

Meeting of the Board of Education  
Country Club Hills School District 160  
Tuesday, May 26, 2009

Southwood Middle School  
18635 S. Lee Street  
Country Club Hills, Illinois

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Densmore at 6:16 p.m. Upon roll call, members Densmore, Doss, Hutson (seated at 7:18 p.m.), Mackey, and McClelland were found to be present. Absent: Giles and Turner. Also in attendance: Superintendent Scott, Assistant Superintendent Jones, and Business Manager Peeks.

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The assembly participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Closed Session**

At 6:18 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. McClelland, seconded by Mrs. Mackey, that the Board recess to closed session to consider information regarding the (1) appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; (2) collective negotiating matters; (3) security procedures; (4) the sale or purchase of securities, investments, or investment contracts. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted *aye*: Mrs. Doss, Mrs. Mackey, Mrs. McClelland, and Mrs. Densmore. Motion carried.

**Recess to Closed Session**

At 7:10 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. McClelland, seconded by Mrs. Mackey, that the Board reconvene to open session. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted *aye*: Mrs. Doss, Mrs. Mackey, Mrs. McClelland, and Mrs. Densmore. Motion carried.

**Reconvene to Open Session**

Upon Vice President Densmore's recommendation, it was moved by Mrs. McClelland, seconded by Mrs. Mackey, that the Board of Education, School District 160, Country Club Hills, Cook County, Illinois, does hereby approve the agenda for the meeting of May 26, 2009. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted *aye*: Mrs. Doss, Mrs. Mackey, Mrs. McClelland, and Mrs. Densmore. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes  
and Financial Statements**

It was moved by Mrs. McClelland, seconded by Mrs. Mackey, that the Board of Education, School District 160, Country Club Hills, Cook County, Illinois, does hereby approve the minutes of its meetings of April 28, 2009 and its Special Meetings of May 4, 2009, and May 19, 2009. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted *aye*: Mrs. Doss, Mrs. Mackey, Mrs. McClelland, and Mrs. Densmore. Motion carried.

**Minutes of Meetings  
of the Board**

It was moved by Mrs. McClelland, seconded by Mrs. Mackey, that the Board of Education, School District 160, Country Club Hills, Cook County, Illinois, does hereby approve the disbursement journal—including imprest, accounts payable and payroll expenditures—for May 26, 2009, does thereby authorize payment of expenses itemized therein, to wit:

**Disbursement Journal for  
the month of May 26, 2009**

<u>Fund</u>		
Educational	\$	281,931.95
Tort Immunity	\$	0.00
Software	\$	0.00
Operations/Maintenance	\$	108,579.54
Facility Lease	\$	0.00
Transportation	\$	97,823.85
Site and Construction	\$	0.00
Fire Prevention/Safety	\$	0.00
IDES	\$	8,467.29
Fees	\$	814.20
<u>Total Accounts Payable</u>	\$	<u>497,616.83</u>

Payrolls

05/01/09	\$	321,925.94
05/15/09	\$	337,247.30
<u>Total Payrolls</u>	\$	<u>659,173.24</u>

Total Disbursement Journal \$ 1,156,790.07

Upon roll call vote, the following members voted *aye*: Mrs. Doss, Mrs. Mackey, Mrs. McClelland, and Mrs. Densmore. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Mackey, seconded by Mrs. McClelland, that the Board of Education, School District 160, Country Club Hills, Cook County, Illinois, does hereby receive and cause to be placed on file financial statements—Summary of Fund Balance, Statement of Position, Statement of Revenue Accounts, and Statement of Expenditure Accounts—for the month ended April 30, 2009. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted *aye*: Mrs. Doss, Mrs. Mackey, Mrs. McClelland, and Mrs. Densmore. Motion carried.

Financial Statements for the  
Period Ended April 30, 2009

**Public Hearing**

It was moved by Mrs. McClelland, seconded by Mrs. Mackey, that the Board open the floor to a public hearing concerning the intent to sell Working Cash Fund bonds. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted *aye*: Mrs. Doss, Mrs. Mackey, Mrs. McClelland, and Mrs. Densmore. Motion carried.

Floor Open to Public

[Mrs. Hutson was seated at 7:18 p.m.]

Ms. Peeks, Business Manager, explained the purpose of the public hearing was to invite public comments on the proposal to sell bonds of the District in the amount of \$3,500,000, for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the district. This proposal allows the district to access additional funds realized from the referendum that was passed in February, 2008.

There being no questions and/or comments from members of the audience, it was moved by Mrs. Mackey, seconded by Mrs. McClelland, to close the floor to the public. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted *aye*: Mrs. Doss, Mrs. Hutson, Mrs. Mackey, Mrs. McClelland, and Mrs. Densmore. Motion carried.

Floor Closed to Public

Mrs. Densmore, on behalf of the Board of Education, presented a plaque to Mrs. Kathleen Jackson and Mrs. Barbara Oliver for their years of dedicated service to the school district as school board members. Dr. Scott extended an invitation to those in attendance to remain for a small reception in their honor following the meeting.

