RICH TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 227 BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OCTOBER 21, 2008

The Board of Education of Rich Township High School District 227 met on October 21, 2008, in the Media Center at Rich Central High School, Olympia Fields, Illinois.

In the absence of the President, Mrs. Moten, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Brookins, Imoukhuede, Moten, Norwood, Owens, Upshaw

Absent: Brunson

Also Present: Mr. Hunigan, Mr. Hampton, Dr. Leak, Dr. McDonald, Mrs. Ramey, Mrs. Treichel, Ms. Kriha, Ms. Butler, Mr. Reinbold, Ms. Birts, Ms. Nelson, Ms. Dunn, Mr. Wieher, Mr. Kramer, Ms. Ogletree, Mrs. Hernandez, Mr. Bunn, Mr. Chachakis, Mr. Thiele (Gilbane), Mr. Maday (Gilbane), Ms. Smith, Mr. Toner (SouthtownStar), Ms. Kwarteng, Ms. High, Ms. Howard, Mr. Smith, Mr. Lentner, Ms. Chachakis, Ms. Dickey, Mr. Dickey, Ms. Davis, Mr. Martin, Jr., Mr. Hill, Mr. North, Ms. Durley, Ms. Henderson, Mr. Veazey, Ms. Slaughter (Rich Central Student Council), Ms. Bragg (Rich Central Student Council)

Board Goals

Mrs. Moten went over the Board Goals of Student Achievement, School Climate (Internal Learning Community) and Community Relations (External Learning Community).

Recognition of Citizens Pertaining to Agenda Items

One card was turned in for recognition from Ms. Howard. Mrs. Moten said that one of her questions dealt with a personnel matter, and Mr. Hunigan would address the situation with her personally. The other question would be addressed at the end of the meeting under Recognition of Citizens.

Presentation by the Village of Richton Park

Mr. Rick Reinbold, Mayor of the Village of Richton Park, along with a number of the Village of Richton Park Trustees, presented Mr. Hunigan with a check in the amount of \$878,000, representing Tax Increment Financing (TIF) surplus funds. Mr. Hunigan thanked Mr. Reinbold, and Mrs. Owens presented Mr. Reinbold with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Board of Education.

Recognition of Students

Mr. Rainey asked George Hill, Rich Central student, and his parents to come forward for recognition. He noted that Mr. Hill exemplifies what it means to be a student athlete. He is an honor student who earned an impressive score on the ACT. George is currently being recruited by several colleges and universities.

Mr. Kramer asked Rich East student, Alyssa Hernandez, and her parents to come forward for recognition. He noted Alyssa is 3rd in her class, maintains a 4.0 GPA and is currently enrolled in numerous Advanced Placement classes. In addition, Alyssa is President of the National Honor Society, a member of the Scholastic Bowl team and Peer Mediation, serves as Snowball Student Director, Executive Leader of the Spanish Honor Society, and as Student Council President. She has been a member of the varsity soccer team for four years and is captain of the cross country team. Alyssa intends to pursue a career in politics.

Mrs. Welch asked three students to come forward – Bolu Oladini, Olufunmilola Oladini, and Artesha Williams. She noted all three students had received National Achievement Scholarship recognition, which places them in the top 4% of more than 150,000 black students taking the test. Mrs. Welch noted that Bolu is on the Gold Honor Roll and has a 4.5 GPA. He plans to attend Washington University in St. Louis. Olufunmilola has a GPA of 4.429 and has been on the Gold Honor Roll for four quarters. She also plans to attend Washington University in St. Louis. Artesha was unable to be present at the meeting.

Recognition of Teachers

Mr. Rainey, Rich Central's principal, asked Audrey Smith to come forward to be recognized. He noted that Audrey is "solution focused" and a great asset to Rich Central. He stated that Rich Central saw a tremendous growth in Special Education students on the PSAE because of the efforts of Ms. Smith and the other Special Education teachers.

Mr. Kramer, Rich East's principal, asked Kara Bickhem and Valeria Davis to come forward to be recognized. Mr. Kramer praised Ms. Bickhem and Dr. Davis for their leadership and guidance in implementing differentiated instruction at Rich East. They have created programs and activities for students and developed professional workshops for teachers.

Ms. Welch, Rich South's interim principal, asked Ron North to come forward. She noted that Mr. North has been teaching physical education in District 227 for 34.25 years, all

with perfect attendance. His percentage of D's and F's is zero. Mr. North is head of the Principal's Advisory Council and is involved in coaching at Rich South.

Student Representatives

Rich Central's student representative, Toi Perry, thanked Mr. Rainey for making Homecoming Week a special week. She stated that the Student Council's main priority at this time is fundraising. A candy sale, movie night, game night, clothing and food drive, fashion show, and blood drive are planned.

