

**KILDEER COUNTRYSIDE  
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 96  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Minutes for November 14, 2017**

**Call To Order**

Mr. Tepper called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the large gymnasium of Ivy Hall School.

**Roll Call**

Present: James Strezewski, Meg Woodman, Renee Klass, Cynthia Zarkowsky, Liz Dietz and Marc Tepper

Absent: Mike Burns

**Welcome to Visitors**

President Tepper welcomed members of the faculty, community, and press. In Mr. Burns' absence, Mr. Strezewski was appointed secretary pro tem. Hailey Mulvihill, 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Twin Groves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Student Recognition**

The Board recognized student champions in the Patriots Athletic Conference Cross Country and Basketball Competitions, students who participated in the Illinois Music Educators Association Festival on November 4, 2017, and student members of Catalyst Club. Following recognition Board members continued the meeting in the boardroom. Mr. Tepper asked if anyone wished to address the Board. No one responded. Members of the audience introduced themselves.

**Approval of Minutes**

**October 2017**

A motion was presented by Ms. Dietz and seconded by Mrs. Klass to approve the minutes of October 3 and 17, 2017 as presented. All members present voted Aye, the motion carried.

**Financial Statements**

Mr. Hitcho presented the financial reports noting that all reports were in order. He added that investment rates are increasing and he has purchased 9 certificates of deposit with an estimated interest income of over \$95,000 in 3 years. With no questions or comments forthcoming, Mr. Tepper directed the business office to place the following Financial Statements for the month of November 2017 appropriately on file in the business office: Treasurer's Report, Budget Report and Activity Fund Report.

**Board Reports**

**Finance Committee**

Mr. Strezewski reported the finance committee reviewed the FY17 audit with Shelly Casella-Dercole. Mrs. Casella-Dercole provided a clean opinion and complimented the KCSD96 business office. The finance committee also reviewed the capital project proposal, the budget timeline and the November bills, and recommend all for approval.

### Policy Committee

Mrs. Zarkowsky reported the policy committee reviewed PRESS Plus recommendations for policies 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure, 6:80 Teaching about Controversial Issues, 6:210 Instructional Materials and 8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities. The policy committee recommends these policies be placed on public review with action to be taken December 19, 2017.

### Legislative Update

Mr. Tepper reported that the fall veto session resulted in school districts now having to teach cursive. Mrs. Schmidt reported the 2-year property tax freeze passed out of the House but was not called for a vote in the Senate. Legislators are facing push back on the 2-year property tax freeze not only from school districts but from municipalities as well. We will continue to keep an eye on their action and be ready to reach out if necessary to express the District's standing. Educational lobbying groups will continue to work with current and new legislators to illustrate the effect such a tax freeze would have.

### LES Committee

No report at this time.

### ELC Update

Mrs. Klass reported the ELC reviewed PRESS Plus policy suggestions, and adopted a new Mission, Vision and Values Statement.

### Parent Review Committee

Mrs. Woodman reported Amy Gluck spoke to the Parent Review Committee about the safe snack list. The committee also reviewed the PARCC data.

### Guiding Coalition on Interculturalism Update

Mrs. Zarkowski reported the Guiding Coalition reviewed their purpose and defined their goal for the 2017-18 school year, which will be to support faculty learning. GCI members will attend staff meetings to foster mutual understanding and build capacity.

### Other

Nothing at this time.

## **Administrative Reports**

### Additional ELL Cohort

With no objection from the members, Mr. Tepper added this topic to the agenda. Dr. Dalton reported that, at the request of the faculty, she began looking into an additional ELL Cohort. The current ELL Cohort will end soon. She has spoken to a university who can provide an accelerated program completed in fifteen months. The cohort would meet weekly throughout the term and members would earn a master's degree and an ELL endorsement. Dr. Dalton asked for direction from the Board in order to move forward with contacting the university to establish the cohort, and contacting the KEA to develop a Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Leven, KEA president, indicated the faculty appreciates the Board offering the cohort to them as it adds value both personally and professionally. Following discussion, Mr. Tepper directed Dr. Dalton to move forward with establishing the cohort with the university, and developing a Memorandum of Understanding with the KEA.

