

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

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 2008
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION 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. Negrete McGinley Secretary, and Members Ms. Hanna and Mr. Driscoll, Mrs. Welk and Mrs. Baker. Mrs. Radford Vice-President arrived at 7:10p.m.**

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. A. Welk moved, T. Baker seconded the motion for approval of agenda with revisions to VIII – A. Employment Report, and VIII - B. Change Orders, Removed from Agenda Item XIV. Resolution for Non-Reemployment of Tenured Teacher due to Certification. 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 indicated that included in the Board packet was: a freedom of Information request regarding information pertaining to the dismissal of tenured teachers, the Illinois State Board of Education, Fiscal Year 2009 Budget presentation, information of the SEDOL building project, and a letter from J. Nehila of Round Lake Park District regarding change in fees after one of our contracts expires.

Dr. Martindale commended Board members on the success of the Lighthouse Survey. Dr. Martindale commented on the Parent Teacher Conferences at the

High school and the addition of the Music and Art Show, feels that this helps improves public relations with the community.

Dr. Martindale stated that he was very impressed on the increase in number of student taking the AP exams.

Dr. Martindale indicated that a Principal for the Middle School has been selected. Dr. Elenbogen discussed interview process and number of participants. Dr. Elenbogen introduced Erik Gallagher new principal for Magee Middle School.

E. Gallagher stated that this is a great opportunity.

Dr. Elenbogen informed Board members of two grant opportunities, one from the National School Foundation for \$150,000.00, a teacher at the High school has been identified

For our Math and Science needs, grant is worth 2 million dollars for 5 years, and the Art grant from Global Arts Alliance for \$100,000.00 for 2 years.

Mr. Finley thanked Board members for taking part in several meetings and for all their valuable work.

Mr. Driscoll discussed General Steel and the SEDOL project, indicated that this could mean at least \$800,000.00 in savings.

Mr. Driscoll discussed the distribution of certain materials.

Mr. Driscoll discussed Day of Silence, wishes that it's not observed.

VII. Approval of Minutes

- a. February 7, 2008 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**
- b. February 21, 2008 Budget Amendment Hearing Minutes**
- c. February 21, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes**
- d. March 6, 2008 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**
- e. March 11, 2008 Special Meeting Minutes**

N. Radford moved, D. Driscoll seconded the motion for approval of minutes of February 7, 2008 Committee of the Whole meeting, February 21, 2008 Budget hearing, February 21, 2008 Regular Board meeting, March 6, 2008 Committee of the Whole meeting and the March 11, 2008 Special Board meeting.

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

VIII. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Baker moved, Ms. Hanna seconded the motion for approval of Consent Agenda. Employment Exhibit was revised and on the table for Board review. There were revisions to Change Orders, revised copy on table for Board review.

- a. Employment Report**
- b. Payment of Bills**
- c. Treasurer's Report**
- d. Change Orders**

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

IX. Old Business

- a. Construction Update**
 - 1. Magee color selections**

Dr. Martindale discussed Magee color selections, will bring back in April.

- 2. Magee Sign**

Dr. Martindale discussed the Magee sign, he indicated that this is a cost effective add on to the project and he would like for Board members to select, ideas can brought to either Dr. Martindale or to Mr. Finley. Board members discussed.

- 3. Technology / Phone System**

B. Spakowski discussed the lease of Apple computers for Magee; it is cost effective and comes with a 3 year warranty and is covered under the Magee Budget. He feels that this will be a god pilot program for Magee. Dr. Martindale discussed the value of such a lease, and the District will be able to renew after 3 years.

Dr. Martindale discussed the replacement of phone system at Magee.

Mr. Seater, Mr. Schultz and Mr. Lowery discussed where they are with the Magee project. Dr. Martindale indicated that the Board will be taking action on the 2008-09 School Calendar and the first of school is August 18, he has concerns about the project not being ready on time.

Mr. Lowery indicated that the project should be completed by mid July, anything not complete by the start of the school year would areas be out of students way.

Mr. Seater indicated that nothing is going to get in the way of the construction project being on time.

