

Board of Education
Regular Meeting
September 17, 2008

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 100 was held Wednesday, September 17, 2008 in the office of the Board of Education. The meeting was called to order at 5:40 P.M. by John Copley, President. Other members present were Greg Brown, Angie Cory, Sherry Droste, Pete Hatfill, and Bob Norman. Also in attendance were Colleen Legge, Superintendent and Ken Schell, District Administrator.

A motion was made by Norman, seconded by Hatfill to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel and collective bargaining. Motion carried. The Board, along with Ms. Legge and Mr. Schell adjourned to closed session at 5:41 P.M.

Mr. Schell left closed session at 6:10 P.M.

The Board returned from closed session at 6:43 P.M. A motion was made by Norman, seconded by Droste to reconvene the open session. Motion carried.

Also in attendance for open session were: Alan Churchman, Curriculum Director; Tracy Howard, Special Education Coordinator; Tammy Steckel, Director of Business Affairs; Keith Norman, Director of Technology; also Jill Boomer, Jersey County Star; Tom Bott, The Telegraph; Jong Cambron, Jersey County Journal; Michelle Brown, Michelle Bidlack, Mary Schell, Rose DeCoursey, Cynthia Barnhart, Denise Kallal and Lisa Schuenke, Principals; Kim Wackerly, Bob Siemer, Judy Fritz, Cindy Russell, Diana Fuchs, district employees; Cindy Cannon, John Hefner, Tom Moore, Ellen Suttles, Darla Cavins, Ed Test, JaCinda Jones, Jim Tallman, Mark Wendle, Dan Wendle, and Joe Croxford.

BUDGET HEARING

The Budget Hearing, as required by law, was convened at 6:50 P.M. Tammy Steckel reviewed the proposed FY09 budget addressing estimated revenues and expenditures by fund. Time was allowed for questions and discussion. The Budget Hearing adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

The regular open meeting began at 7:56 P.M.

A motion was made by Hatfill, seconded by Norman to approve the agenda as presented with an addendum to Personnel, removal of an item under Use of Facilities, removal of an item under Fund Raising, and tabling of Item L under Items for Action. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Droste that the minutes of the regular meeting of August 20, and special meeting of September 4 be approved as recorded. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Communication was received from a parent regarding how pleased she was with Family Access.

2. During the BOE meeting - JaCinda Jones voiced concerns regarding the way the Administrators' salaries were presented at the August Board meeting. Mrs. Jones also suggested condensing the budget presentation to save paper for the students to use in the schools.

BILLS

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Norman that the bills as presented be approved for payment and orders drawn. On roll call, Brown, yes; Cory, yes; Droste, yes; Hatfill, yes; Norman, yes; Copley, yes. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Ms. Legge reviewed the personnel recommendations. Following discussion, a motion was made by Droste, seconded by Norman to approve the following personnel recommendations:

- Approve the employment of Beth Smilack as the Parent Educator Aide for District 100 effective September 17, 2008.
- Approve the resignation of Cathryn Main as a bus rider effective immediately.
- Approve the maternity leave request of Jan Reed, school nurse, effective on or about November 12, 2008 through approximately January 5, 2009.

On roll call, Brown, yes; Cory, yes; Droste, yes; Hatfill, yes; Norman, yes; Copley, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Norman, seconded by Hatfill to adopt the following resolution to dismiss Eric Chandler subject to the Loudermill hearing held in closed session on September 17, 2008.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Jersey Community Unit School District No. 100, County of Jersey, State of Illinois, has the responsibility to manage and operate the Schools of said District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has the power to dismiss employees for sufficient cause pursuant to The School Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received and reviewed information, reports and recommendations from its administrative staff regarding the employment of Eric Chandler, a custodian, which indicate that his work performance is unsatisfactory; and

WHEREAS, in a closed session hearing before the Board of Education on September 17, 2008, the Board of Education offered Eric Chandler an opportunity to respond to the allegations that his work performance is unsatisfactory; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that sufficient reasons and causes exist for the dismissal of Eric Chandler and that such reasons and causes have a detrimental effect on the operation of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education hereby finds and determines that the best interests of the School District require the immediate dismissal of Eric Chandler based upon the charges set forth in the Notice of Dismissal and Charges, attached hereto and made a part hereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Jersey Community Unit School District No. 100, County of Jersey, State of Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: That Eric Chandler be and is hereby dismissed as an employee of the School District for the reasons and causes set forth in the Notice of Dismissal and Charges, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

Section 2: That the President and Secretary of the Board of Education are hereby authorized and directed to serve upon Eric Chandler a true and correct copy of this Resolution and Notice of Dismissal and Charges, said service to be by both regular mail and by certified mail, return receipt requested.

