mtg.	5/12/09	7:00 p.m.	Tinley Park HS
Personnel Committee	6/9/09	11:00 a.m.	Ad Center
Finance Committee	6/9/09	7:00 p.m.	Ad Center
Board of Education Mtg.	6/16/09	7:00 p.m.	Tinley Park HS

2 At 9:21 p.m., Mr. Turner made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Browne seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous.

Announcements

Adjournment

President

Secretary