

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205
Thursday, October 14, 2010 (7:00 PM)

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Lockport Township High School District 205 was duly held in the Maroon Room at the East Campus, 1333 East Seventh Street, Lockport, Will County, Illinois, and was called to order by President Ronald Svara. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Gloria Mickulas, Board Recording Secretary.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Angela Kamely, Member
Cindy Polke, Member
John Lukasik, Member
Lou Ann Johnson, Secretary
Michael Lewandowski, Member
Susan L. Forbes, Vice President
Ronald Svara, President

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Garry W. Raymond, Ph.D., Superintendent
Todd P. Wernet, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel
K. Brett Gould, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Dennis P. Hicks, Principal, East Campus
K. Patrick Olmsted, Assistant Principal, East Campus
Richard A. Lesniak, Director of Business Services
Matthew R. Dusterhoft, Director of Technology
Gloria K. Mickulas, Board Recording Secretary
Stan Eisenhammer, Board Attorney

Introduction of Board Attorney

President Svara introduced Stan Eisenhammer, one of the Board's attorneys, from Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn.

Public Hearing and Petitions

Name: Darren Deskin
Address: 1650 East Street, Lockport
Topic: Addition

Darren Deskin stated that he wanted to talk about the addition, because that is what he has found that the voters want—an addition—and that's what he wanted. Of the options that were previously presented, Option 3, the combination of Option 1 and 2 with the classrooms and the gym, was the positively best thing that can be done to please the voters. However, he was informed by Dr. Gould this evening that on the Board agenda for October 18, 2010, the Board

would be discussing a referendum in the spring. He said that President Svava lied when he promised that there would be no referendum in the spring. He felt that going for a referendum at that time was ridiculous and asked the three members who are up for re-election if that was what they wanted as their legacy—to go ahead and have a referendum at this time so the people of Homer Glen could have their way. It was his opinion that it was a bad idea in April, it was a bad idea in May, and it is a bad idea for Monday night. He felt that the Board should approve one of the four options, the fourth being presented tonight, and quit wasting the voter's time over a referendum that will not pass. He suggested that the Board get it done tonight because that is what the people want. Wait until the upcoming Board election is over and we have a new school board before we begin a referendum discussion.

Name: Roy Adcock

Address: 16356 W. 146th Place, Lockport

Topic: Addition.

He stated that he'd like to see all that he says tonight gets into the minutes. He thanked the High School Board for hosting the meeting that Homer Glen asked for with the Illinois State Board of Education regarding construction grants. He attended that meeting and felt it was a very informative meeting. He didn't feel that Homer Glen got all the answers they liked but it was very educational. They found out that, yes, Homer Glen can assist in paying for the school and that we can use the grant money to pay back our lease, but all of that would require legislation. He did not feel that with an election coming up in November that the legislators were going to get that done. Also, all of this has to be put in place before any kind of activity can go on. There have only been two cities in the entire state that were able to get legislation through for that. He said he knows the District's enrollment is down and that he called all of our feeder districts and was told that their enrollments were down, except for one. This upgrade to the building was in the plans all along even if a new four-year school was going to be built. So, he questioned why this was such a controversial issue. He felt that if we can't afford the bigger project, let's take the smaller project and move forward with it. Regarding the staggered bell thing that went out, he contacted Principal Shedder from Odessa High School in Texas. She said it does work for them, but it was his feeling that we shouldn't be cutting classroom time with a staggered bell schedule and cut our students education time. The other alternative was to add time to the day. It was his opinion, the teacher's union would not go along with that suggestion either. He stated that for the student's best interest and safety, we need to pass the addition tonight and put everything else to rest. Let's just move forward and start the New Year off right. He also felt that to donate 100 acres of land to Homer Glen and then lease the school, and in 99 years buy it back again made no sense to him. In closing, he reminded everyone that it was Homer Glen that brought this backdoor referendum that they originally tried, but thanks to some good board members, we don't have to worry about the referendum they wanted to put forth. When the dust settles and the addition is done and there is still money out there, if we need another school, enrollments rise, and the economy starts to take off, then we can move forward with that. Right now, let's work with the addition.

