

Minutes of Special Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees Maywood School District 89

A Special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Maywood School District 89 was held Tuesday, November 27, 2012, at 6:00 PM in the 906 Walton, Melrose Park, IL 60160.

1. The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of School District 89 Maywood-Melrose Park-Broadview came to order at 6:06 p.m. on November 27, 2012.

2. **Roll Call**

Upon roll call, the following members responded as present:

5 Present: Bonilla-Lopez, Gustello, Rivers, Urso, Williams

2 Absent: Corral, Dorris

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Presentation** – none

5. **Statement regarding Public Comment**

If you intend to speak, please fill out completely a "Questions and Comments Form" and present it to the Superintendent's Executive Administrative Assistant at this time. The Board will hear comments related to the agenda. The Board will hear comments not related to the agenda, however, these comments may be forwarded to the Superintendent or to the school Principal for an individual response. Please remain seated until you are called. Comments will be limited to three minutes.

6. **Acceptance of Comments or Questions from Audience** – none

7. **President's Report**

Board President Rivers stated she will have a report regarding the Triple I conference at the December 13th Board Meeting.

8. **Old Business**

Mastery Academy Charter School

Mastery Academy Charter School will be the first item under Presentation on the December 13th agenda. All Board members are in agreement. Board member questions should be submitted to the Superintendent's office by Thursday, December 6th for consolidation prior to the Board meeting. ShawnTe Raines will give Board members a summary document of the 2010/2011 Illinois Charter School performance report for their review the first week in December. Dr. Lee will have the opportunity to answer the Board's questions at the December 13th meeting and the Board will take action on this item.

Reschedule TAG meeting

Dates in January 2013 were discussed to reschedule the TAG meeting.

1st choice: Thursday, January 17th

1st alternate: Thursday, January 24th

2nd alternate: Thursday, January 31st

9. New Business

- A. Renew Property and Casualty and Workers Compensation Insurance because Mesirow did not give 30 day notice. The Board must renew the Workers Compensation insurance with current carrier ICRMT effective December 1, 2012. Mesirow recommends changing Property and Casualty coverages to Zurich, Hartford and Indian Harbor.

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- B. Discuss Insurance proposals from Mesirow and CLIC. With the 30 day notice given to ICRMT, the Board could choose to change effective January 1, 2013 or any time thereafter.

Alan Hahn distributed comparison analysis workpapers comparing Mesirow and CLIC for Property and Casualty Insurance. Alan walked through the documents highlighting the differences in the coverage and costs. CLIC's annual total cost is approximately \$70,000 less than Mesirow. CLIC requires a 3 year commitment for new members. Some Board members expressed concern about entering into a multi-year contract and would prefer an annual contract with the option to "shop" again next year for the best rate.

The Board must take action on this item by Friday, November 30th since the District's insurance coverage will expire. Since no motion is on the agenda, ShawnTe Raines instructed Dr. Robey to poll the Board before November 30th in order to take action and to have the formal approval on the next Board agenda in December.

All handouts will be emailed to Board Members Corral and Dorris for review.

- C. Discuss District Calendar

Dr. Robey presented three district calendar options.

Sample 1 is similar to the current 2012 – 2013 district calendar with school starting on Aug 19, 2013 (one week earlier than most area districts) and ending on May 29, 2014. This calendar includes traditional school holidays; Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Presidents' Day and Casimir Pulaski Day.

Sample 2 is starting school one week later on Aug 26th and ending on June 5th. This calendar also includes the traditional school holidays named above.

Sample 3 is introducing the concept of waiving some of the traditional school

holidays. School would start on Tuesday, Aug 20th and end on May 27th. School would be in session on Columbus Day, Veteran's Day and Presidents' Day. Please note this option has not been mentioned and /or discussed with any personnel within the district.

Dr. Robey requested that Board members email him with thoughts / comments regarding the district calendar.

10. **Retire to Closed Session**

A motion was made by Bonilla-Lopez, seconded by Rivers, that the Board retire into Closed Session at 7:33p.m. for the purpose of:

- A. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the district or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/02(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057;
- B. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2);
- C. 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, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/02(c)(11).

When the question was called, the following vote resulted:

5 Ayes: Bonilla-Lopez, Gustello, Rivers, Urso, Williams

0 Nays:

2 Absent: Corral, Dorris

The motion was declared carried.

11. **Board to Reconvene to Special Session**

A motion was made by Gustello, seconded by Urso, to reconvene the Special Meeting of the Board of Education at 8:53p.m.

When the question was called, the following vote resulted:

5 Ayes: Bonilla-Lopez, Gustello, Rivers, Urso, Williams

0 Nays:

2 Absent: Corral, Dorris

The motion was declared carried.

Further discussion regarding Property and Casualty insurance for the district. Dr. Robey shared with the Board the difficulty he and Alan experienced when dealing

with Mike from Mesirow. Mike was not always forthcoming with information on a timely basis when it was requested. Also as the renewal date got closer the numbers / costs within the Mesirow proposal kept changing without clear explanations. It was suggested that the District stay with Mesirow, however, work with a different insurance broker.

ShawnTe instructed the Board to review the documents (Mesirow and CLIC) for property and casualty insurance and email Dr. Robey by Friday, November 30th with a recommendation based on facts. Dr. Robey is required to poll the Board by Friday, November 30th in order to take formal action in December.

12. **Motion for Adjournment**

A motion was made by Bonilla-Lopez, seconded by Williams, that the Special Meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

When the question was called, the following vote resulted:

5 Ayes: Bonilla-Lopez, Gustello, Rivers, Urso, Williams

0 Nays:

2 Absent: Corral, Dorris

The motion was declared carried.

Regina Rivers, President
School District 89
Board of Education

Loretta Gustello, Secretary
School District 89
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