

**MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
COOK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 154
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 07, 2007
WOLCOTT SCHOOL LIBRARY**

J. Petrunaro called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. on August 7, 2007.

ROLL CALL was taken and the following members were present:

J. Petrunaro, D. Beckman, B. Kolosh, P. Frezza, R. Hawken, B. Thompson
Absent D. McKay

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Stephen Harman, Supt.
Carla Virgin, Board Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SCHOOL BOARD WILL CONSIDER AND DISCUSS IMMEDIATE AND LONG RANGE PLANS REGARDING REGULAR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

OPEN FORUM

D.Colbert - How can we find out if a district is a common district
A. St. Julien - Did Ms. Meneghetti offer any help
K. St. Julien - Why not try independent Bus Company
L. Cole - Independent Company may be cheaper but not always safe. Ms. Cole has found that those company buses not in good condition.

Mr. Harman communicated with Ms. Meneghetti by email and telephone.
School District transportation funding applications have been correct. High property value in the school district puts it into the flat grant category which reimburses only 500-800 per year. The school district is not required to transport students.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by R. Hawken, second by B. Kolosh that School District 154 discontinue the mid-day kindergarten bus route beginning this school year 2007-2008 and discontinue all regular education transportation at the end of this school year 2007-2008. Vote (6-0)

Motion by P. Frezza, second by B. Kolosh that School District 154 continue free regular education transportation for this school year and commission the superintendent to explore alternatives for future school years and report back to the board by April of 2008. Vote (4-2)

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by R. Hawken and seconded by D. Beckman, adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m (5-0)

J. Petrunaro, President

R. Hawken, Secretary

**MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
COOK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 154
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2007
WOLCOTT SCHOOL LIBRARY**

J. Petrunaro called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. on July 10, 2007.

ROLL CALL was taken and the following members were present:

J. Petrunaro, D. Beckman, P. Frezza, D. McKay, R. Hawken

Absent : B. Thompson and B. Kolosh

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Stephen Harman, Supt.

Carla Virgin, Board Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motioned by D. Beckman and seconded by P. Frezza to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 12, 2007, as corrected. (5-0)

Motioned by D. Beckman and seconded by P. Frezza to approve the minutes of the Closed Session of June 12, 2007, as presented. (5-0)

APPROVAL AND REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORTS.

Motioned by R. Hawken and seconded by D. McKay for approval of Township Treasurer's report for June and authorization of payment of monthly invoices in the sum of \$223,547.55 (5-0)

Motioned by R. Hawken and seconded by D. Beckman for approval of payroll expenses in the sum of \$21,970.09. (5-0)

Motioned by P. Frezza and seconded by D. McKay for approval of imprest expenditures in the amount of \$395.44. (5-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Registration - August 1st (9-12) & August 2nd (6-8pm)

Staffing - Staffing needs depends on registration numbers

Summer Construction is moving forward

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Sharon Gitles Uslan- Chevron requested to address board about a performance contracting offer from Chevron Energy Solutions.

ADDITIONAL

Thank You cards from Mr. Williams, Mrs. Sopko and Mrs. Eastman

Booster Club need volunteers.

All volunteers are needed at this time... Sports are in jeopardy

CLOSED SESSION

R. Hawken motioned and was seconded by P. Frezza that the Board adjourn into Closed Session at 8:30 p.m for:

- A. Employment and compensation of Personnel(5ILCS 120/2 Paragraph 1)
- B. Collective negotiating matters (5ILCS 120/2 Paragraph 2)
- C. Semi-annual review of closed session minutes (5ILcs 120/2 Paragraph 14)
- D. Pending Litigation (5ILCS 120/2 Paragraph 11)

P. Frezza motioned and seconded by R. Hawken that the Board come out of Closed Session at 9:05 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

Motioned by D. Beckman and seconded by P. Frezza to hire Amanda Burgess upon superintendent's recommendation. (5-0)

Motioned by P. Frezza and seconded by D. McKay to accept resignation of Cary Hillegonds Special Ed Coordinator and School Psychologist with regret.(5-0)

Motioned by P. Frezza and seconded by R. Hawken to appoint Superintendent Harman to prepare FY 2008 School District Budget. (5-0)

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by R. Hawken and seconded by P. Frezza, adjourn the meeting at 9:38 p.m (5-0)

J. Petrunaro, President

R. Hawken, Secretary

**MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
COOK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 154
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2007
WOLCOTT SCHOOL LIBRARY**

J. Petrunaro called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. on July 24, 2007.

ROLL CALL was taken and the following members were present:

J. Petrunaro, D. Beckman, B. Kolosh, P. Frezza, D. McKay, R. Hawken
B. Thompson

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Stephen Harman, Supt.
Carla Virgin, Board Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SCHOOL BOARD WILL CONSIDER AND DISCUSS DISCONTINUING SCHOOL DISTRICT PROVIDED REGULAR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

D. Hudson - Please use School Money wisely, children need new books

A. St. Julien - Taxes should be more than enough. Why is school in deficit

Mr. Darryl Ray Sr. - Children will suffer with bus cut. How will children get to school

P. Waltman - Need to search for lower bus rates.

C. Flowers - Safety issue with children walking to and from school

C. Thompson - Consider driving your children to school. Children need new Books
Please cut bus service

J. Edwards - Children is our Major concern. Mrs. Edwards would like board to look into
Transportation Grant. If more information is needed on grant please call Cinda Meneghetti
at 217-782-5256. Ms Meneghetti is State director of Transportation.

C. Edwards - School need to Bid out Bus Contracts.

D. Colbert - Children can't walk to school.

P. Tears - Safety concerns. Not enough time. Issue waiver for children to go to another
school.

V. Payne - School need to hire Professional Grant Writer. Not paying more money
for bus service.

M. Lorenzo - Safety is first. Why isn't bus service for Thornton Children.

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by B. Kolosh and seconded by P. Frezza, adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m
(7-0)

J. Petrunaro, President

R. Hawken, Secretary