Name: Kathy Gibbons

Address: 13744 Cavecreek Court, Homer Glen

Topic: Addition

She gave some background information on herself and her children, which included the fact that her children never attended Lockport High School. She stated that she had attended several board meetings here and in Homer Township. She has nothing bad to say about Lockport. Her only concern is that everyone keeps referring back to the Romeoville episode. She stated that this was a very, very long time ago. She felt we need to grow up, put it behind us, the rules have changed, the people are different, and our needs are different. We need to look at the needs of today—not what happened then. We've learned from the past. We need to make decisions on what is happening today. All of our home values depend on this. Because she does not have children in the school, she gets no information on this and that. She would like to see a Board member put things in the newspapers that outline what is planned. She wanted to know where the residents of the District can find information out about the options, etc. The only information she is aware of was gotten through her neighbors who have children in the school. She knows that there is a problem in "K" hallway and there is a problem at Central. She has asked people if they knew that it will take \$90 million to fix Central Campus. They didn't know that. She asked, can't we build a new school on Cedar Road for about the same cost to repair Central and call it the Freshman Center? We would still be transporting the same kids, and then if it becomes a four-year school, it's already in place. She stated that there is violence in all schools today. Unfortunately, she did not believe that any addition or new school would alleviate violence. It's the world we live in today. What we need is a good community and we need Homer and Lockport and everyone working together to make this work. She said that residents have to rely on our elected Board members to do what's best and begged the Board to think about that and let the residents hear what the Board is going to do before they do it—not after the fact.

Member Kamely responded that individual Board members cannot put anything in the newspapers because the Board has to speak with one voice. She added, why information is not on the District's web site, she didn't know because the Board has asked for it to be placed on the web site, but it's not there. Member Polke asked if she received the *Porter Reporter*, and she replied that she did.

Name: Lori Orban

Address: 14624 Cinnamon Creek

Topic: Addition

Lori felt that part of the problem here is *Robert's Rules*. The Public Hearings and Petitions are always prior to discussion by the Board on issues we came to hear about and cannot inquire about. We hypothesize because we cannot get answers immediately from those who have the answers because Board meetings are not public meetings but meetings that are held in public. Her personal opinion was that LTHS is in need of a new school at some point. However, she believes that was problem number two of the problems we currently face. She felt that reconfiguration of the East Campus was the most responsible course. An addition can be implemented within the next school year. An addition allows for return to normal schedule and thereby improving learning conditions. An addition addresses many of the safety concerns recently expressed to and by this Board. An addition would have an immediate impact at a very low cost to the taxpayer and considers the economic conditions residents are currently facing. An addition does not jeopardize our position in the State ranking for grant money applied for in 2004. This is problem number one. Let's fix the one we can and then maybe engage players in all areas of the District who would tackle problem number two, the possibility of a new school

for the District, and through that, the current predicament with Central Campus as well. She reminded Board members that they had taken an oath to represent all constituents, honestly, equally, and without bias or conflict. She reminded the Board that it has rules and policies for effective governance. This Board has a great opportunity to leave a great legacy by completing this project, and most of all, this is not about who wants it the most—this is about what is right for the students.

Name: Kathleen Opon

Address: 14613 Arboretum Drive, Homer Glen

Topic: Thanked Board for Considering Expansion Option & Conflict of Interest

Kathleen Opon gave some background information about herself and her family. She began by commending and personally thanking those Board members and Dr. Raymond for bringing to the table their willingness for expanding East Campus to alleviate overcrowding. She felt that this represented to her a true dedication on their part to the children of the District as well as an acknowledgement of the financial crunch being experienced by many in the Districts and our country as a whole. It gave her hope to finally hear that something was going to occur. She said her hopes were dashed when the vote regarding expansion was postponed due to unwillingness on the part of several Board members to compromise their own personal agendas which appeared to include pushing ahead the Homer Glen proposal. She said it was mentioned that the Board had to speak as one, but unfortunately there are a couple of people who can really put some “thorns in the side” of any decision-making process. She then stated that this was her main purpose for speaking tonight. She requested that Board Member Cindy Polke excuse herself, and if she will not, that the Board remove her from deliberation and voting regarding the options proposed to alleviating overcrowding. She asked this not only due to the fact that her husband is the chief architect of the Homer Glen proposal, but also because she felt it was clear from her documented behavior here and at previous meetings and at recent Homer Glen Village Board meetings that Mrs. Polke had lost all objectivity regarding this issue. She felt that this was a clear conflict of interest according to Chapter 122, Section 10/9 of the Illinois School Code, which she recited. She asked if someone could explain to her how this could not be a conflict of interest in this situation considering Mr. Polke’s involvement in the Homer Glen Proposal and Mrs. Polke’s involvement at Homer Glen’s Village Board Meetings, because there sure seems to be a violation of the Code. She felt she should not participate in discussion or voting on this issue unless the Homer Glen issue is moved from consideration entirely. She recited some additional parts of the School Code regarding a conflict of interest. She asked the Board not to give up on the addition to East Campus because there is wide support in the community that would bring quick relief economically. She thanked the Board for all the work they do for the community and the children of this school.

