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“YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT” BOARD MEETING MINUTES OAK FOREST HIGH SCHOOL ~ TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2008

1 President Stearns provided an introduction to the “Youth in Government” Board of Education meeting. In preparation for this evening’s meeting, students attended an in-school field trip with district administrators to prepare for their roles in the meeting. They learned the duties of the Board of Education, the roles of the district administrators, and the process of putting together, preparing for, and running a Board meeting. Mrs. Stearns welcomed the students and introduced her student representative, Brendan O’Donnell.

2 President O’Donnell called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

3 Board of Education

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

Absent: Mr. Turner

Student Board of Education

Megan Allen (Mr. Browne), Christopher Potter (Mrs. Gleason), Berrett Chestleigh (Mr. Kirkton), Kelly McAdams (Pastor Mensing), Jen Theisinger (Mrs. Riester), Lana Bustami (Mr. Turner), Brendan O’Donnell (Mrs. Stearns)

Administrators & Principals

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

Absent: Dr. Zielinski

Student Administrators

Sunny Patel (Mr. Kendall), Kourtney Hicks (Mr. O’Malley), Tianna Miller (Dr. Mendenhall), Deaira Terry (Ms. Williams), Brittiany Darge (Dr. Corbin), Dynisha Motta (Mr. Strietelmeier), Paige Baker (Ms. DeVos)

Introduction to
Youth in
Government

Call to Order

Roll Call

1 Ms. Bustami moved to approve the regular and closed session minutes of November 4, and the regular and closed session committee-of-the-whole minutes of November 18. Mr. Potter seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

Ayes: Ms. Bustami, Mr. Potter, Ms. Allen, Mr. Chestleigh, Ms. McAdams, Ms. Theisinger, Mr. O'Donnell

Nays: None

2 Dr. Wilson introduced Annette Powell as the recipient of the Board Recognition Award of the Month. Ms. Powell, mother of Matt (2006 graduate) and Chris (senior), has volunteered for many years as a Football Booster Club officer and member. She ran concessions, organized banquets, planned fundraising events, assisted with parent meetings, and served as a liaison for parents, players, and coaches. Mr. O'Donnell and Mrs. Stearns presented Ms. Powell with a special plaque in her honor.

3 Dr. Wilson introduced Athletic Director Katie Welsh and a group of Oak Forest High School students to present information learned in their personal wellness class. Information was provided on the benefits of understanding nutritional content in foods and the benefits of exercising.

4 Students from each of our schools (Brendan O'Donnell, Sunny Patel, Paige Baker, Kourtney Hicks, Megan Allen, Kelly McAdams, Brittiany Darge, Kara Roti, Dynisha Motta, Desmond Goodloe, and Allison Zale) presented information they learned about the duties of the district administrators and the process followed to prepare for a Board of Education meeting.

5 Mr. O'Donnell opened the floor to the public for comments. Ms. Mary Ericksen of Posen spoke regarding sophomore physical education and driver education. Mr. Kendall informed Ms. Erickson that she will be contacted by a district administrator to work through her concerns. There being no further public comments, Mr. O'Donnell closed the floor to the public.

6 Mr. Patel reported the following:

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

- Ms. Mary Erickson of Posen, Illinois requested a list of overloaded classes at Bremen High School including the number of students. This request is being filled.
- Mr. Larry Bonner of Richton Park, Illinois requested a hard copy of the Board Policy regarding residency. This request is being filled.

Superintendent's Report

- Mr. Patel congratulated staff members who recently earned the honor of Coach of the Year. They are: Bremen's Soccer Coach Steve Granat, Hillcrest's Girls' Cross Country Coach Dave Braden, and Oak Forest's Boys' Cross Country Coach Gary Andruch. Earning the honor for the second year in a row are: Oak Forest's Volleyball Coach Amanda Brown and Oak Forest's Softball Coach Paige Stryczek.
- Oak Forest High School's Volleyball Team recently attended the Sectional Volleyball Tournament at Crete-Monee High School. Also in attendance was the Oak Forest High School Pep Club. During the National Anthem, the hosts began experiencing technical difficulties

Minutes

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Superintendent's Report

and the Anthem stopped playing. One by one, the Oak Forest Pep Club began singing the Anthem and soon, everyone in attendance joined in.

Mr. Kendall received a very nice letter about these students from a Momence resident. She stated, "It was perhaps one of the most moving moments of nationalism I have experienced." My congratulations and thanks are extended to the Pep Club.

- Tomorrow is our annual Senior Citizen Luncheon at all four schools. The luncheon provides an opportunity for these residents to visit our school buildings, meet students and staff, and enjoy lunch.
- December 19 is the last day of school and the end of first semester before Winter Break. On behalf of the Board and Administrative Team, Mr. Kendall extended best wishes for a safe and restful break.

1 Ms. Allen reported that Mr. Browne and other Board members attended the annual Board conference in Chicago. It was a great learning and networking experience.

Board Member Reports

2 Oak Forest students Parker Carol and Natalie Fiore presented the good news report for Oak Forest High School for the past month including a Student Council food drive, athletic accomplishments, National Honor Society donations, and toys donated for pediatric oncology.

Good News Reports

Hillcrest students Chelse Hill and Michael Young presented the good news for Hillcrest High School for the past month including honor roll, Carson's coupon day donations, and athletic accomplishments.

Bremen student Mitchel Delarosa presented the good news for Bremen High School for the past month including the Key Club blood drive, the National Honor society food drive, a folk-art culture project, and athletic accomplishments.

Tinley Park student Zack Vaught presented the good news for Tinley Park High School for the past month including the fall play, work to support the troops, and the senior citizen luncheon.