**Special Recognition:  
Honoring Out-Going  
School Board Members**

It was with great pleasure that Dr. Scott reported that while the state’s expectations for best average daily attendance is 90%, Meadowview and Southwood both exceeded that expectation with a 95.79% attendance rate for April, and will share the attendance award. Congratulations to Meadowview and Southwood.

**Special Presentation:  
Attendance Award**

Dr. Jones introduced the teachers who worked with our students coaching them for their participation in the Math Bowl held at Prairie State College on May 6 & 7, 2009. The coaches were presented with Certificates of Appreciation and the children listed below received a medallion celebrating their participation, with special kudos extended to Division 1 (Grades 1 and 2) for their 6<sup>th</sup> place showing.

**Special Presentation:  
Math Bowl**

Grade 1	Monica Brown	Kayla Shannon	Jahlil Pettis, alt.
Grade 2	Bolutife Oladapo	Olivia Perry	Tamia Green, alt.
Grade 3	Idia Ogbomoh	“Bintu” Soyeye	Mosopefoluwa Kusora, alt.
Grade 4	Ezenna C-Madu	Tierra Shannon	Jayla Luckett, alt.
Grade 5	Kwintyn Pointer	Matthew Jones	Taylor Miller, alt.
Grade 6	Dedrick Shannon	Kyle Kos	Mary Burden, alt.

Grade 7 Samerria Hendricks David Holden  
Grade 8 Christopher White Alynn Franklin Megan Cook, alt.

Sykuta held a school-wide spelling bee on May 13<sup>th</sup> with the students listed below being recognized for their placement in the competition. A Certificate of Achievement was presented to the children listed below:

**Special Presentation:  
Sykuta Spelling Bee**

Overall winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Jordan Couch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Dante Ross, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Bolutife-Grade Oladapo

Other finalists included:

Kindergarten Cortnei Taylor Sydney Lewis-Knight Justin Luckett  
First Grade Iyania Golliday Soncera'e Hamiter  
Second Grade Teanna Watts

**Recognition of Public**

Upon Mrs. Densmore's recommendation, it was moved by Mrs. McClelland, seconded by Mrs. Mackey, that the public forum part of Recognition of Public be opened. Upon voice vote, Mrs. Densmore declared the *ayes* to prevail. Motion carried.

Public Forum—Opened

Noting that all members of the audience who wished to address the Board were offered the opportunity, and upon Mrs. Densmore's recommendation, it was moved by Mrs. Hutson, seconded by Mrs. McClelland, that the public forum part of Recognition of Public be closed. Upon voice vote, Mrs. Densmore declared the *ayes* to prevail. Motion carried.

Public Forum—Closed

**Reports of the  
Board of Education**

Mrs. Densmore requested a moment of silence in deference to the passing of Ms. Giles mother.

Mrs. Densmore, acting on President Giles' behalf, made the following appointments:

**Committee Assignments**

Appointed to the Executive Committee: Mrs. Densmore, Mrs. McClelland, and Mrs. Turner, with Mrs. Densmore as the Chair.

**Executive Committee**

Appointed to the Business Committee: Mrs. Hutson, Mrs. Turner, and Mrs. Mackey, with Mrs. Turner as the Chair.

**Business Committee**

IASB: Mrs. Densmore  
NSBA: Ms. Giles  
SCOPE: Mrs. Densmore  
TAB: Mrs. Doss

No additional report.

**President's Report**

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

**Personnel Matter**

Upon Superintendent Scott's recommendation, it was moved by Mrs. Doss, seconded by Mrs. Mackey, that the Board of Education, School District 160, Country Club Hills, Cook County, Illinois, does hereby approve the employment of Shawn Jackson as Assistant Principal, Sykuta School, commencing on or about August 1, 2009 and terminating on or about June 30, 2010, at an annualized salary of \$59,500, and subject to benefits and provisions as may be found in an employment contract to be signed by Shawn Jackson and, on behalf of the Board of Education, by its President and Secretary. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted *aye*: Mrs. Doss, Mrs. Hutson, Mrs. Mackey, Mrs. McClelland, and Mrs. Densmore. Motion carried.

Employment —Shawn Jackson

Upon Superintendent Scott’s recommendation, it was moved by Mrs. Hutson, seconded by Mrs. McClelland, that the Board of Education, School District 160, Country Club Hills, Cook County, Illinois, does hereby approve the employment of Pamela Duffield as Art teacher, Meadowview School, and an employee of School District 160, for the 2009-2010 academic year, commencing on or about August 24, 2009 and terminating on or about June 11, 2010, at an annualized salary of \$32,671, [Step 1/Level 1], said employment contingent upon: (1) Pamela Duffield’s compliance with all applicable laws of the State of Illinois; (2) all conditions of the Collection Bargaining Agreement then in effect with the Country Club Hills Education Association or as, from time to time, amended; (3) all stipulations of an individual contract to be signed by Pamela Duffield and, on behalf of the Board of Education, by its President and Secretary. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted *aye*: Mrs. Doss, Mrs. Hutson, Mrs. Mackey, Mrs. McClelland, and Mrs. Densmore. Motion carried.

