

Board of Education Workshop

Monday, August 8, 2011

Board Conference Room, District Administrative Office
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Call to Order

Mrs. Cain, president of the board, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Members Present: Mrs. Lullo Mrs. Kucik, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Irvin (6:50 p.m.), Mrs. Cain

Members Absent: Mr. Edmier

Others Present: Dr. Humphrey, Mr. Martin, Dr. Helton, Mr. Krause, Mr. Cibulka, Mrs. Barbanente, Mrs. Kimpson, Ms. Anderson, Mrs. Sears

Moment of Silence

Mrs. Cain asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Mr. James Klein who passed away recently. Mr. Klein served on the District 88 Board of Education from 1977 - 1999.

Workshop Discussion

Dr. Humphrey began the workshop by giving an overview and history of board workshops. He stated that the Board Officers had met in July and discussed potential topics for this workshop. Each Board member received a packet of the materials that are attached.

- Dr. Humphrey reviewed the Board/Superintendent roles, relationships and how they ensure that both function effectively along with five benchmarks of effective teams provided by John Cassel and the Illinois School Board Journal. He also touched on trusteeship, governance, management, working together, obtaining continuous improvement and micro-management. It was the consensus of board members and administration that the key message is communication both internally and externally.
- Board members were given the Code of Ethics for School Board members along with District 88's Goals, board committee assignments and tentative dates for board committee meetings. A tentative meeting schedule was constructed to allow more consistency of meetings throughout the year.

Workshop Discussion - continued

- Mrs. Cain recommended a “Monthly Agenda Items” calendar be prepared which was distributed to Board members.
 - **President Cain called a break in the meeting at 7:15 p.m.**
 - **President Cain called the meeting back to order at 7:20 p.m.**

- The workshop then focused on Dr. Helton, Mr. Cibulka, Mr. Krause and Mrs. Kimpton sharing AYP and student’s academic growth and their successes.

- The Board discussed and reviewed the accomplishments and highlights of the Board this past year which included: re-organization of the Board, implementing the new Vision and Goals; less focus on NCLB; successful launch of the D88 Foundation; student focused curriculum and the Board Finance Committee working with two employee contracts.

- The Board put emphasis on finding a tool to communicate the outstanding accomplishments of District 88 to the communities.

- Mrs. Barbanente highlighted areas for the 2011-2012 school year that will be focusing on instructional improvement/curriculum work, resource support, continuing parent leadership training, and an alternative school proposal.

Closed Session

Mr. Johnson moved and Mrs. Kucik seconded that the board go into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. The Board went into closed session at 8:35 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Kucik, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Irvin, Mrs. Lullo, Mrs. Cain

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene To Open Session

The board returned to open session at 9:10 p.m.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Mr. Gillen, Mr. Irvin, Mrs. Lullo, Mrs. Kucik, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Cain

Members Absent: Mr. Edmier

Adjournment

Mr. Gillen moved and Mrs. Lullo seconded that the meeting adjourn.

Voice vote.

Motion carried unanimously. The board meeting adjourned at 9:11p.m.

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF EDUCATION

SECRETARY, BOARD OF EDUCATION

ATTEST: _____
DATE