Section 3: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1

On roll call, Brown, yes; Cory, yes; Droste, yes; Hatfill, yes; Norman, yes; Copley, yes.
Motion carried.

Board of Education of
Jersey CUSD No. 100
County of Jersey
State of Illinois

By: _____
President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Education

RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING PARTIAL CUSTODIAL EXPENSES FROM THE
EDUCATION FUND TO THE OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Droste to approve the following resolution to transfer a portion of the custodial expenses from the Education Fund to the Operations & Maintenance Fund as follows:

WHEREAS the Board of Education of Community Unit School District #100, Jersey and Greene Counties, Illinois has determined that it is in the best interest of the District that certain cost items chargeable to the Educational fund be charged to the Operations and Maintenance Fund, and

WHEREAS Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 122, Section 17-7 provides that the Board of Education may provide by resolution that the salary of all janitors, engineers or other custodial employees and all costs of fuel, lights, gas, water services and custodial supplies and equipment or any one or more or part of the preceding items be transferred to the Operations and Maintenance Fund

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education, Community Unit School District #100, Jersey and Greene Counties, Illinois, as follows:

A portion of the expenditures for custodial salaries and benefits, depending upon budgetary considerations, are hereby transferred from the Educational Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund.

On roll call, Brown, yes; Cory, yes; Droste, yes; Hatfill, yes; Norman, yes; Copley, yes. Motion carried.

BUDGET

A motion was made by Droste, seconded by Norman to adopt the following budget resolution:

WHEREBY the Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 100, counties of Jersey and Greene, State of Illinois caused a budget to be prepared in tentative form, and the Secretary of the Board has made the same conveniently available for public inspection for at least thirty days prior to final action thereon;

AND WHEREAS a public hearing was held as to such budget on the 17th of September, 2008; notice of said hearing was given at least thirty days prior thereto as required by law, and all other legal requirements have been complied within;

NOW THEREFORE BE it resolved by the Board of Education of said District as follows:

Section 1: That the fiscal year of this School District be and the same as fixed and declared to be beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Section 2: That the following budget containing as estimated amount available is hereby adopted as the budget of the School District for said fiscal year:

FUND	ESTIMATED REVENUE	ESTIMATED EXPENSES
Educational	\$18,461,500	\$19,223,450
Operation/Maintenance	\$1,360,400	\$1,806,950
Debt Service	1,448,600	\$1,400,000
Transportation	\$2,470,100	\$2,297,400
IMRF/Social Security	\$952,600	\$1,011,650
Capital Project	\$5,000	\$49,350
Working Cash	\$147,400	\$15,100
Tort Immunity	\$534,800	\$521,950
Fire Prevention	\$6,000	\$694,000
Grand Total	\$25,386,400	\$27,019,850

On roll call, Brown, yes; Cory, yes; Droste, yes; Hatfill, yes; Norman, yes; Copley, yes. Motion carried.

PURCHASES/CONTRACTS

Mr. Schell reviewed bids for the entrance replacement at Illini Middle School, roof renovations for East Elementary and sections of Illini Middle School, and toilet renovations at East Elementary. Following discussion, a motion was made by Brown, seconded by Droste to approve the following lowest bids as per specifications:

- Approve the bid of Jun Construction in the amount of \$34,000 to replace the entry way at Illini Middle School.
- Approve the bid of CMR Roofing in the amount of \$213,000 to renovate the roof at East Elementary and sections of Illini Middle School.
- Approve the bid of Jun Construction in the amount of \$305,400 to renovate the toilet rooms at East Elementary.

On roll call, Brown, yes; Cory, yes; Droste, yes; Hatfill, yes; Norman, yes; Copley, yes. Motion carried.

INVESTMENTS/LOANS/TRANSFERS

None

APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION

A motion was made by Droste, seconded by Hatfill to approve the 2008-2009 Application for Recognition of Schools. Motion carried.

PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Cory to approve the placement of special need students in programs outside the district. Motion carried.

PLACEMENT OF COOP STUDENTS

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Cory to approve the list of students working in the community through JCHS Cooperative Education Programs for the 2008-09 school year. Motion carried.