**Consent/Action Items**

Contract Extension for Illinois School Bus Company

Upon Superintendent Scott’s recommendation, it was moved by Mrs. McClelland, seconded by Mrs. Mackey, that the Board of Education, School District 160, Country Club Hills, Cook County, Illinois, does hereby approve a one year extension for the 2009-2010 school year to Illinois School Bus Company and Alpha School Bus, with a 1.7% increase. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted *aye*: Mrs. Doss, Mrs. Hutson, Mrs. Mackey, Mrs. McClelland, and Mrs. Densmore. Motion carried.

**Information Items**

Board Calendar

Dr. Scott reminded the Board of the importance of staying on the agreed upon timelines towards achieving board goals. The month of May was used for the purpose of developing the goals and it is necessary to strive towards implementation through continued meetings with Dusty Patrick. A Special Meeting is needed as the governing board to discuss Phases I, II, and III.

LifeTouch Photograph

Dr. Scott informed members arrangements have been made with our school photographers to be at Southwood on the evening of the July 28 board meeting for the purpose of taking pictures of the new members, and also a group photo. This session has been scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

Targeting Student Learning Workshop

The next session with Dusty Patrick will focus on parent/community related policies. The date of June 30, 2009, was discussed and agreed upon. Prior to this meeting, Dr. Scott suggested members review the pertinent board policies to insure an informative and productive meeting.

**Supplementary Report**

**Assistant Superintendent**

Dr. Jones had no report in addition to the Math Bowl and Spelling Bee winners recognized earlier in the evening.

**Business Manager**

Technology

Ms. Peek reported on the following:

The recommendation to replace Edutest, one of our assessment tools, with NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) is under consideration. NWEA provides a more clearly defined understanding, on an individual basis, of the students’ areas in need of improvement.

Building and Grounds

As the school year is winding down, so are the requests being entered into Facility Tree.

Cleaning bids have been received and analyzed. The next step involves checking references and doing some actual site visits to see first hand how buildings are being maintained. The goal is to award the contract to the lowest, responsible bidder.

Summer Projects

Scheduled projects at Southwood School will commence immediately following the end of the school year. They include roof replacement toilet renovations, and installation of

of new bleachers. All of these projects have gone out to bid, proposals reviewed, contracts signed and work ready to begin.

Financially, the district is doing better than anticipated with 82% of our budget expended. We are awaiting our Federal General State Aid (stimulus money). This money carries with it the necessity of creating new accounts, new tracking codes and the stipulation that the money be spent as soon as it is received. These stipulations are necessary to insure the auditors are able to differentiate these funds from regular general state aid. Insurance wise, we have been informed of a 2.8% increase in our medical costs, a minimal amount compared to other districts.

Financials

Working collaboratively with Ms. Merritt, she submitted a proposal for funding to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to our students during the 2009-2010 school year. Funding was awarded in the amount of \$24,966, with less than 10% of the amount being earmarked for administrative costs. As part of the Wellness Program, these funds will be used to introduce different fruits and vegetables to the children outside of their normal lunch time.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable  
Program in Illinois

Mrs. Densmore inquired as to whether there is any tracking taking place to determine the number of requests and which building they come from for work orders entered into Facility Tree. She was informed that information is tallied by school.

Mrs. Martin was not in attendance at this evening's meeting.

Director of Special Services

Dr. Scott reported:

Board members are requested to be at the Tinley Park Convention Center by 5:45 p.m. for the 6:00 graduation ceremonies on Friday, May 29. Robes have been ordered and will be delivered on Thursday.

Superintendent of Schools  
Graduation

Her thanks were extended to Mrs. Turner and Aldermen Hutson and Lockett for their support of Sykuta's Field Day. With their financial support, and over 100 parents volunteering their time, it is sure to be an enjoyable day for all.

Sykuta's Field Day

Meadowview's music concert is scheduled for Friday, 9:00 a.m., not Thursday.

Meadowview's Music Concert

The children in Mrs. Richardson's gifted class visited McAllister Nursing Home and spent time with some of the residents visiting, and doing various arts and crafts projects.

Community Service Project

Teachers, students, and parents have donated their time on weekends working on a project at Southwood to beautify the outside grounds. Also, Dr. Amudoaghan's classes have been working on how to drain water from the "island" in front of the building.

Southwood Beautification Project

### Supplementary Reports

Mrs. Hutson wanted to make sure the TSL meeting was scheduled for June 30, 6:00 p.m., at Southwood School, and was informed that information was correct.

Clarification of Meeting Date  
and Time

Mrs. Densmore commented that the concert at Southwood was excellent with Mr. Macon shining as the star performer.

Southwood Concert

### Adjournment

It was moved by Mrs. McClelland, seconded by Mrs. Mackey, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon voice vote, Mrs. Densmore declared the *ayes* to prevail. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.