Angela Kamely asked the Board’s attorney if there was a conflict of interest. The Board’s attorney stated that what Mrs. Opon quoted relates to monetary interest and unless Mrs. Polke was either the architect or the general contractor or has an interest in the contract with the potential building of the school that she personally had interest in a contract, Section 10/9 of the School Code as well as what used to be called the Corrupt Practices Act, that applies to all elected officials, do not apply. In addition, regarding Ms. Polke’s husband, the courts have ruled that the interest of a spouse in a contract, such as if he were a teacher in the school, is not a

conflict. In this case, unless there is something else, if it's just that a Board member holds strong opinions about an issue does not disqualify a Board member from voting on a particular issue.

Name: Kim Manson

Address: 12105 Tamarack

Topic:

Kim Manson said that she wanted to address the Board regarding someone earlier having concern about addressing the Board prior to the Board speaking. She too felt that was a problem. In her opinion, she would like to find a solution for the children as well as everybody else. She felt that putting an addition on at this time is sending the message that we are not that interested in building a four-year school. From all the meetings she attended last year, every community agreed that what we needed was a second four-year school to address the Freshman Center issues, address the overcrowding and violence. She felt that the Board needs to send a clear message by saying that the only option is to build the school and she applauds them for putting it on the April referendum.

Name: Tom Polke

Address: 12326 Mackinac Road, Homer Glen

Topic: Bonds

Tom said that first, the term band-aid was not authored by Tom Polke, it was actually Dr. Raymond who said the band-aid box is empty—we've tried everything. He said as he listened to some of the comments it is curious to hear that somehow a school only benefits one community. We have two schools right now. He said the District spent a lot of money on a survey a number of years ago and he felt that no one wanted an addition according to the survey results. He wondered, if an addition was what everybody wanted then, why didn't we do it five years ago? He said just to correct some statements—one, he has no economic interest in this, he doesn't get paid to do this, his wife doesn't get paid to do this, and there is no personal benefit of having a school in our community for the District. Secondly, there was some information about the meeting that was held last week regarding the State Board and Capital Development Board, and clearly a lease, which was proposed which would have lowered everyone's taxes in areas that didn't support a school. If you didn't vote in favor of the school, your taxes would have actually gone down by a couple hundred dollars if you had a home with a couple of thousand dollars EAV. Also, the idea of a backdoor referendum for what was proposed was for \$17 million. A couple of weeks ago there was a meeting where a \$16 million backdoor referendum, and that seemed to be okay. So all of the addition plans are okay for using a backdoor referendum, but for \$1 million more, this was a horrible thing. He said that any funds that do not come out of reserves are considered a backdoor referendum. Also, it was asked that a vote be put on the ballot for voters, so how can something that is brought forth to ask for voter approval is somehow a clandestine plan or something that is covert. His real purpose for speaking tonight was that: 1) you can still build a school and keep people's taxes the same; and 2) with grant funds available to us that is right around the corner in 2011. He said we have until June 30 to get our local share in order or it will roll over to the next list. And, yes, the District can secure their entitlement via referendum, resolution or intergovernmental agreement. He said there was no time like the present.

