



BREMEN HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 228

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

TINLEY PARK HIGH SCHOOL ~ TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2008

- 1 President Stearns called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2 Board of Education
Present: Mr. Browne (arrived at 7:12 p.m.), 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, Mr. Rybarczyk, Dr. Zielinski, Mrs. Simms (arrived at 7:25 p.m.), Mr. Dunne
Absent: Dr. Kibelkis, Dr. Wilson
- 3 Dr. Mendenhall introduced new teaching staff members to the Board of Education and Administration.
- 4 Mrs. Gleason moved to approve the budget hearing and regular session minutes of September 2, the Committee-of-the-Whole regular session and closed session minutes of September 9, the Committee-of-the-Whole minutes of September 16, and the Committee-of-the-Whole minutes of September 23. Mr. Kirkton seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:
Ayes: Mrs. Gleason, Mr. Kirkton, Pastor Mensing, Mrs. Riester, Mrs. Stearns
Nays: None
- 5 Dr. Zielinski introduced Officer Stan Tencza as the recipient of the Board Recognition Award of the Month. Officer Tencza has been a part of the school community since the late 1990's and was nominated for his dedication to students and staff by volunteering his time and expertise.
- 6 Mrs. Stearns opened the floor to the public for comments. There being no public comments, Mrs. Stearns closed the floor to the public.

Call to Order

Roll Call

New Staff Introductions

Minutes

Board Recognition Award of the Month

Communications

1 Mr. Kendall reported the following:

Since the last Board meeting, we have received a Freedom of Information Act request from Collin Hitt with the Illinois Policy Institute in Springfield. He requested information regarding contracts for education management organizations, tutoring services, virtual classes, speech therapy, physical therapy, alternative education, and substitute teachers. This request has been filled.

We also received a request from Michael Kleinik with Labor-Management Cooperation Committee in Burr Ridge. He requested information regarding seal coating contracts. This request has been filled.

Our Board of Education hosted two Coffee Houses in recent weeks, and will be holding two more on October 14 at Hillcrest High School and October 21 at Bremen High School. 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. Those who have attended are happy to be provided with an opportunity to have one-on-one discussions with the Board and staff.

The *SouthtownStar* has asked us for a reporter intern from each of our four schools. They are: Andy Manno for Bremen High School, Meghan Cetera for Tinley Park High School, Chelse Hill for Hillcrest High School, and Kristin Mastantuono for Oak Forest High School. Two stories were published on October 5. The first was by Bremen's Andy Manno, *The Ins and Outs for Incoming Freshman Students*. The second was by Tinley Park's Meghan Cetera, *Raising the Bar on the PSAE*. Congratulations to these students for being selected as interns.

Mr. Kendall welcomed and thanked our student participants for the evening. They will be presenting some of the monthly *Good News* items for their school, and are part of the Board's goal to bring physical proof that every decision is made with our students in mind.

2 Mr. Browne arrived at the meeting.

3 Dr. Zielinski introduced 62 ½ Titan Scholars to the Board of Education. Each accomplished student introduced his- or herself. Dr. Zielinski announced that a plaque will hang in the school listing the names of all of the Titan Scholars.

4 Board members wished Mr. Uniek, who was recently injured, a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Gleason announced that she and Mr. O'Malley recently attended a meeting regarding school funding.

5 Tinley Park High School student Zack Vaught provided good news announcements for Tinley Park High School. Dr. Zielinski introduced Katie Udstuen to the Board of Education. Katie is one of the school's media specialists, and she will be filling in for Mr. Uniek.

Oak Forest High School students Ralph Woolard and Ashley Dodge provided good news announcements for Oak Forest High School.

Hillcrest High School students Alexandra Owens and Camille Scott provided good news announcements for Hillcrest High School.

Bremen High School students Shaun Paymaster and Joe Hruban provided good news announcements for Bremen High School.

Note

Presentation

Board Member Reports

Good News Reports

Academic
Achievement
Report

Committee Reports

New Business

1 Ms. Williams provided information regarding academic achievement in all of our schools and the district. Included in the report were: (1) How the State sees District 228, (2) the Class of 2009 EPAS data, and (3) what our district/school initiatives are to increase student achievement. This information will be posted to the web site.

2 Mrs. Gleason reported that the Finance Committee met on September 30 to discuss monthly items, as well as a PTAB Authorizing Resolution and a Revised Fund Transfer Resolution.

Mrs. Riester reported that the Teaching and Learning Committee met on September 16 to discuss the academic achievement flow chart, curriculum handbook changes, and additional section requests.

Mr. Kirkton reported that the Educational Support Services Committee met on September 23 to discuss water issues at Hillcrest and Tinley Park High Schools, review the summer 2008 capital improvement digital presentation, review and discuss lease versus purchase of driver education automobiles, and discuss the purpose and cost of a 10-year Life Safety study.

Mrs. Stearns reported that the Labor-Management Committee met on September 2 and explained that these meetings are closed sessions for the purpose of collective negotiations matters; therefore, no summary report was presented.

Pastor Mensing reported that the Personnel Committee met on September 30. Mr. O'Malley filled in for Dr. Mendenhall who was ill. The committee discussed certificated staff recommendations including maternity leave, resignations, employment, and a change in position. The committee also discussed educational support personnel recommendations including a leave of absence, employment, and a retirement.

