

**Round Lake Area School District 116
Board of Education**

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 2008
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**Round Lake High School
Library Media Center
800 N High School Drive
Round Lake, Illinois**

- I. President Finley called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.
- II. Present were: Mr. Finley President, Mrs. Radford Vice-President, Mrs. Negrete McGinley Secretary, and Members Ms. Hanna and Mr. Driscoll. Absent: Mrs. Welk and Mrs. Baker.

Also present were Chief Executive Officer Dr. Ben Martindale, Chief Education Officer Dr. Janet Elenbogen, Chief Fiscal Officer Walter Korpan, District H.R. Consultant Jerri Ryan, and Recording Secretary Olga Rivera.

- III. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. N. Radford moved D. Driscoll seconded the motion for approval of agenda. On voice vote members voted as follow: Aye: Mr. Finley, Mr. Driscoll, Ms. Hanna, Mrs. Negrete McGinley, and Mrs. Radford. Motion carried.
- V. There was no public comment.
- VI. Communication to the Board

Dr. Martindale mentioned the Illinois Grade School Music Association Solo and Ensemble Contest, which will held at the High School on February 9.

- a. High School Course Update
Dr. Martindale indicated that through a grant from CLC that will allow the District to offer another section of Earth Science as a dual credit course during the fall semester of the 2008-09 school year. Course will be considered an honors course by the grant.
- b. Grant Update
Dr. Martindale reported that the District is in the process of working with a grant writer from NICASA. The focus of the first grant is underage drinking the grant amount is \$450,000.00 for 3 years if awarded. The second grant deals with the Safe and Healthy Schools grant, which targets building safety, the feeling of safety, alcohol and substance abuse, mental health services and early education the grant amount is over one and a half million dollars each year for 5 years. This grant requires community partnership.

Dr. Elenbogen discussed the District's opportunity to participate in a grant with SIU. Dr. Elenbogen indicated that SIU received a grant for using primary resources from the Library of Congress in an integrated technology approach. SIU targeted our District as the recipient of services. This program will allow for 16 staff members to receive instruction, which will lead to the development of highly engaging and interactive lessons. She indicated that this program has been used with gifted students in other states.

c. Naming Committee Update

Dr. Elenbogen indicated that Board member Ms. Hanna will chair this committee. Board Vice-President Mrs. Radford and Board Secretary Mrs. Negrete McGinley were assigned committee members. The first meeting will be held in a few weeks.

d. Freedom of Information Request

Dr. Martindale indicated that this item is for Board information only. Information has been sent.

Dr. Martindale indicated that regarding the School Safety Assessment, Mr. Heiderscheidt is in the process of visiting our schools.

VII. Old Business

a. **Intergovernmental Agreement / Village of Round Lake**

Dr. Martindale explained that the Village approved at their meeting. He is waiting for additional information. No action will be taken at this meeting. Will bring back for Board approval to the February 21, Board meeting.

b. Construction Update

1. Change Orders

Representatives from Gilfillan and Seater are here to update the Board on the Magee Construction project. K. Schultz indicated that a path has been built for Board members interested in visiting the Magee construction site, he asked for Board members to first call Dr. Martindale, prior to visiting Magee. He indicated that there have been some setbacks due to weather conditions, but somehow they will make up the time. He indicated that walks, frames, rough ins are about 95% complete. Work on the roof has been suspended due to weather conditions. On a regular basis they will provide updated pictures

c. **Special BOE TAG Workshop March 18, 2008 7:00pm RLHS LMC**

Dr. Martindale reminded Board members of upcoming Special Board Meeting to discuss the Lighthouse survey results. He reminded Board members of the February 12, 2008, Special BOE Meeting (Lighthouse Survey) at the RLHS LMC at 7:00pm.

VIII. New Business

a. Payment of Bills

W. Korpan reported that he reviewed change orders and they are mostly for HVAC upgrades, also included with Board packet were bills from Hodges,

Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick and Kohn, in the amount of \$8,039.00 for legal services and a bill from Gilfillan in the amount of \$12,661.00.

- b. **High School SIP**
Dr. Elenbogen indicated that the High School did not make AYP for the 2007 fiscal year. Due to performance, the High School is required to submit a School Improvement Plan to ISBE thru their Illinois Interactive Report Card and will require Board approval. She will be bring back for Board approval at the February 21 Board meeting.
- c. **Middle School SIP**
Dr. Elenbogen indicated that Round Lake Middle School also did not make AYP this fiscal year 2007. Dr. Elenbogen indicated that the SIP Plans for the High School and the Middle School will be peered reviewed prior to being brought back for Board approval on February 21.
- d. **Technology Plan**
Dr. Elenbogen indicated that the Illinois State Board of Education has created a new template for and process for the Tech Plan. The Tech Plan was designed to create a better linkage between the District's Academic needs, as identified by student achievement on Illinois State Assessments. The Tech Plan addresses academic goals that are identified by State assessment data. The Tech Plan will be brought back on February 21 for Board approval.
- e. **Schuler Foundation Presentation**
Dr. Elenbogen indicated that the Board will receive Schuler Foundation updates on a regular basis.
- f. **Boundary Committee Recommendation and Models**
Dr. Elenbogen indicated that the Boundary Committee met and determined that divisions would be the best approach. She will bring a PowerPoint presentation which identify the top 3 choices to the next Board meeting.
- g. **Calendar Committee Recommendation**
Dr. Elenbogen indicated that the Calendar Committee has met several times and has developed the 2008-09 School Calendar. Due to the projection of total building completion by the architects and construction manager of August 25th we may possibly be looking at a later start. Two calendars have been created and will wait submit closer to the due date set by ISBE of June 16th.
- h. **Extracurricular Survey**
This surveys focus is athletic competition, fine arts, academic competition and special interest clubs. The survey will be available shortly either by hardcopy or online for completion by parents, students, and staff members.
- i. **Interfund Loan Repayment**
W. Korpan explained that the approval of the repayment of the interfund loans that the Board/SFA approved in January last year is needed. Additionally, RLAS will need to make an interfund loan of \$3,233,760.00 from working cash to Bond and Interest.