Name: Lou Ann Johnson

Address:

Topic: Letter

Lou Ann read a letter that was received which reminded the Board that they were representatives of the District 205 stakeholders and that they agreed to pursue what was in the best interest of all students in our District. He felt that there were three major problems at East Campus that were detrimental to the student body: overcrowding, congestion in “K” hallway, and staggered schedules. He stated that there was absolutely no reason for students to attend classes beginning at 6:45 a.m. and referenced studies that have found that programs starting at such an hour were not educationally sound. He felt that the Board has the ability to correct all of these problems prior to the start of the 2011-2012 school year, and strongly advocated that the Board move forward to add classrooms and correct “K” hallway as soon as possible. He felt that Board members need to provide students the best educational experience that is possible, and if Board members didn’t take immediate action, they would not be able to make this happen. Signed—Mike Petty, LTHS District 205 Resident—Mr. Petty requested that this letter be read into the record on October 14, 2010.

Name: Peter Colarelli

Address: 403 Tonelli Trail, Lockport

Topic: Referendum

Pete Colarelli began by saying it saddens him whenever he sees disunity in the District and barbs being bandied back and forth, and he hoped someday that we will be able to get beyond that. He said he was sure that when we get 15 years down the line when we have our school district built out and all the kids are safe and are in the educational environment we want them to be in that we will finally get to that point. He said he would support the idea of a campus on Cedar Road now if anything had changed in our economic environment, e.g., if we saw the growth that we had seen in 2005, 2006, 2007, or if the economy had recovered to the point where residents were not living in fear of losing their homes and putting food on the table, then we could sit down and have a more serious discussion of putting a campus on Cedar Road. Unfortunately he felt that there is a real lack of trust on so many levels—a trust between the Board and community, a lack of trust between communities and among all of the communities, and so when ideas are put forth, like Mr. Polke’s idea of trying to find some creative ways to fund the construction of a school on Cedar Road, it is a great idea and he was sure his motives were pure, but because of the reality, there is a lack of trust among the communities no matter what ideas are, like taxes for people will drop. The goal has to always be to do what is best for our students. We need to remember the ultimate goal is to build a school on Cedar Road and we need to continue to talk about that. Success is measured in different ways. The plans for a referendum in years past have always included an addition onto East Campus. He felt that if the Board votes to add onto East Campus it should be in the affirmative with the idea that this was one step toward the ultimate goal of building a school on Cedar Road. He felt that if the Board votes in that way, it would do a lot to replace that trust that has been lost between the Board and the community and amongst the community members themselves. In his opinion years down the road when the Board goes for a referendum it will pass because people will say that the Board did the right thing at the right time.

Name: John Marchese

Address: 12514 W. Manor, Homer Glen

Topic:

John Marchese began by stating that he supported every referendum to date. He gave some background information about himself and the large school he attended. It was his feeling that building a new school on Cedar Road was the right way to go for a solution. But in his opinion the larger the school the less opportunities and activities there are for students. Although he does see that building an addition as a positive thing, and if the Board did vote for it, he would support it, but felt that if an addition is built, a second campus might fall by the wayside. In two or three years, if there is a new campus built you will be saying why did we spend \$16 million to create a small amount of added capacity. He compared it to sending each student to a private school for that period of time. He felt that if a new school was built in a year or two, the money that was spent now would be a waste even though it would help the problem short term. He also stated that you will look back in a few years and say that the \$16 million could have be used toward the building of a new school to have less of a burden on the taxpayers. He said it just feels wrong.

Name: Lisa Mikolajcak

Address: 18021 Hunt Club Drive, Homer Glen

Topic:

Lisa Mikolajcak said that she was in support of District 205. She felt that there are a lot of opinions in the public and a lot of negative, derogative comments from the past and history of the referendums. So she asked the Board and Administration to make a decision tonight based on facts and remove all the negative opinions about boundaries and who will benefit from what. She said we are all residents of 205 no matter where we live in the District, and is always surprised that the mainstream is eager to put money into East Campus but while they negate the facts that there are life safety issues at Central. Those issues seem to be acceptable but are still an issue. Take the money that is available to us and be frugal with it. She was concerned about losing the State money that might be made available to the District. It seems a lot has been said about the Polkes, but she has not seen any others coming forward to come up with a solution to our problem like the Polke's have, so just stick with the facts and fix the problems with our schools. The District knows what the problems are so make a decision financially that will have the best impact economically and educationally for our children.