Rich East's student representative, Alyssa Hernandez, provided a power point update on the Rich East Homecoming. She noted that students and staff turned the hallways into works of art. The Rich East Alpha Program participated for the first time this year. Alyssa presented each Board member with a dance ticket, a go card and thank you letter from the Alpha students. She extended a special thanks to Mrs. Ramey, Director of Special Education, for her support.

Mrs. Welch updated the Board on Homecoming week at Rich South. She also stated that Rich South held a mock election during the lunch periods that week.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mrs. Moten requested approval of the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Owens moved and Mrs. Brookins seconded the following:

- (09-38) It is moved that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda items as listed.
 - A. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting and closed sessions (1 and 2) and hearings on the District budget and CPN budget of September 16, 2008; the Special meeting and closed session of September 19, 2008; the Community Relations and Long-Range Planning Committee of September 25, 2008; and the Special Committee Meeting of October 15, 2008; as distributed.
 - B. Approval of payroll and bills payable

It is moved that the Board of Education approve the payroll and bills payable dated October 21, 2008, as follows:

Payroll

Gross Payroll September 25, 2008	1,466,236.23
Gross Payroll October 10, 2008	1,465,154.28
Bills Payable	
Education	900,767.10
Operation and Maintenance	515,305.52
Capital Project Fund	2,753,054.25
Transportation	337,668.71
Tort	19,654.45

C. Approval of payroll and bills payable for the Career Preparation Network

It is moved that the Board of Education approve the payroll and bills payable dated October 21, 2008, for the Career Preparation Network as follows:

648,516.42

Payroll

Site Construction

Gross Payroll September 25, 2008	4,954.02
Gross Payroll October 10, 2008	4,954.02

Bills Payable

Education 100,619.80

D. Approval of classified and exempt personnel report

It is moved that the Board of Education approve the classified and exempt personnel report listing new hires, leaves of absences, promotions, resignations, retirements, terminations, and transfers, as presented by the

Superintendent, provided all the requirements of the State of Illinois are met.

E. Approval of 6th Assignment Contracts

It is moved that the President, Secretary and Superintendent be authorized to sign contracts as follows:

6th Assignments

Phanna Chou	M.A., Step 5	Math, South
Carmen Pierce	M.A., Step 15	Foreign Language, East
Josephine Pulido	M.A., Step 15	Special Education, South
Laura Richmond	B.A., Step 4	Science, South

Provided all the requirements of the State of Illinois and the North Central Association are met.

F. Acceptance of donation

It is moved that the Board of Education accept with gratitude the donation of training running shoes from Nike for the Rich East Track and Cross Country teams.

G. Acceptance of donation

It is moved that the Board of Education accept with gratitude the donation of \$2,100 from Mr. Allen Dandridge as a contribution to the Rich Central Band Program.

H. Closed Session Audio Tapes

It is moved that the closed session audio tapes prior to 18 months ago be destroyed.

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Results of the roll call vote were as follows:

Aye: Brookins, Imoukhuede, Moten, Norwood, Owens, Upshaw

Nay: None

Motion 09-38 carried.

Report of the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations

Mr. Hampton requested approval of a motion for the Assistant to Board Secretary for School Board Elections. He noted that he was recommending Robin Nettles for this position. Mr. Imoukhuede moved and Mrs. Norwood seconded the following:

(09-39) It is moved that the Board of Education adopt the "Resolution Designating Assistant to Board Secretary for School Board Elections" in accordance with Business Office memorandum 09-07.

Results of the roll call vote were as follows:

Aye: Brookins, Imoukhuede, Moten, Norwood, Owens, Upshaw

Nay: None

Motion 09-39 carried.

Summary of Committee Reports

Mrs. Moten reported on the Special Meeting of September 19, 2008. She noted the Board had been involved in a Board Self Evaluation.

Mr. Imoukhuede reported on the Community Relations and Long-Range Planning Committee Meeting of September 25, 2008. He noted that two candidates had been interviewed for the Strategic Planning consultant position, one by telephone and one in person. A final decision will be made on the consultant in the near future.

Mrs. Brookins reported on the Education Committee Meeting of October 8, 2008. She noted that the Advanced Placement curriculum was discussed as well as math sequencing, the English curriculum, getting scores up in reading, and gender-specific learning.

Mrs. Owens reported on the Special Board Committee Meeting of October 15. She noted the committee had recommended that the Board have two meetings a month – one on the

1st Thursday of the month and one on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Mrs. Owens moved and Mrs. Upshaw seconded the following:

(09-40) It is moved that the Board of Education approve the new Meeting Dates schedule listing the first Thursday and the third Tuesday of each month, except as noted, as Board Meeting Dates at 7:30 p.m. in the location designated beginning November 6, 2008.

After discussion regarding the first Thursday in February conflicting with parent/teacher conferences, Mrs. Owens and Mrs. Upshaw withdrew their motion.