3 Mr. Potter reported that the Finance Committee met on November 25 to discuss monthly items, as well as the 2008 aggregate levy, tax abatement resolutions, and a tax abatement payment. The committee also discussed legislative information.

Committee Reports

Mr. Chestleigh reported that the Educational Support Services Committee met on November 25 to discuss capital improvements and leasing versus purchasing tractors and lawn mowers.

Ms. McAdams reported that the Personnel Committee met on November 25 to discuss certificated staff maternity leaves and employment positions as well as educational support personnel employment and promotions.

4 Ms. Hicks presented item 12.1 including **Bills, Addendum to Bills, Payroll, and CDS Bills**. Mr. Potter moved to approve item 12.1. Ms. Bustami seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

New Business

Ayes: Mr. Potter, Ms. Bustami, Ms. Allen, Mr. Chestleigh, Ms. McAdams, Ms. Theisinger, Mr. O'Donnell

Nays: None

Ms. Hicks presented item 12.2 – **Tax Abatement Resolutions**. Mr. Potter moved to approve item 12.2. Ms. Allen seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

Ayes: Mr. Potter, Ms. Allen, Ms. Bustami, Mr. Chestleigh, Ms. McAdams, Ms. Theisinger, Mr. O'Donnell

Nays: None

Ms. Hicks presented item 12.3 – **Tax Abatement Payment**. Mr. Potter moved to approve item 12.3. Ms. Theisinger seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

Ayes: Mr. Potter, Ms. Theisinger, Ms. Allen, Ms. Bustami, Mr. Chestleigh, Ms. McAdams, Mr. O'Donnell

Nays: None

Ms. Darge presented item 12.4 – **2009-10 Capital Improvements**. Mr. Chestleigh moved to approve item 12.4. Ms. Theisinger seconded the motion. Mr. O'Donnell asked if the price provided is for both abatement and new tile installations. Dr. Corbin stated it will be for both schools and the exact price depends on the bids; the price listed is based on the previous estimate of Architectural Resources. Roll call vote indicated:

Ayes: Mr. Chestleigh, Ms. Theisinger, Ms. Allen, Ms. Bustami, Ms. McAdams, Mr. Potter, Mr. O'Donnell

Nays: None

Mr. Patel presented item 12.5 – **Board Policy – 2nd & Final Reading**. Ms. Bustami moved to approve revisions to sections 2:105 (Ethics & Gift Ban), 2:120 (Board Member Development), 4:20 (Fund Balances), 4:50 (Payment Procedures), 4:80 (Accounting & Audits, and 4:170 (Safety) as discussed at the October 14 Policy Committee meeting, for full Board approval as 2nd & Final Reading. First Reading took place at the November 4, 2008 Board of Education meeting. Mr. Potter seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

Ayes: Ms. Bustami, Mr. Potter, Ms. Allen, Mr. Chestleigh, Ms. McAdams, Ms. Theisinger, Mr. O'Donnell

Nays: None

Ms. Miller presented item 12.6 – **Personnel**. Ms. McAdams moved to approve item 12.6. Ms. Bustami seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

Ayes: Ms. McAdams, Ms. Bustami, Ms. Allen, Mr. Chestleigh, Mr. Potter, Ms. Theisinger, Mr. O'Donnell

Nays: None

Certificated Staff

Maternity Leave

Tamara Hill-Pryor	Nurse	Bremen HS
Michelle Miszczak	Math Teacher	Tinley Park HS

Resignation

Patricia Ulbricht	Special Ed. Services Facilitator	Tinley Park HS
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Employment

Madonna Pufant	Nurse	Hillcrest HS
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Educational Support Personnel

Employment

Kali Gooden	Supervision Monitor	Hillcrest HS
Thomas Nadolski	Weekend Custodian	Bremen HS
Lynette Majewski	ELL Aide	Oak Forest HS

Change in Position

Gerald Sala	Lead 3 rd Shift Custodian	Bremen HS
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- 1 Mrs. Stearns explained that Board of Education members must take a **vote to ratify the votes of the student participants** (item 12.7). Mrs. Riester moved to ratify the votes taken by the members of the Youth in Government as the designated delegates of the elected members of the Board of Education for the Board meeting. Mrs. Gleason seconded the motion. Mrs. Stearns thanked all students who participated in the Youth in Government Board meeting. Mr. Kendall thanked Ms. DeVos for coordinating the project, and noted the professionalism of these students. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Vote to Ratify Youth in Government Votes

- 2 Mr. O'Malley presented item 12.8 – **2008 Aggregate Tax Levy**. Mrs. Gleason moved to approve item 12.8. Mr. Browne seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

2008 Aggregate Tax Levy

- 3 Mr. Kendall presented item 12.9 – **Scariano Invoice**. Pastor Mensing moved that the invoice received from Scariano, Himes and Petrarca dated November 7, 2008 in the amount of \$4,737.34 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

Scariano Invoice

- 4 At 8:14 p.m., Mrs. Gleason made a motion to move to closed session to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, performance or dismissal of an employee or officer, and pending litigation. Mr. Browne seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

Closed Session

At 10:22 p.m., Mrs. Gleason made a motion to return to public session. Mrs. Riester seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

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

Nays: None

1 Mrs. Stearns announced the following:

Student Services Committee	12/10	6:30 p.m.	Ad Center
Personnel Committee	12/16	11:00 a.m.	Ad Center
Finance Committee	12/30	7:00 p.m.	Ad Center
Teaching & Learning Committee	12/30	7:00 p.m.	Ad Center
Board of Education Meeting	1/6	7:00 p.m.	Hillcrest HS

Announcements

2 At 10:23 p.m., Pastor Mensing made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Riester seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous.

Adjournment

President

Secretary