## **Priority Items for Consideration and/or Action**

### **Board Member Recognition**

Mrs. Schmidt acknowledged that Tuesday, November 15, 2017 has been designated Board Member Recognition day in Illinois. She publicly recognized the KCSD96 board members for their critical role in the District's financial stability and cycle of continuous improvement. She added that sustaining the work of a Professional Learning Community over a long period of time is difficult yet all seven KCSD96 schools have been nationally recognized as a Model PLC.

### **Executive Session**

#### **Adjourn to Closed Session**

A motion was presented by Ms. Dietz and seconded by Mrs. Zarkowsky to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of

- The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10)
- Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

On a roll call vote, the motion carried:

Aye: Dietz, Strezewski, Woodman, Klass, Zarkowsky and Tepper

Nay: None

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:40 p.m.

#### **Reconvene in Open Session**

A motion was presented by Mrs. Zarkowsky and seconded by Ms. Dietz for the meeting to reconvene in open session. All members present voted aye, the motion carried. The meeting reconvened in open session at 9:30 p.m.

#### **Approval of Closed Session Minutes**

A motion was made by Mrs. Woodman and seconded by Ms. Dietz to approve the minutes of the closed session. All members present voted Aye, the motion carried.

## **Action Items**

### **Employment, Appointment and Dismissal – Certified Staff**

**Resignation – Certified Staff** – None at this time.

#### **Employment – Certified Staff**

A motion was presented by Mrs. Zarkowsky and seconded by Mrs. Klass to approve the employment of the following employee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>School</u>
Kennicott, Eva	Early Childhood	0.5	Willow Grove

On a roll call vote, the motion carried:

Aye: Zarkowsky, Dietz, Strezewski, Woodman, Klass and Tepper

Nay: None

Unpaid Leave of Absence Request

A motion was presented by Mrs. Klass and seconded by Mrs. Zarkowsky to approve the unpaid leave of absence request from Bonnie Barksdale, Literacy Differential Specialist, as presented. The motion carried on a vote of 5 Aye and 1 Nay.

Employment, Appointment and Dismissal – Educational Support Personnel

Employment, appointment and/or dismissal

A motion was presented by Mrs. Woodman and seconded by Mr. Strezewski to approve the revised memo put forth by Dr. Dalton for the employment, appointment and dismissal of certain educational support personnel. On a roll call vote, the motion carried:

Aye: Woodman, Klass, Zarkowsky Dietz, Strezewski and Tepper

Nay: None

Unpaid Leave of Absence Request

A motion was presented by Mrs. Klass and seconded by Mrs. Zarkowsky to approve the unpaid leave of absence requests from ESPA members Adam Swerdlow-Woodlawn, Joan Nulton-Ivy Hall, and Deb Stanton-Country Meadows, as presented. The motion carried on a vote of 5 Aye and 1 Nay.

Consent Agenda

A motion was presented by Ms. Dietz and seconded by Mr. Strezewski to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

Presentation of Bills – November 2017 - to approve the November 2017 bills as presented in the following amounts:

Education	\$3,859,631.17
Operations	\$218,400.35
Debt Service	\$00.00
Transportation	\$28,839.29
IMRF	\$00.00
Social Security	\$74,804.26
Capitol Projects	\$369,456.40
Working Cash	\$00.00
Tort Immunity	\$00.00
Life Safety	<u>\$00.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4,551,131.47

Approval of Capital Project – Summer Life/Safety Work – To award the following contracts:

- General Trades to DBM Services, Inc. of Mokena, IL in the amount not to exceed \$586,263.00
- Roofing to DCG Roofing Solutions of Des Plaines, IL in the amount not to exceed \$965,000.00
- Painting to Nedrow Decorating, Inc of Aurora, IL in the amount not to exceed \$29,600.00.

- Plumbing to Sherman Mechanical of Cary, IL in the amount not to exceed \$131,000.00
- Mechanical to Mechanical Concepts of Illinois of Romeoville, IL in the amount not to exceed \$168,000.00.
- Electrical to Associated Electrical of Woodstock, IL in the amount not to exceed \$98,547.00.