Name: Amy Torres

Address: 12413 Huntleigh Road, Homer Glen

Topic:

Amy Torres stated that she was absolutely in favor of a high school campus on Cedar Road, but is not educated enough to understand the whole addition and the fixing of hallway "K." It was her feeling that the information is very hard to find and maintain and understand, and after coming to a few of these meeting, she is panicked. She doesn't understand all the politics. But by spending millions, you are sending a huge message to the community that we will be paying so much for these extra taxes for a band-aid that doesn't even address the freshman building. It is extremely confusing. She felt that the Board needs to stop being reactive and start being proactive. In her option, a new campus would be extremely proactive and would be taking the

right step into making our community a better community. She would like some public forums to take place so that she could ask all of her questions and get direct answers and dollar amounts. It needs to be put out to the public. She concluded by asking the board not to rush into a panicked decision by being so reactive.

Discussion Items

Administrative Update on Scheduling Options

Superintendent Raymond stated that a few months ago the Board asked Administration to review the various scheduling options and additional information that could be brought to the Board. Administration presented an Issues Paper which the administrative team had put a lot of hours into in order to provide a concise format for the Board. The goal in putting this paper together is similar to the goal that the Board had many years ago, which was to safely house our students and provide the best education possible within our budget constraints.

The paper contained what the current issues were: the issues for next year, what the mid-range needs were, as well as what the long-range issues were for the school district. Superintendent Raymond talked about the population numbers that are down and projections that Administration felt were tied to the economy. The Fall Housing Report for this school year showed a total of 3,797 students enrolled. Regarding scheduling options, he reported that the most commonly used means of addressing our issues were a staggered slide (which is what the District is currently using), a true split, or different variations of a year-round school. He explained that the objective in the past for selecting the staggered slide was to preserve our academic integrity and our cocurricular programs, and the need for classroom space. He explained what had to be done in order to incorporate that type of schedule. Administration also looked into the five-minute passing period bells used at Odessa High School in Texas that was recently suggested, but does not recommend this option. He provided the rationale for this decision based on the fact that Odessa High School Campus was very different from East Campus, and Odessa's reason for implementing that type of schedule was not related to our challenge of classroom space, as well as other reasons. Administration looked into the suggested off-site locations (K-Mart building and utilization of Lincoln-Way space), but in either case, the District would not own the facilities. There were very high rental rates and costly upgrades involved with the K-Mart building, and with the use of Lincoln-Way space, many issues would need to be ironed out (busing, instructors, security, administration, legal restrictions, etc.) and an intergovernmental agreement would need to be legally negotiated.

Dr. Raymond included the Internal Growth Committee recommendations to give the Board an historical perspective. He also said that the three Summit recommendations were still alive: an addition onto East, a regular referendum timed with current bond payoff to freeze taxes, and the Homer Glen Plan to lease/purchase the Cedar Road Campus (dependent upon school construction grant parameters which were discussed at a recent meeting with State-elected officials, Homer Glen Board, LTHS Board, Capital Development Board, and the Illinois State Board of Education). Also addressed was the LASEC issue. He informed the Board that the District currently uses three classrooms and three office spaces there. An agreement regarding this space was provided for the Board's perusal which states that LASEC can stay there for as

long as the Coop is in existence. It was also felt that if the District took over this space, there would be political ramifications that would affect the smallest feeder districts.

Next year's issues were also addressed. The Board had given Administration the directive to return to the voluntary early-bird schedule for the 2011-2012 school year. It is currently mandatory. All students would need to take a minimum of 300 instructional minutes per day, according to the School Code. If six classrooms were added at East, students could go back to a traditional schedule. There would be no need for early-bird classes, and daily staff collaboration time could be easily incorporated into a traditional bell schedule. The mid-range needs would be to close Central Campus and construct a campus on the Cedar Road site. The long-range issues were ultimate campus sizes: two versus three sites (two 3600 campuses or three 2700 campuses).