Mrs. Owens moved and Mrs. Upshaw seconded the following:

(09-41) It is moved that the Board of Education approve the new Meeting Dates schedule listing the first Thursday and the third Tuesday of each month, except as noted, and except for the first Thursday in February, as Board Meeting Dates at 7:30 p.m. in the location designated beginning November 6, 2008.

Results of the roll call vote were as follows:

Aye: Brookins, Imoukhuede, Moten, Norwood, Owens, Upshaw

Nay: None

Motion 09-41 carried.

Mr. Imoukhuede noted that, with two Board meetings instead of one, the Board members will know more of what is happening in the District. One meeting will be for reports and one meeting will be a business meeting.

Mrs. Moten reminded the Board that there would only be one meeting in December.

Mrs. Norwood reported on the Budget/Property Committee meeting held prior to the Board meeting. She noted that alternate construction projects were considered at the meeting.

Report of the Superintendent

Mr. Hunigan updated the Board on BoardDocs. He noted the District would be sending out electronic board packets to the Board members and to the public. The Board's training is scheduled for November 4 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Administrative Center.

Mr. Hunigan recognized the "Those Who Excel" winners and asked those present to come forward for a certificate. He noted that the "Those Who Excel" award is presented annually to outstanding individuals in the field of public education.

Tony Brunson, School Board Member, Award of Merit Phillip Crews, Classroom Teacher, Award of Recognition Marcy Jo Chachakis, Educational Support Personnel, Award of Recognition Bonnie Dickey, Student Support Personnel, Award of Merit PSAE Test Preparation Team, Team Category, Award of Recognition

Mrs. Chachakis, Mrs. Dickey, Mr. Wieher, and Ms. Dunn were presented certificates.

Mr. Hunigan noted that a special recognition of students is planned for November 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rich South Student Cafeteria. These are students who scored 22 or higher on the ACT exam.

Report of the President

Mrs. Moten reminded the Board that a Joint Conference Delegate needed to be selected for the November Joint Conference. After discussion, it was the unanimous decision of the Board members that Mr. Tony Brunson would be the Joint Conference Delegate.

Mrs. Moten reminded the Board of the Snowball II Closing Session on Sunday, November 9, at 11:00 a.m. at Camp Manitoqua.

New Business

Board member, Jacqueline Upshaw, reported on the Olympia Fields Education Commission. She noted that it is the goal of the Commission to build a partnership with the school district. Minutes Page 9 10/21/08

Mr. Hunigan added that he has met with the Foundation School Districts in regards to articulation. All parties were very interested in articulating together. College readiness has to be a K-12 initiative.

Recognition of Citizens

Ms. Howard was recognized. She asked the Board if female students were provided with counseling regarding domestic violence. Mr. Hunigan responded that counselors are available to students and are addressing the issue of domestic violence.

At 8:45 p.m. Mrs. Norwood moved and Mrs. Owens seconded the following:

(09-41) It is moved that the Board of Education go into closed session to discuss student discipline matters.

Results of the roll call vote were as follows:

Aye: Brookins, Imoukhuede, Moten, Norwood, Owens, Upshaw

Nay: None

Motion 09-41 carried.

At 9:38 p.m. Mrs. Norwood moved and Mrs. Owens seconded the following:

(09-42) It is moved that the Board of Education reconvene its regular Board meeting.

Results of the roll call vote were as follows:

Aye: Brookins, Imoukhuede, Moten, Norwood, Owens, Upshaw

Nay: None

Motion 09-42 carried.

Mr. Imoukhuede moved and Mrs. Owens seconded the following:

(09-43) It is moved that Student "A" discussed in closed session be expelled from the Rich Township High Schools through the 2008-09 and 2009-10 school years. Student "A" is to continue at the R.I.S.E. alternative school from

the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year and through the entire 2009-2010 school year.

Aye: Brookins, Imoukhuede, Moten, Norwood, Owens, Upshaw

Nay: None

Motion 09-43 carried.

Mr. Imoukhuede moved and Mrs. Owens seconded the following:

(09-44) It is moved that Student "B" discussed in closed session be expelled from the Rich Township High Schools for two complete calendar years. Student "B" is to continue at the Park Forest Academy for these two years.

Results of the roll call vote were as follows:

Aye: Brookins, Imoukhuede, Moten, Norwood, Owens, Upshaw

Nay: None

Motion 09-44 carried.

At 10:00 p.m. Mr. Imoukhuede moved and Mrs. Owens seconded the following:

(09-45) It is moved that the Board of Education adjourn its regular Board meeting.

Results of the roll call vote were as follows:

Aye: Brookins, Imoukhuede, Moten, Norwood, Owens, Upshaw

Nay: None

Motion 09-45 carried.

President	Secretary