

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

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
OF THE WHOLE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
ROUND LAKE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 116
HELD NOVEMBER 1, 2007 AT 7:00PM AT THE
ROUND LAKE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
800 HIGH SCHOOL DRIVE, ROUND LAKE, ILLINOIS**

I. Call to Order

President W. Guy Finley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Answering present were President W. Guy Finley, Vice-President Nanci Radford, Secretary Annette Negrete McGinley, and Members Denny Driscoll, Tonesha Baker A. Welk, and Tammie Hanna.

Also present were Chief Executive Officer Dr. Ben Martindale, Chief Education Officer Dr. Janet Elenbogen, Chief Fiscal Officer Walter Korpan and Recording Secretary O. Rivera.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Approval of Agenda

T. Baker moved N. Radford seconded for **approval of Agenda**. On voice vote, members voted unanimously.

V. Public Comment

Mr. Costello, staff member addressed concerns regarding teachers safety. He discussed an incident at the High School where a teacher was injured trying to stop a fight and also the issue of the use of cell phones by students to take pictures and to videotape the incident. He would like a committee created to discuss these issues.

Dr. Martindale indicated he is in the process of working on an audit on school safety.

Mr. Brubaker 284 W. Prairie View Ln., R.L., here to discuss the Art Program funded by the Village PTO, would like to see a Districtwide program.

Mr. K. Kearby, EARL President, here to discuss the incident at the High School where a teacher got injured trying to separate two students that were fighting. He indicated that he is very concerned about staff member's safety.

Mr. Finley explained that policies are presently being revised, and the videotaping was used to solve this case.

VI. Communication to the Board

a. Director of Health

Dr. Elenbogen introduced the new Director of Health Services Annette Rolls.

b. Freedom of Information Request

Dr. Martindale reported that the letter requesting information and response were included in their Board packets.

c. Policy Revision Update

Dr. Martindale reported that sub committee met on October 23rd. The committee along with IASB consultant A. Dolgin discussed policies and the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Regarding Policy revisions there will be a first draft, a second draft, and then brought back to the Board for approval. Dr. Martindale indicated that the Board needs to decide how they would like to go about reviewing present policies.

Mrs. Baker discussed changes to the Mission Statement and feels that community input is very important. Mr. Driscoll agrees and feels that it should be in compliance with State and Federal rules.

Dr. Elenbogen reported that Ellis has made AYP 2 years in a row. She commended the hard working staff and administration at Ellis.

Dr. Elenbogen reported that administrators from M, IH and Ellis attended the Raising Student Achievement Conference.

VII. Old Business

a. Construction Update

Dr. Martindale updated the Board on the HVAC work. He indicated that the other HVAC issues will be looked at.

C. Foged updated the Board on the progress that has taken place at the Magee project. Presently electrical, plumbing, HVAC, in the cafeteria, walk ups are being worked on, steel structures have been cleaned and primed, demolition work on the 2nd floor is in progress.

Mr. Finley asked if the Magee project will be completed on time.

C. Foged indicated that it will be complete by mid July 2008.

1. Payment of Bills

Dr. Martindale indicated that this item will be brought back for Board approval on November 15th.

b. Net56 Update

Bill Spakowski provided information and reviewed its contents with Board members.

Dr. Martindale indicated that NET56 staff is doing a great job.

- c. School Safety Assessment
Dr. Martindale reported that the Proposal from Spadoni & Associates is for a detailed assessment and analysis to that will address the security, health, safety and emergency management needs of the District, our facilities, employees and students. The cost is not to exceed \$24,000.00. Dr. Martindale indicated that the Board will need to decide if they an audit is necessary. He indicated that it may be brought for approval to the November 15 meeting. Board members discussed.

VIII. New Business

- a. Estimated Tax Levy 2007
W. Korpan reviewed information provided to Board members.
W. Korpan indicated that he will bring back for Board approval on November 15, the Budget Hearing will be held on December 20.
- b. Preschool Program
Dr. Elenbogen indicated that the Pre-K grant was approved in the amount of \$254,600.00. The District will service 80 students in 2 half-day sessions. The staff will consist of 5 teachers, 2 teacher aides and a part-time parent coordinator. They are looking for an outside facility due to lack of space in the District. Dr. Elenbogen indicated that there is also a need for a secretary. She stated that the grant will be amended for this reason and also for transportation. Dr. Elenbogen thanked Dr. Pauli and K. Reynolds for doing such a great job putting this together.
- c. Review of District Mission and Vision Statement
Dr. Martindale indicated that the Mission and Vision statement should probably be discussed and revised. He said that perhaps the Board can review with the help of parents and staff members. Board members discussed. Dr. Martindale indicated that the Board can take action regarding changing the Mission and Vision statement on November 15 if they would like to change it.
- d. Addition to Personnel Inventory
 - Floating Custodian
W. Korpan expressed the need for a floating custodian to cover during absences; he indicated that this position has been budgeted for. A resolution will be brought back on November 15 for Board approval.
 - Magee Middle School Principal
Dr. Martindale indicated that there will be a need for a principal at Magee. A resolution will be brought back on November 15 for Board approval on this position.

IX. Administration Report

a. School Report Cards

Dr. Elenbogen reported on School Report Card results. She indicated that this year's focus will be on literacy. Dr. Martindale indicated that one of the issues with the District has the largest teacher per student ratio.

b. Schuler Foundation Action Plans

Dr. Elenbogen reviewed information on the Schuler Action Plans. She indicated that she will be working on new action plans.

c. Middle School Update (instructional program team)

Dr. Elenbogen indicated that she has been working with Union members and administrators on the 6th grade Model for Magee Middle School.

d. Beach Traffic Team Update

Dr. Martindale indicated that the changes to the flow of traffic and busses has been very successful.

K. Vetere indicated that the transition is running smoothly, fewer kids are tardy due to these changes.

T. Baker indicated that it has also added changes to the culture of the school. Cars are moving in an orderly fashion, kids are more polite.

Dr. Martindale congratulated K. Vetere and Dr. Pauli for doing such a wonderful job.

Dr. Martindale announced that the annual pancake breakfast will be held on December 2nd, the High School Choir and Band will be participating during this event.

W. Korpan indicated that he will be renewing the lease on 5 – 54 passenger buses with Midwest. He indicated that Midwest takes care of replacement of breaks and tires.

X. **Closed Session**

Mr. Driscoll moved Ms. Hanna seconded the motion to **adjourn to closed session at 8:30p.m.** On roll call members voted as follow: Aye: Mr. Finley, Mrs. Negrete McGinley, Ms. Hanna, Mrs. Welk, Mrs. Radford, Mr. Driscoll and Mrs. Baker. Nay: None.

a. Discussion of Litigation §(c)(11)

b. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee of the District or legal counsel for the District §(c)(1)

c. Student Disciplinary Cases §(c)(9)

- d. Purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired §(c)(5)

XI. Resumption of Open Session

The Board reconvene in open session at 9:49p.m.

XII. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Driscoll, seconded by N. Radford, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:50p.m.

Mr. W. Guy Finley, President
Board of Education

Mrs. Annette Negrete McGinley, Secretary
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