- j. Abatement of Bond and Interest Fund
W. Korpan explained that Abatement of the Principal & Interest for Initial Bonds and current 2004 Refunding Bonds would be brought for Board approval on February 21. The amount of the abatement is \$671,970.00 and the money will come from the Operations and Maintenance Fund.
- k. Rejection of Furniture Bid/Magee Middle School Reject & Re-bid**
W. Korpan indicated that he would be going out for bid again bids were sent to 8 vendors and only 4 were returned with Lowery McDonnell being the lowest bid at \$558,373.85. Other vendors lack of response were due to certain items they just do not carry, such as student desks, or the specific manufacturer was not available to them.
- Mr. Driscoll moved, N. Radford seconded the motion to allow for W. Korpan to reject and go out for re-bid on the Furniture for Magee Middle School. On roll call, members voted as follow: Aye: Mr. Finley, Mrs. Negrete McGinley, Mrs. Radford, Ms. Hanna, and Mr. Driscoll. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- l. SEDOL Takebacks
Dr. Kelp explained that due to the lack of space at SEDOL the District is bringing some of the Special Education programs previously served by SEDOL the High School and the Middle School ELS as well as two LOP programs. Dr. Martindale indicated that financially this makes sense.
- m. Tennis Courts/Remington Homes Impact Fee Donation
W. Korpan indicated that a resolution will be brought back for approval at the February 21, 2008, Board meeting.
- n. Automated Substitute Teacher Calling System
W. Korpan indicated that this gives the District an opportunity for more substitute teachers. He will be bringing for Board approval at the February 21, 2008, Board meeting. W. Korpan indicated that other Districts in our area are successfully using this service.
- o. Truck for Operations/Maintenance
W. Korpan explained that the District truck is a 1997 Chevy and has 63,567 miles and is out of service, cost for servicing is approximately \$2,000.00; tires are worn and need replacing. He would like to go out for bid for a truck replacement. Will be bringing to the February 21, 2008, meeting for Board approval.
- p. Discipline Committee
Dr. Elenbogen indicated that the Committee would be reviewing the Discipline code. The committee will be comprised of parents, teachers, and administrators. She is asking for 2 Board members to be a part of this committee. Mrs. Radford and Mr. Driscoll were assigned committee members.

IX. Administration Report

- a. Transportation Claim Payment
W. Korpan indicated that the District is required to pay back to ISBE the amount of \$37,251.88 for the 2004-05 transportation claim, the reason for this was that the number of miles were over claimed. This was discovered during the ISBE audit in June.
- b. General State Aid Refund
The 2004-05 State Aid was audited this past summer and it was found that RLAS will have to refund ISBE \$460,245.00. This was due to Kindergarten students being counted as full-time rather than half time.
- c. Village of Round Lake Park / Murphy School Property Modification
W. Korpan referred to letter from Frank Furman, Village Engineer for Village of Round Lake Park. The Village will be excavating Parrot Park to improve water quality and would like approval from the District to then haul the soil to a low area that collects water just North of Murphy. They would haul the earth to this location and spread the soil to an engineered grading to allow for proper drainage. Drainage piping to accomplish the grading plan design will also be installed. Topsoil will be added and areas will be reseeded. This project is schedule for summer of 2008. Will be bringing back for Board approval on February 21.

X. D. Driscoll moved N. Radford seconded the motion to adjourn to closed session at 9:28p.m.

- a. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee of the District or legal counsel for the District §(c)(1)
- b. Discussion of Litigation §(c)(11)
- c. Student Disciplinary Cases §(c)(9)
- d. Semi-annual review of closed session minutes §(c)(21)

On roll call, members voted as follow: Aye: Mr. Finley, Mrs. Negrete McGinley, Mrs. Radford, Ms. Hanna, and Mr. Driscoll. Nay: None. Motion carried.

XI. N. Radford moved A. Negrete McGinley seconded the motion to resume open session at 11:30p.m. On roll call, members voted as follow: Aye: Mr. Finley, Mrs. Negrete McGinley, Mrs. Radford, Ms. Hanna, and Mr. Driscoll. Nay: None. Motion carried.

XII. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:35p.m.

Mr. W. Guy Finley, President Board of Education

Mrs. Annette Negrete McGinley, Board Secretary