



BREMEN HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 228 COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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BUDGET HEARING MEETING MINUTES HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL ~ TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

1 President Stearns called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Call to Order

2 Board of Education

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Browne, Mrs. Gleason, Mr. Kirkton, Pastor Mensing,
Mrs. Riester, Mrs. Stearns

Absent: Mr. Turner

Central Office & Principals

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

Absent: None

3 Mr. O'Malley presented information regarding the 2008-09 Bremen District 228 legal budget and the Career Development System (CDS) legal budget. Mrs. Stearns then opened the floor to the public for comment.

Public Hearing

Ms. Ruth Becker, of Midlothian, asked if the legal budget has increased since last year. Mr. O'Malley stated he will provide the information in writing.

There being no further public comments, Mrs. Stearns closed the floor to the public.

4 At 7:10 p.m. Mr. Browne made a motion to adjourn the Budget Hearing Meeting. Mrs. Gleason seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous.

Adjournment

President

Secretary



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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL ~ TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

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- 2 Board of Education
Present: Mr. Browne, Mrs. Gleason, Mr. Kirkton, Pastor Mensing, Mrs. Riester, Mrs. Stearns
Absent: Mr. Turner

Central Office & Principals
Present: Mr. Kendall, Mr. O'Malley, Dr. Mendenhall, Ms. Williams, Dr. Corbin, Mr. Strietelmeier, Ms. DeVos, Dr. Kibelkis, Dr. Zielinski, Mrs. Simms, Dr. Wilson
Absent: None
- 3 Dr. Mendenhall introduced new teaching staff members to the Board of Education and Administration.
- 4 Mr. Kirkton moved to approve the regular and closed session minutes of August 19, 2008. Mrs. Gleason seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:
Ayes: Mr. Kirkton, Mrs. Gleason, Mr. Browne, Pastor Mensing, Mrs. Riester
Nays: None
Abstain: Mrs. Stearns
- 5 Mrs. Stearns opened the floor to the public for comments. There being no public comments, Mrs. Stearns closed the floor to the public.
- 6 Principals provided opening of school reports. Principal Simms, Hillcrest High School, reported a six-day enrollment of 1,127, and provided information regarding the Smaller Learning Community program. Principal Simms also invited the Board of Education to the Country Club Hills "Back to School" parade on September 6.

Principal Wilson, Oak Forest High School, reported an enrollment of 1,488, and spoke regarding the orientation of freshmen, and the new Oak Forest "STARS" program.

Principal Zielinski, Tinley Park High School, reported an enrollment of 1,174 and spoke of a new testing slogan for the 2008-09 school year of, "Setting Our Sights on 70." She also provided information regarding strategies to increase reading scores at Tinley Park High School.

Call to Order

Roll Call

New Staff Introductions

Minutes

Communications

Start of School Reports

Principal Kibelkis, Bremen High School, reported an enrollment of 1,256 and stated 625 students have signed up for athletics. Dr. Kibelkis also provided information regarding an I.D. program for staff and students as well as a Silent Auction to be held on September 6 to raise monies for scholarships. He thanked the entire Parent Involvement Group for their help with the Silent Auction project.

1 Mr. O'Malley provided information regarding the 2008-09 District 228 legal budget and highlighted the following:

Budget Report

- In 2007, the Board of Education issued \$20M in Working Cash Bonds, which are being used to offset deficits and sustain the District.
- Reduced the budgeted FY09 deficit by over **\$1,200,000** vs. budgeted FY08 deficit for the operating funds (Education, O & M, Transportation, and Working Cash).
- Cut discretionary budget 10 to 20% resulting in a **\$130,128** reduction to the budget for supplies/materials.
- Cut back Technology budget by over **\$95,000** but still remain one of the cutting edge districts.
- Curtailed increases to health benefits with a favorable renewal saving over **\$70,000**.
- Worked very diligently to section staffing accordingly realizing a savings in salaries.
- Minimized expenditure increases despite built in salary increases (2.9% on base salary for certified staff & 3% increase for classified staff) costing over \$1,350,000.
- Budget includes an additional increase of \$500,000 for special education tuition.
- Initiated all of these savings without raising student registration fees.
- Maintained students and academics as the District's priority without elimination of student programs.
- No ISBE deficit reduction plan is required by the District for the FY09 budget.

Mr. Browne thanked Mr. O'Malley for doing an outstanding job, and noted that it is important for the public to understand that we have \$10 million in the bank with \$69 million in expenses and \$63 million in revenue. We will soon be in a bind unless our state legislators take action.

2 Mr. Kendall reported the following:

Superintendent's Report

Freedom of Information Act Requests

Since the last Board meeting, we have not received any Freedom of Information Act requests.

Superintendent's Report

- District 228 schools, along with our Board of Education, will once again be hosting Coffee Houses. The purpose of these events is to allow parents and community members to have the opportunity to meet Board of Education members and school administrators in a relaxed, conversational setting. They will be held from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on September 16 at Tinley Park High School, September 23 at Oak Forest High School, October 14 at Hillcrest High School, and October 21 at Bremen High School.