FUND RAISING REQUESTS

A motion was made by Cory, seconded by Brown to approve the following requests:

- Request of JCHS Pom Squad to hold a Longaberger Game Night November 1 in the JCHS cafeteria, hold a Pom Clinic for all elementary girls, and hold an Illinois Regional Team Dance contest on February 7, 2009.
- Request of Erica Smith, Curt Schroeder, and the Class of 2009 to hold a bake sale and sell Halloween-O-Grams October 22 – 29.
- Request of Jim Featherstone, Melanie Fessler, and the scholastic bowl members to hold the annual catalog gift sales through Kleinhenn Company October 23 through November 4, 2008.
- Request of Lisa Schuenke to host a fundraising event in conjunction with the Ford Motor Company “Cruise 4 UR School” at JCHS on October 18, 2008.

- Request of Diana Fuchs and Illini Middle School to participate in the St. Jude Math-A-Thon with all contributions donated to the St. Jude's Research Hospital.
- Request of Cory Breden to sell Illini Middle School t-shirts and sweatshirts with the Illini logo as a way to build school spirit.
- Request of Cory Breden and Illini Middle School to sell fruit baskets the last week in October through the second week of November.
- Request of Fieldon Elementary to hold a basket raffle starting October 3 during the chili supper. A book sale will be held and the basket raffle will conclude on October 24 at the school carnival.
- Request of Denise Kallal and West PTO to conduct a fund raising event through Club's Choice during the month of October.

Motion carried.

USE OF FACILITIES REQUESTS

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Droste to approve the following requests:

- Request of Amy Slauson, American Cancer Society Relay Staff Partner, to use the facilities at JCHS June 5 & 6, 2009 to hold the 2009 Relay For Life of Jersey County.
- Request of Marsha Lott, American Red Cross representative, to hold the annual penny Drive during the month of March by placing jars in each of the schools.
- Request of Angela Kromraj, Girls Scouts of River Bluffs Council, to hold meetings at East Elementary and Grafton Elementary.

Motion carried.

LOCATION OF BOARD MEETINGS

After discussion, a motion was made by Droste, seconded by Brown to use the following schedule for the upcoming Board of Education meetings.

October – JCHS	February – Fieldon Elementary
November – District Office	March – District Office
December – Illini Middle School	April – East Elementary
January – District Office	May – District Office

Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Finance Reports

The regular monthly finance reports, namely, Treasurer's Report, Revenue & Expenditure Report, Utility Report, Activity Report, Interest Revenue Report and the PMA Activity Report were received, discussed, and placed on file.

Freedom of Information Act Request

A Freedom of Information Act request was received from the Illinois Policy Institute.

6th Day Enrollment

Mr. Churchman reviewed the 6th Day Official Enrollment for the 2008-09 school year showing a total of 2,719 students enrolled as of August 27, 3008.

School Registration

Mr. Churchman reported registration for the 2008-09 school year ran smoothly this year with shorter lines and less wait time. After meeting with the committee, Mr. Churchman reported on the following recommended changes for next year to:

- Move registration one week earlier
- Change the time of registration from 11:00 – 2:00 and 4:00 – 7:00.
- Provide one day of late registration to be held one week after registration on the same day and time at each building in the district.
- Hold Pre-Kindergarten registration at Illini Middle School on the same dates and times as regular registration.
- Review the possibility of changing Kindergarten pre-registration to the actual registration.
- Review the possibility of purchasing a generator for the unit office to use if electrical power were lost.

ISAT & PSAE State Scores

Mr. Churchman presented 2008 ISAT & PSAE state test scores and the AYP Status Report. All schools made AYP except East, Illini Middle School and JCHS. East's students with disabilities did not make AYP in reading; Illini Middle School's students with disabilities did not make AYP in reading; JCHS' all student group did not make AYP in math and reading and its economically disadvantaged students also did not make AYP in reading and math. The district did not make AYP in reading and math for those students with disabilities.

Designate Representative for Filing and Receiving Election Petitions

Marsha Steckel was appointed as the designated representative for filing and receiving election petitions for the upcoming school board member election to be held in April 2009.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Legge reported the following:

- TAG meeting – September 23, 2008.
- IASB Southwestern Division Semi-Annual Conference and Dinner Meeting - September 25.
- Regional Institute – October 10, 2008.

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Hatfill to adjourn. The regular meeting of September 17, 2008 adjourned at 9:38 P.M.