3 Mr. O'Malley presented item 10.1 including **Bills, Addendum to Bills, Payroll, and CDS Bills**. Mr. Browne moved to approve item 10.1. Mrs. Gleason seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Mr. O'Malley presented item 10.2 – a **PTAB Authorizing Resolution** allowing Sraga Hauser, LLC, to represent the District with respect to PTAB filings and appeals. Mrs. Riester moved to approve item 10.2. Mr. Browne seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Mr. O'Malley presented item 10.3 – **Revised Fund Transfer Resolution**. Pastor Mensing moved to approve item 10.3. Mr. Browne seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Ms. Williams presented item 10.4 – **Additional Course Sections** for Bremen, Tinley Park, and Hillcrest High Schools. Pastor Mensing moved to approve item 10.4. Mr. Kirkton seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Ms. Williams presented item 10.5 – **Overnight Field Trips** for Tinley Park and Oak Forest High Schools. Ms. Williams also noted that there is no cost to the district for these field trips. Mrs. Gleason moved to approve item 10.5. Mr. Browne seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Ms. Williams presented item 10.6 – **Curriculum Handbook Changes** in the areas of science and physical education. Mrs. Riester moved to approve item 10.6. Mrs. Gleason seconded the motion. Pastor Mensing asked about the names of Advanced Placement courses already in the handbook. Ms. Williams explained they are not in the handbook at all. Pastor Mensing then asked if it is possible that these titles could be more descriptive to the courses. Ms. Williams stated these titles are actual names of college board courses. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Ms. Williams presented item 10.7 – **Application for Recognition of Schools** for each of our high schools and Delta Academy. Pastor Mensing moved to approve item 10.7. Mrs. Gleason seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Dr. Corbin presented item 10.8 – **Driver Education Automobile Lease Agreement** at a rate of \$295 per car for Saturn of Orland Park. Mr. Browne moved to approve item 10.8. Mr. Kirkton seconded the motion. Mrs. Gleason asked if the cars will only be leased for driver education or year round. Dr. Corbin stated they will be used during the school year. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Dr. Corbin presented item 10.9 – **10-Year Life Safety Study** by Architectural Resource Corporation. Mr. Kirkton moved to approve item 10.9. Mrs. Gleason seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Mr. Kendall presented item 10.10 – a recommendation for the disapproval of a **Scariano legal bill**. Pastor Mensing moved that the invoice from Scariano, Himes and Petrarca dated September 3, 2008 in the amount of \$173.25 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, Mrs. Gleason,
Mr. Kirkton, Mrs. Stearns

Nays: None

Dr. Mendenhall presented item 10.11 – **Personnel/Addenda**. Pastor Mensing moved to approve item 10.11. Mrs. Gleason seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Certificated Staff

Maternity Leave

Maureen Wallace	English Teacher	Oak Forest HS
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Resignations

Nina Tica	School Nurse	Hillcrest HS
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Employment

Martha Turkington	Special Ed. Services Facilitator	Bremen HS
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Erin Blievernicht	Math Tutor	Hillcrest HS
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Kenneth Johnson	ACT Work Keys Facilitator	Hillcrest HS
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Gregory Howe	ACT Work Keys Facilitator	Hillcrest HS
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Change in Position

Michael Cicirale	Alt. Ed. Evening High School Director	Hillcrest HS
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Evisha Ford	Alt. Ed. Evening High School Director	Bremen HS
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Jane Dempsey	PPS Behavioral Support Services Supervisor	Oak Forest HS
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Edwin Lipowski	PPS Academic Support Services Supervisor	Bremen HS
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Katherine Udstuen	Assistant Principal (Substitute)	Tinley Park HS
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Full-Time Substitute

James Burnette		Tinley Park HS
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Tamyka Kimbrough	Theme Grader	Tinley Park HS
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Matthew Gorney	Theme Grader	Hillcrest HS
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Educational Support Personnel

Leave of Absence

Sarah Hartmann	Special Education Aide	Oak Forest HS
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Retirement

Kathleen Parrish	IMC Aide	Hillcrest HS
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Resignation

Melvin Jones Custodian Hillcrest HS

Employment

Laura Keating Special Education Aide Tinley Park HS
Karl Schwartz Custodian Bremen HS

1 At 8:30 p.m., Mr. Browne made a motion to move to closed session to consider information regarding student discipline. Mrs. Gleason seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

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

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

Nays: None

Closed Session

2 Pastor Mensing moved to expel student discipline #02010809 for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year and all of the 2009-10 school year due to a violation of school policy as discussed in closed session on October 7, 2008. Mrs. Gleason seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Student Discipline

3 Mrs. Stearns announced the following:

Coffee House	10/14	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Hillcrest HS
Policy Committee	10/14	8:00 p.m.	Hillcrest HS
Coffee House	10/21	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Bremen HS
Teaching & Learning Com.	10/21	8:00 p.m.	Bremen HS
Personnel Committee	10/28	11:00 a.m.	Ad Center
Finance Committee	10/28	7:00 p.m.	Ad Center
Board of Education Meeting	11/4	7:00 p.m.	Bremen HS

Announcements

4 At 9:22 p.m., Pastor Mensing made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Gleason seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous.

Adjournment

President

Secretary