

Minutes of Education Committee Of April 25, 2012

The Board of Education Harlem Consolidated School District

An Education Committee meeting of the Board of Education of Harlem Consolidated School District was held Wednesday, April 25, 2012, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Harlem Administration Center, 8605 North Second Street, Machesney Park, IL 61115.

1. Call to Order at 6:00 p.m. by Heather Kelley
2. Roll Call: Heather Kelley, Barb Browning, Shane Caiola, Kathy Geyer, Jacque Ruch, Julie Morris, Margo Sিকেle, Terrell Yarbrough, Mickie Erb, Evelyn Meeks, John Cusimano, Kris Arduino (quorum) Chad Dougherty joined the meeting at 6:25 p.m.
3. Approval of Agenda
1st Meeks 2nd Erb
All aye
Motion carried
4. Comments from the Community
none
5. 2012-2013 Maple Elementary Proposal
Dr. Browning noted that all CARE students will be distributed among three classrooms, keeping the reading tutor serving in 3rd grade Care to provide support as they transition into a regular classroom. She noted the last year will be the 2014-2015 school year in 6th grade.
Mrs. Kelley noted that Agenda items 6, 7 and 8 will need consensus.
6. In-District Transfer Process
Dr. Browning noted that we would like to phase in-district transfer requests after a period of time, but because of granting in-district transfers there is no room at times for students that should attend that neighborhood school. This year there are 82 students that are out of their home school with 78 students being bused. We are proposing to allow the children providing their own transportation to remain at the transferred school; however if a student has another sibling at the school the family can continue in that school, but if it is a Maple family and the calendar does not work for them, we will continue to allow those to attend the transferred school at the parent's transportation. A sibling could go to the school only pending if there is a seat for that student.
Dr. Browning is recommending first reading for April 30 and second reading on June 13, 2012 due to the time parameters.
Dr. Browning also noted that once a transfer is approved, the application has to be

submitted to District-wide registration or the child's first attendance day. The families that are now being bused, they can continue an in-district transfer which will be granted with the parent providing transportation. If the parent cannot provide transportation the student will need to attend their home school.

A letter will be sent this week to all families that already have in-district transfers informing them that they will need to provide their own transportation next year.

Consensus: Yarbrough, Erb, Meeks, Cusimano, Arduino, Kelley, Browning, Caiola, Ruch, Morris, Sickele - yes

7. Summer Tutoring

Non-Title I Schools (Parker Center, Ralston, and Olson Park)

There were approximately 27 students attending from these schools last year and we need to offer more to non-Title I Schools. The proposal would be to have students tutored in reading or math or both depending on the student request, groups of 4 to 7 students with one hour of math or reading tutor per day, four days per week for three weeks. All sessions will be taught at Parker Center students. The cost will be \$165 per subject for parents which amount will need to be paid in advance by parents.

Tutoring students will need to be recommended by their respective principal and limited to 35 students. Teachers will be paid for summer school at the hourly rate contained in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Mr. Cusimano suggested keeping a list of students that request to be tutored and are not recommended by the principal in the event that there are spaces available. Dr. Morris noted that we should have other options available for children to learn also and a list could be provided to elementary teachers. The Board will need to formally approve this proposal.

Consensus: Yarbrough, Erb, Meeks, Cusimano, Arduino, Kelley, Browning, Caiola, Ruch, Morris, Sickele - yes

8. Credit Recovery Recommendation

Mickie Erb gave a powerpoint to review the reasons for credit recovery. This program can support students in home bound services, truant students, Therapeutic Day, Regional Alternative Night School as well as directed studies curriculum in addition to assisting students earning credits to graduate. The Regional Night School at Harlem services Pecatonica and Winnebago. At the present time the effectiveness of this school is being reviewed by area superintendents, along with administrators. There has been a decline in attendance due to the fact that the program is stagnant. Hononegah and Belvidere both offer Night School also. Part of the cost will be received from the Regional Alternative Night School Program.

The recommendation is to purchase 81 Secondary Academic Library licenses from Plato Learning for approximately \$58,000, with \$13,000 being funded by the Regional Alternative School. The program will be measured using curriculum-based measures, Explore Plan and ACT assessments. The next steps will be obtaining Board approval, then purchasing the program, aligning the curriculum with the courses available, provide professional development, implement and follow up with the professional development.

Dr. Browning reviewed the cost factor, noting that some IDEA funds can be used (\$20,000), \$13,000 will be funded by the night school and \$25,625.20 will be funded by District funds.

Consensus: Yarbrough, Erb, Meeks, Cusimano, Arduino, Kelley, Browning, Caiola, Ruch, Morris, Sickele - yes

9. Memorandum of Understanding - National Louis University

This correlates to a Principal Preparation Program. Dr. Lasswell, Assistant Professor at National Louis presented to the committee noting that the Principal Preparation Program requires that you have a partnership with the District. This would be an agreement to work together to help potential teachers that want to become administrators or seek principalships. There are 36 competencies that interns must need to complete. This will begin September 1, 2012.

10. Elementary Workbooks Review

Dr. Browning noted that we will be aligning the /English Arts curriculum with Common Core Standards this summer. We will be ordering workbooks. Workbook fees are part of the registration fees.

11. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

12. **Motion to Adjourn**

1st Erb 2nd Yarbrough

All aye, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Arduino,

Recording Secretary