N. Radford asked about winter costs due to severe weather and why this is not included in the original construction costs. Mr. Lowery indicated that this is not something that is usually done; they are unable to calculate prior to first knowing how severe weather conditions may be.

b. Lake County Sales Tax Issue

Dr. Martindale indicated that this will give Lake County residents the opportunity to vote on a sales tax increase to provide an alternative funding source for Lake County School Districts for Construction and Life Safety Projects. He indicated that all Districts will need to decide on an amount. The Board can take action at this meeting to officially endorse such a proposal or defer to another meeting. Board member's discussed and decided to table and bring back on April 17th for Board approval.

c. Board Meeting Structure

This item was removed due to lack of time – will be brought back to the April 17 Board meeting.

d. Full Day Kindergarten

This item was removed due to lack of time – will be brought back to the April 17 Board meeting for discussion and possible approval.

e. Social Studies Curriculum Adoption

Mr. Driscoll expressed concerns of inaccuracies in some of the books. Mr. Finley indicated that most books have inaccuracies.

Mrs. Radford moved, Ms. Hanna seconded the motion for approval of the Adoption of Social Studies Curriculum. On roll call, members voted as follow: Aye: Mr. Finley, Mrs. Negrete McGinley, Mrs. Radford, Ms. Hanna, Mrs. Welk and Mrs. Baker. Nay: Mr. Driscoll. Motion carried.

f. Round Lake High School SIP

Mr. Sinclair discussed areas of deficiencies. He indicated that low scores due to Juniors not being prepared, he would like for all students to be required to take courses.

Mr. Sinclair indicated that the Curriculum needs to be redesigned they are in the process of looking at several models in the Lake County area. Working on putting together a parent survey so that they have a better understanding of educational process.

Mr. Driscoll moved, Mrs. Radford seconded the motion for approval if the High School's School Improvement Plan. On roll call, members voted as follow: Aye: Mr. Finley, Mrs. Welk, Mrs. Negrete McGinley, Mrs. Radford, Ms. Hanna, Mrs. Baker and Mr. Driscoll. Nay: None. Motion carried.

g. Round Lake Middle School SIP

Mr. Minarcik not present. Dr. Elenbogen explained areas if AYP not met. She indicated that the SIP Plans need to be submitted to ISBE, the deadline is March 21.

Mrs. Welk, moved, Ms. Hanna seconded the motion for approval of the Middle School's School Improvement Plan. On roll call, members voted as follow: Aye: Mr. Finley, Mrs. Negrete McGinley, Mrs. Radford, Ms. Hanna, Mrs. Welk, Mrs. Baker and Mr. Driscoll. Nay: None. Motion carried.

h. Staff Inventory Change for 2008-09 School Year

Dr. Martindale discussed staffing recommendations for 2008-09 school year. He indicated that the increase in Personnel inventory is due to the opening of Magee, shifts in student population and demographics, improvement of academic achievement in all levels and coordination of the return of several of SEDOL programs to the District.

Mrs. Radford moved, Mrs. Welk seconded the motion for approval of Staff Inventory Changes for 2008-09 School Year. On roll call, members voted as follow: Aye: Mr. Finley, Mrs. Negrete McGinley, Mrs. Radford, Ms. Hanna, Mrs. Welk, Mrs. Baker and Mr. Driscoll. Nay: None. Motion carried.

i. Truck Bid

Dr. Martindale explained need for purchase of new truck for the District.

Mrs. Radford moved, Mr. Driscoll seconded the motion for approval of the purchase of a new truck for the District from Packy Webb Ford in

the amount of \$24,400.00. On roll call, members voted as follow: Aye: Mr. Finley, Mrs. Welk, Mrs. Negrete McGinley, Mrs. Radford, Ms. Hanna, Mr. Driscoll and Mrs. Baker. Nay: None. Motion carried.

j. 2007-08 School Year Hazardous Transportation Routes

Dr. Martindale reviewed findings.

