Board of Education

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President Joe Sonnefeldt called the Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education of July 21, 2016, to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Dennis Composto, Jennifer Kobus, Eileen Kowalczyk, Joseph Leane, Gerald McCluskey, Karen Nejdl, and Joe Sonnefeldt. Absent: None.

**Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Mount Prospect School District 57 Board of Education to Sell $2,000,000 of Working Cash Fund Bonds of the District**

President Sonnefeldt said the agenda included a Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposal to sell Working Cash Fund Bonds in an amount not to exceed $2,000,000 in order to increase the Working Cash fund with the intent to reimburse expenditures associated with Westbrook School parking lot construction expenses. President Sonnefeldt asked if any members of the Board had any comments and no one did. He said it was his understanding that there will be opportunity for discussion and debate at the August 25, 2016, Board meeting where it is anticipated that a recommendation will be brought forward to approve this Working Cash Fund Bond sale. President Sonnefeldt asked Secretary Webster if she was aware of any written testimony concerning the proposed issuance of the Working Cash Fund Bonds and Secretary Webster answered no. President Sonnefeldt then announced that now was the opportunity for any audience members to testify or comment regarding proposed issuance of the Working Cash Fund Bonds but no one spoke. President Sonnefeldt said now that all persons were given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony regarding the issuance of the Working Case Fund Bonds, he asked for a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Member Leane moved, seconded by Member Nejdl, to adjourn the Public Hearing. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Composto, Kobus, Kowalczyk, Leane, McCluskey, Nejdl, Sonnefeldt
No: None Motion carried.

**Communications**

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*NSSEO and PTO/PTA Reports:* There were no reports.
*Education Foundation:* Member Leane mentioned that the Donations Report under the Consent Agenda shows that $60,000 of the $70,000 in donations were made by the Education Foundation and he commented on all the good things the Education Foundation has supported.
*Board President's Report:* President Sonnefeldt

- Asked Members Kowalczyk and Leane if they would continue to work on the Policy Committee and they both agreed.
- Inquired which Board members would be available on August 17th for the annual meeting with the MPEA. In addition to President Sonnefeldt, Members Kowalczyk, Leane, and Nejdl said they were available. It was decided that the meeting would start at 5:00 p.m.

**Community Comments**

President Sonnefeldt explained that this was the first of two opportunities for community to address the Board. MPEA Co-President Jean Morris spoke about the work the teachers were doing during the summer and their commitment to keep learning. She said the MPEA looks forward to the August 17th meeting with the Board.

**Staff Reports**

Update of Summer Facilities Projects

Mr. Adam Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, updated the Board on the summer facilities projects. He said things were going well and on schedule. He reported on the storm water management, paving of turn-around, and kitchen work at Lincoln. He said the flagpole will be addressed when the other work is done. He said the flooring replacement scheduled for Fairview and Lions Park was finished and the exterior doors will be replaced. At the Administration Building, the structure, secure door and air conditioning for the tech server room was completed. The cement to elevate the servers and the reconnection of all equipment will be done between August 4th and 8th. Dr. Aumiller explained to the Board that the district will have no phone service or computer use on August 8th. Originally, it was thought that this would be for a longer period of time. She said everyone is working 10-hour days and suggested that all employees working that day would only need to work 5 hours. The Board agreed. Mr. Parisi continued his summer projects report stating that the shrubs, trees and planting beds have been completed at Westbrook. He said the village wants some clean-up work done and he would be meeting with them on July 27th to determine what needs to be done. Member Leane asked if it was mostly overgrowth and Mr. Parisi answered yes.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Aumiller

- Reported that the district received a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request on July 8th from Jake Griffin of the Daily Herald. He requested the total dollar amount of tuition reimbursements to educational association employees in fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, including names of educators and amounts individually received. Dr. Aumiller said the district responded on July 14th and sent him a list of employees and amounts paid to each in July 2015 for the 2014-15 school year.
- Informed the Board that District 59 held their board meeting on July 11 and voted 6/1 to abolish the Elk Grove Township Treasurer and Trustees of Schools. One District 59 Board member is trying to get voters not to abolish these positions. District 57 will use Jenny Quinn to get information out on this November 8th ballot question.
- Invited all members of the Board to attend the luncheon welcoming new staff on Friday, August 19th at 11:00 a.m. at Fairview.
- Reminded the Board that the Board Walk Through of the Facilities is Thursday, August 18th. It will start at 6:00 p.m. and she will send the Board information with the order of the of the buildings they will visit.
- Gave a quarterly report of meetings she had attended

President Sonnefeldt presented the Consent Agenda. He asked if any Board member wanted any item removed from the Consent Agenda. Member Leane asked that the minutes be removed. Member Nejdl reviewed the bills and said all were in order. President Sonnefeldt asked Member Leane about the minutes. Member Leane wanted the wording amended after the Board returned to open session on June 16th. There was some discussion about the minutes and input from Member Composto. Member Leane moved, seconded by Member Composto, to approve Item 1. Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of June 16, 2016, Open Session as amended and Closed Session. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Kobus, Kowalczyk, Leane, McCluskey, Nejdl, Composto, Sonnefeldt
No: None Motion carried.

President Sonnefeldt entertained a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 2 through 8. Member Nejdl moved, seconded by Member Composto, to approve Items 2 through 8 of the Consent Agenda.

