

Itasca School District #10
Itasca, IL 60143

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

August 4, 2010

- I. Call to order and roll call – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Itasca School District 10 Administrative Center, 200 North Maple Street, Itasca, by Vice President Dyra with the following ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Mrs. Dyra
Mrs. Miller
Ms. Pawinski
Mr. Sprandel

ABSENT

Mrs. G. Hoss
Mr. Kolar
Mrs. Hogan

Also in attendance:

Dr. Marcia Tornatore, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Daniel Aggen, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Jeffrey Murphy, Principal, Elmer H. Franzen Intermediate School
Dr. Reinhard Nickisch, Principal, F. E. Peacock Middle School
Mr. Vincent DiBeasi, Network Manager
Ms. Deb Mitsui, Recording Secretary to the Board
Community and Staff Members

President Hogan arrived at 7:12 p.m.

- II. Pledge of Allegiance – President Hogan led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Analysis of Grade Level Student Enrollments – The Board has been updated weekly during summer break of enrollment counts. Per the Board's directive at the June Board of Education Meeting, Dr. Tornatore has requested a special meeting for discussion and consideration of adding an additional section at the second grade level. As of this date, grade two is three students over District 10's class size target number. Additionally, there are a number of inclusion students at the second grade level who will require special services. Discussion continued regarding pending federal and state funding. Dr. Tornatore stated that in anticipation of a possible higher enrollment count due to a private school closing in Itasca, Mr. Aggen did budget for an additional teacher. Dr. Turner has assured Dr. Tornatore that the Benson building has ample space, furniture and curriculum materials to proceed with a 5th section of a second grade classroom. Discussion concluded with the Board's approval for Dr. Tornatore to proceed with the interviewing process. Approval for adding a 5th classroom certified teacher position at the second grade level for the 2010-2011 will be listed as an action item on the regular Board of Education Meeting scheduled for August 11, 2010.

IV. Staff for Reading Assistance Programs – Dr. Tornatore reviewed instructional staff currently placed at Benson Primary School for reading assistance programs. Traditionally, the reading assistance programs at Benson Primary School have been implemented with the support of four staff members. One reading teacher is partially paid for by a Reading Improvement Grant for the Project Prevent Program. To implement the programs, a Reading Improvement Grant and Title I Grant have been utilized to pay salaries for two teacher aides, as well as one part-time teacher and full time teacher at Benson. For 2010-2011, District 10 has been informed that it will not receive any funding for the reading position for the Project Prevent Program. In May 2010, the Board directed administration to continue with Benson’s reading assistance programs at the current staffing level for certified reading teachers. Dr. Tornatore provided the Board with options and alternatives for instructional support staff (teacher aides in the reading programs) for 2010-2011. The Board directed Dr. Tornatore to proceed with the same level of staff (certified and support staff) as during the 2009-2010 school year for the reading assistance programs at Benson Primary School.

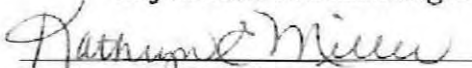
V. Transportation Update – Dr. Tornatore shared that our governor has stated that the Transportation Budget is slated to be cut by 42% for the 2010-2011 school year. Dr. Tornatore also shared the district’s impending bussing concerns related to road construction that is to begin early August through November. Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will be closing Bloomingdale/Nordic Road at the section of road at the I-290 overpass. Additionally, IDOT will be intermittently reducing Rohlwing Road to one-lane (with a flagger) over Spring Brook Creek. Both roadways are main arteries into the Nordic area neighborhood. Dr. Tornatore and District 10 transportation staff have been analyzing bus routes and times in anticipation of imminent traffic delays. The routes to be affected will have earlier pick-up times. Accommodations will be made for those students who will arrive earlier than usual at the schools. Discussion continued regarding adding an additional bus for the Nordic routes for the duration of the road work construction. Consideration for an additional bus will further discussed at the August 11th Board of Education Meeting agenda.

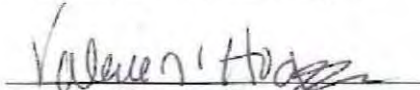
VI. Opportunity for Community Input -

The following staff member voiced their concern and opinion regarding the Reading Assistance Program at Raymond Benson Primary School:

Pam Mitchell – Grade 2 Teacher at Raymond Benson Primary School

VII. Adjournment – There being no further business, President Hogan adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.


Kathryn Miller, Secretary
Board of Education


Valerie Hogan, President
Board of Education