To reject the following contract to:

- Flooring to Vortex Commercial Flooring

Acceptance of FY2017 Audit – to accept the FY2017 audit completed by Eder, Casella & Company as presented.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried:

Aye: Dietz, Strezewski, Woodman, Klass, Zarkowsky and Tepper

Nay: None

### **Discussion Items**

#### **Discussion of Capital Project – Solar Panels at Country Meadows/Woodlawn**

Mr. Hitcho has answered questions from all Board members. He has met with representatives of the Village of Long Grove, who were very receptive to the idea of solar panels at the school campus. Mr. Hitcho can be prepared with a proposal presentation for the Board of Education in December, and to appear before the Long Grove Planning Committee in February 2018. Board members were asked to send any questions to Mr. Hitcho.

#### **Status of Board Conference and Board/Administrative Retreat Planning**

Mrs. Schmidt distributed information related to the values workshop being conducted by DeEtta Jones on Friday, November 17, 2017. She and Ms. Jones are working on the agenda and events for the workshop, which will begin at 9:00 am. At that time, Mrs. Schmidt will provide board members with necessary information for their attendance at the Joint Annual Conference. Please direct any questions to Mrs. Schmidt.

#### **Board Visits to School Buildings**

As discussed at the KEA/Board of Education meeting in April 2017, Mrs. Schmidt will bring suggested dates/locations for Board members to visit school buildings in 2018. She suggested visiting Twin Groves to experience the new middle school schedule and Flex Period, Willow Grove to experience the full day kindergarten program, and either Kildeer or Ivy Hall for an elementary experience. Please send any suggestions to Mrs. Schmidt.

### **Information Items**

#### **Illinois School Report Card**

Mrs. Spiller shared the Illinois School Report Cards. Mrs. Schmidt added that 5 KCSD96 schools are in the top 3% of schools in Illinois and 2 are in the top 10%. As such, KCSD96 qualifies as an exemplar school district in Illinois.

#### **PLC Visit Information**

Mrs. Spiller shared the schedule of PLC visits in KCSD86. PLC visits are hosted once per month and the seats fill rapidly. Recently we have had a number of visitors from Barrington and Morton Grove. We have

also hosted groups from Australia and Canada. Mrs. Spiller ties the elementary visits in KCSD96 with the high school visits at Stevenson High School.

Mrs. Schmidt added that the visits are wonderful learning experiences and encouraged Board members to attend. Mornings are the best sessions to attend. Any interested Board members should email Mrs. Spiller and she will provide details for attending a PLC visit.

#### FOIA Requests

The District received two (2) FOIA request(s) since October 17, 2017.

#### Board Comments

Board members discussed options for electronic board information.

#### Adjournment

With no further business before the Board of Education, a motion was presented by Ms. Dietz and seconded by Mrs. Woodman to adjourn the meeting. On a roll call vote, the motion carried:

Aye: Dietz, Strezewski, Woodman, Klass, Zarkowsky and Tepper

Nay: None

Mr. Tepper adjourned the November 14, 2017 regularly scheduled meeting of the Kildeer Countryside Community Consolidated School District 96 Board of Education at 9:36 p.m. The next meeting will be November 17, 2017, 9:00 a.m. in the Wrigley Building.

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Date Minutes Approved

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

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**KILDEER COUNTRYSIDE  
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 96**

MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION

**DATE:** November 14, 2017      **TIME:** 8:47 p.m.      **PLACE:** Ivy Hall School

**Present:** Board members Strezewski, Woodman, Klass, Zarkowsky, Dietz and Tepper

**Absent:** Burns

**Late:** None

**Purpose:** To discuss

- The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10)
- Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

While in closed session the Board discussed

- The potential placement of individual students into special education programs
- Potential litigation against the District related to Workmen's Compensation

A motion was presented by Mrs. Zarkowsky and seconded by Ms. Dietz for the meeting to reconvene in open session. All members present voted aye, the motion carried. The meeting reconvened in open session at 9:30 p.m. A motion was made by Mrs. Woodman and seconded by Mrs. Klass to approve the minutes of the closed session. All members present voted Aye, the motion carried.

Closed session minutes approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Attest:

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President-Board of Education

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Secretary-Board of Education