- Mr. Kendall asked for a moment of silence in memory of Steven Daniel, a supervision monitor at Hillcrest High School, who passed away this weekend.

1 There were no reports from Board members.

Board Member Reports

2 Mrs. Gleason reported that the Finance Committee met on August 26 to discuss monthly items, as well as the District 228 legal budget, the CDS legal budget, and transfer resolutions. Mrs. Gleason also noted that the committee discussed our transportation contract due to fuel prices.

Committee Reports

Pastor Mensing reported that the Personnel Committee met on August 26 to discuss certificated staff including employment positions. The Committee also discussed educational support personnel staff including employment positions, and a change in position.

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

New Business

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

Nays: None

Mr. O'Malley presented item 9.2 – **2008-09 District 228 Legal Budget**. Pastor Mensing read as a motion the resolution to approve the District 228 Legal Budget. Mrs. Riester seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Mr. O'Malley presented item 9.3 – **2008-09 Career Development System (CDS) Legal Budget**. Pastor Mensing moved to approve item 9.3. Mrs. Gleason seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Mr. O'Malley presented item 9.4 – **Transfer Resolutions** for the Tort Liability, Debt Services, and Working Cash Fund transfers. Mr. Browne moved to approve item 9.4. Mrs. Gleason seconded the motion. Mr. Browne asked what the purpose is for these transfers. Mr. O'Malley explained that the transfers are set up according to the accounting program manual. The transfer for Working Cash is to offset the balance in the IMR Fund. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Ms. Williams presented item 9.5 – **Additional Course Sections** including Economics/American Government for Oak Forest High School, Special

Education Resource for Bremen High School, and a ½ period of Resource for Tinley Park High School. Pastor Mensing moved to approve item 9.5. Mr. Kirkton seconded the motion. Mr. Browne asked for clarification regarding resource. Ms. Williams explained our ½ period resource procedures. Mrs. Riester asked if we will have to hire another person at Tinley Park High School. Ms. Williams stated we will not. Pastor Mensing asked why there is a maximum 20 student enrollment for special education. Ms. Williams explained that there is a state mandate at the high school level of no more than 20 students in special education resource classes. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Ms. Williams presented item 9.6 – **Overnight Field Trip** for the Tinley Park High School Cheerleaders. Mrs. Gleason moved to approve item 9.6. Mr. Browne seconded the motion. Mrs. Stearns asked how many cheerleaders are attending. Ms. Williams stated there are 18 attending. Mrs. Stearns asked if parents are also attending. Ms. Williams stated there are coaches attending and possibly, parents. Mr. Browne asked what resources will be used to pay for the trip. Ms. Williams stated each girl will pay \$300 along with \$700 in fundraising; no cost to the district. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Dr. Mendenhall presented item 9.7 – **Personnel**. Mrs. Riester moved to approve item 9.7. Mrs. Gleason seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Certificated Staff

Resignations

Kevin Seidel	Alt. Ed. Evening HS Director	
George McClarence	Spec. Ed. Services Facilitator	Bremen HS

Medical Leave

Sharon Ekpenyong	Math Teacher	Hillcrest HS
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Employment

Beth Kersjes	English Teacher	Hillcrest HS
Mary Bochenek	Math Tutor	Tinley Park HS
Tanisha Parks	6 th Class Assignment/.5 Resource	Tinley Park HS
Troy Weiss	Full-Time Substitute	Bremen HS
Kevin Proper	Full-Time Substitute	Tinley Park HS
Jennifer Veloz	Social Work Intern	Bremen HS
Gregory Slade	6 th Class Assignment/Business Tech.	Bremen HS
Kimberly Flannigan	6 th Class Assignment/Family & Consumer Science	Bremen HS
Chris Strelow	3 rd Class Assignment/Social Science	Oak Forest HS

Change in Position

Tiffany Mucha Special Education (60%) Bremen HS

Educational Support Personnel

Change in Position

Sandra Bylut Special Ed. Aide/RTI Aide Tinley Park HS

Employment

Lisa Skoczen Special Ed. Aide Bremen HS
Jennifer Cummings Special Ed. Aide Bremen HS
Jacquelyn Madon Special Ed. Aide Tinley Park HS

1 Mrs. Stearns announced the following:

Coffee House 9/16 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Tinley Pk. HS
Coffee House 9/23 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Oak Forest HS
Personnel Committee 9/30 11:00 a.m. Ad Center
Finance Committee 9/30 7:00 p.m. Ad Center
Board Meeting 10/7 7:00 p.m. Tinley Pk. HS
Coffee House 10/14 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Hillcrest HS
Coffee House 10/21 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Bremen HS

Announcements

2 At 8:00 p.m., Mr. Browne made a motion to adjourn. Pastor Mensing seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous.

Adjournment

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