Item 2. Personnel Transactions

Approve a one-year extension of the Superintendent's contract:

| Name | Position | Location | Length of Contract |
|---|---|---|---|
| Elaine Aumiller | Superintendent | Admin | Through 6/30/19 |

Approve the employment of the following administrative individual:

| Name | Position | Location | Hire Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paul Suminski | Principal | Lincoln | 7/25/16 |

Approve the employment of the following certified individuals:

| Name | Position | Location | Hire Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rebecca Connelly | Teacher-Music (.4 FTE) | Westbrook | 8/22/16 |
| Sylvia Dziubinski | Teacher-Math | Lincoln | 8/22/16 |
| Christina Heddell | Teacher-Grade 3 | Lions Park | 8/22/16 |
| Alicia Piscitello | Teacher-Art | Fairview | 8/22/16 |
| Kelly Quinlan | Teacher-Grade 3 | Fairview | 8/22/16 |
| Tara Tometich | Teacher-EC Special Ed | Westbrook | 8/22/16 |

Approve the change in status of the following certified individual:

| Name | Position | Location | Effective Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| Katie Luedloff | From .5 FTE K Teacher to 1.0 FTE K Teacher | Westbrook | 8/22/16 |

Accept the resignation of the following certified employee:

| Name | Position | Location | Effective Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| Spencer Curley | Teacher-Math | Lincoln | 8/1/16 |

Approve the employment of the following ESP individuals:

| Name | Position | Location | Hire Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jacob Culberson | BTA | Westbrook | 8/1/16 |
| Roberta Flack | Building Secretary | Westbrook | 8/1/16 |

Approve the change in status of the following ESP employee:

| Name | Position | Location | Hire Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| Maria Potratz | From BTA to Technology Services Coordinator | Admin | 7/1/16 |

Approve the retirement of the following ESP employee:

| Name | Position | Location | Effective Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| Michael O'Neill | BTA | Lincoln | 8/1/16 |

Accept the resignations of the following ESP employees:

| Name | Position | Location | Effective Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| Quan Ahlstrand | Building Nurse | Lincoln | 8/1/16 |
| Svetlana Danilova | Instructional Assistant | Westbrook | 6/27/16 |
| Maria Negru | Instructional Assistant | Westbrook | 8/4/16 |
| Rachel Oehlert | Instructional Assistant | Westbrook | 8/3/16 |

Item 3. Financial Reports – June 2016
Item 4. Accounts Payable Bills
Item 5. Approve Donations Report
Item 6. Approve Tuition Reimbursement
Item 7. Approve Review of the Closed Session Minutes for the Period of July 2014 through December 2014 and Closed Session Audio Tapes prior to December 2014
Item 8. Adopt Resolution Changing the IMRF Agent

Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Kowalczyk, Leane, McCluskey, Nejdl, Composto, Kobus, Sonnefeldt
No: None Motion carried.

President Sonnefeldt took this opportunity to welcome Paul Suminski to the district. Superintendent Aumiller said Paul Suminski is the new principal for Lincoln Middle School, replacing Jason Kaiz. She said he is coming to District 57 from Deer Path Middle School West in Lake Forest District 67 where he was the assistant principal for the past five years. Prior to that he was a math teacher in Northbrook District 30 for four years. He started his career as a math teacher at Lincoln Middle School in Schiller Park. Paul has a Master of Education from the University of Illinois and a Master of Arts from Concordia University. He received his Bachelor of Science in Education from Valparaiso University. He also graduated from the Harvard University Graduate School of Education's New and Aspiring School Leaders Institute. He and his wife live in Wauconda and have a two-year old daughter and a one-month old little boy.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**Community Comments**

President Sonnefeldt said this was the second opportunity if anyone from the audience wished to address the Board but no one did so.

**New Business**

1. Adopt Resolution to Certify Cook County Election Authorities to Submit to the Electors of the School District at the November 8, 2016 Election a Proposition to Abolish the Offices of Elk Grove Township Treasurer and Trustees of Schools
   President Sonnefeldt said this item was discussed at previous meetings. There were no questions or comments from the Board. President Sonnefeldt entertained a motion. Member Leane moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution requiring the secretary of the school board to certify to Cook County election authorities for submission to the electors of the school district at the November 8, 2016 election a proposition to abolish the offices of Elk Grove Township treasurer and trustees of schools. Member Kowalczyk seconded the motion. Roll call vote resulted as follows

   Yes: Leane, McCluskey, Nejdl, Composto, Kobus, Kowalczyk, Sonnefeldt
   No: None Motion carried.

2. Adopt Resolution to Abate Working Cash to Operations and Maintenance
   President Sonnefeldt asked if any members had any questions. Member Leane questioned the unanticipated funds that caused the deficit. Adam Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, said the budget slightly increased because of the Westbrook landscaping required by the village and answered questions from the Board. Member Leane moved, seconded by Member Nejdl, that the Board adopt the Board Resolution for the abatement of Working Cash as discussed into the Operations and Maintenance Fund. Roll call vote resulted as follows

   Yes: McCluskey, Nejdl, Composto, Kobus, Kowalczyk, Leane, Sonnefeldt
   No: None Motion carried.

**Board Discussion**

None

**Closed Session**

President Sonnefeldt said there was no need for closed session.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Sonnefeldt entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Nejdl made a motion, seconded by Member Kowalczyk, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Nejdl, Composto, Kobus, Kowalczyk, Leane, McCluskey, Sonnefeldt
No: None Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Virginia Webster, Secretary

Joe Sonnefeldt, President

Date of approval: August 25, 2016