Mrs. Radford moved, Mrs. Baker seconded the motion for approval of Student Transportation Life Safety Survey for 2008-09. On roll call, members voted as follow: Aye: Mr. Finley, Mrs. Welk, Mrs. Negrete McGinley, Mrs. Radford, Ms. Hanna, Mrs. Baker and Mr. Driscoll. Nay: None. Motion carried.

k. 2008-09 School Calendar

Mrs. Welk moved, Mr. Driscoll seconded the motion for approval of the 2008-09 School Calendar. On roll call, members voted as follow: Aye: Mr. Finley, Mrs. Welk, Mrs. Negrete McGinley, Mrs. Radford, Ms. Hanna, Mrs. Baker and Mr. Driscoll. Nay: None. Motion carried.

l. Contract Renewal for Chartwells Food Service for 2008-09 School Year

Mrs. Radford moved, Ms. Hanna seconded the motion for approval of the Contract Renewal with Chartwells Food Service for 200809 School Year. On roll call, members voted as follow: Aye: Mr. Finley, Mrs. Welk, Mrs. Negrete McGinley, Mrs. Radford, Ms. Hanna, Mrs. Baker and Mr. Driscoll. Nay: None. Motion carried.

m. 2008 Retirees

Dr. Martindale explained that according to the Collective Bargaining Agreement, Certified Staff are to give notification not later than February 1, 4 years prior to retirement, of their intent to retire.

Mr. Driscoll moved, Mrs. Radford seconded the motion for approval of Retirees for 2012. On roll call, members voted as follow: Aye: Mr. Finley, Mrs. Welk, Mrs. Negrete McGinley, Mrs. Radford, Ms. Hanna, Mrs. Baker and Mr. Driscoll. Nay: None. Motion carried.

n. 10-Year Life Safety Report

Dr. Martindale reviewed violations and recommendation for each school.

Mrs. Welk moved, Mr. Driscoll seconded the motion for approval of 10-Year Life Safety Report. On roll call, members voted as follow: Aye: Mr. Finley, Mrs. Welk, Mrs. Negrete McGinley, Mrs. Radford, Ms. Hanna, Mrs. Baker and Mr. Driscoll. Nay: None. Motion carried.

X. Administration Report

Items a, b, c, d - tabled due to lack of time.

- a. Asbestos Abatement at Murphy School**
- b. Summary of Audit Adjustments**
- c. Safe Schools Grant**
- d. Summer School**

- e. ISBE Bilingual Education Regulations**

Dr. Martindale explained that District #76 has been successful in

Mr. Driscoll moved, Mrs. Welk seconded the motion for approval of Position Paper from Diamond Lake School District #76 requesting changes to ISBE Regulations, making Bilingual Education an optional choice and not mandatory directive. On roll call, members voted as follow: Aye: Mr. Finley, Mrs. Welk, Mrs. Negrete McGinley, Mrs. Radford, Ms. Hanna, Mrs. Baker and Mr. Driscoll. Nay: None. Motion carried.

- XI. Mrs. Welk moved, Mrs. Radford seconded the motion to adjourn to closed session at 8:45p.m. to discuss, appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee of the District or legal counsel for the District §(c)(1), Litigation §(c)(11) and for review of Closed minutes review §(c)(21) of January 17, February 7, February 21, and March 6, 2008. On roll call, members voted as follow: Aye: Mr. Finley, Mrs. Welk, Mrs. Negrete McGinley, Mrs. Radford, Ms. Hanna, Mrs. Baker and Mr. Driscoll. Nay: None. Motion carried.**

XII. Resumption of Open Session

Mrs. Radford moved Mr. Driscoll seconded the motion to resume open session at 9:12p.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.

XIII. Resolution Authorizing Non-Reemployment of Full Time, First, Second and Third Non-Tenured Teachers

Mrs. Welk moved, Mrs. Radford seconded the motion authoring Non-Reemployment of Full Time, First, Second and Third Non-Tenured Teachers.

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

**XIV. Resolution for Non-Reemployment of Tenured Teacher due to Certification.
*This item was removed from agenda.***

XV. Mr. Driscoll moved, Ms. Hanna seconded the motion for approval of closed session minutes of January 17, February 7, February 21, and March 6, 2008. On roll call, members voted as follow: Aye: Mr. Finley, Mrs. Welk, Mrs. Negrete McGinley, Mrs. Radford, Ms. Hanna, Mrs. Baker and Mr. Driscoll. Nay: None. Motion carried.

XVI. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:15p.m.

**Mr. W. Guy Finley
Board of Education President**

**Mrs. Annette Negrete McGinley
Secretary Board of Education**