President Svava stated that he initially recommended to go out for a referendum in 2012; however, he found out at the meeting last week, that once the school district received the entitlement letter, the District must secure its local share of funding to receive grant money. By having the local money lined up by June 30, 2011, the District would secure its place in line for funds. If the District does not have its local share by June 30, then the District is rolled over to the next list and reprioritized based on the schools' needs on that list, which would put us into the 2005 list. He said that list currently has 88 school districts in line for funding. The number may increase if other schools are rolled over to the list or if emergency grant applications are received. So, President Svava said if we want to get the \$20 million to \$30 million from the State of Illinois to help us build a new school, we have to get the local share approved by June 30, 2011.

Other topics were discussed involving students being released one minute early from classes to alleviate hallway crowding, which the District already does for some students—not all, purchasing classroom textbooks to alleviate the need for lockers and backpacks, and the feasibility of relocating the Lockport Area Special Education Cooperative (LASEC) to a rental space, turn the LASEC space into classroom space, widen “K” hallway, both of which might be able to be done for about \$1,500,000, which perhaps the District could do with its reserves. Superintendent Raymond explained that according to the agreement made between LTHS and LASEC, they have a legal right to that space until the cooperative dissolves. As yet, no formal conversations have taken place with LASEC, but with consensus of the Board, Administration would make arrangements to meet with the LASEC. If classrooms were added onto East, a traditional schedule could be initiated and there would be no need for any early-bird classes. If not, the District could go to a voluntary early-bird schedule, but Administration's recommendation would be that it would be available for seniors only.

Action Considerations

Suspend the Rules

President Svava asked for a motion to Suspend the Rules to move Action Consideration #1009-07 – Approval – Selection or Rejection of Addition Option to the next order of business.

Member **Angela Kamely** moved, Member **Lou Ann Johnson** seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**. The Motion **CARRIED 7 – 0**.

Remove from the Table Action Consideration #1009-07 – Approval – Selection or Rejection of Addition Option

President Sava explained that he would like each Board member to express their views on all of these options. Superintendent Raymond stated that originally there were three options that were presented, and based on the conversations regarding the concerns associated with these three options, the District Architects and the LTHS Director of Facilities Management put together a fourth option which would cost just under \$4 million that would net an additional six classrooms, would fix “K” hallway, avoid demolishing the math pod by reconfiguring it, and adds additional ingress and egress to “C” stairwell, which currently is a one-way stairwell. This was the least costly addition presented to date and could be completed by next fall. Included with the drawings of Option #4, Administrative preference, were amortization schedules for the Board to peruse on all of the options. A representative from PMA was also present at the meeting that answered questions from the Board. All amortization schedules were rerun based on a \$300,000 home and on what bonds are currently selling for, and for about the first six or seven years, Option 1 would increase tax bills about \$10 per year and would peak out at \$23 for the remainder of the payback for the bonds; Option 2 would increase tax bills about \$15 per year and cap out at \$33 per year for the remainder of the payback for the bonds; Option 3 combined Option 1 and 2 and would increase tax bills about \$20 per year and cap out at \$45 per year for the remainder of the payback for the bonds; and Option 4 would come out at about \$5 per year for the first six or seven year and cap out at \$11 per year until that bond was paid off.

Motion

Member **John Lukasik** moved to approve Option 4, Member **Susan Forbes** seconded the motion.

Each Board member was allowed time to share their views regarding this Action Consideration. All Board members agreed that for many years there have been problems at Central Campus with life safety issues that were on the list Member Kamely read, but most Board members agreed that this option would fix what is needed at East Campus at a minimal impact to taxpayers. Also, this addition could be completed by Fall 2011, there would be no need for a staggered-bell schedule, and the addition would not take away the need for a new campus on Cedar Road. Member Johnson reminded the Board that this is about the kids. The majority felt that the problem at East could be fixed now and then the Board could concentrate on the permanent solution to overcrowding—build a new school on the Cedar Road property thereby allowing the District to eliminate the life safety issues at Central Campus by closing the building. President Svava stated that he was going to put a referendum topic on the next Board agenda for discussion and explained the rationale for this action. However, he explained that if the district doesn’t get permission to float the bonds to build a new school before June 30, 2011, the District could lose the \$20 million to \$30 million from the State in Construction Grants, because the District would be moved over to the 2005 list and be reprioritized. Dr. Svava felt that the plan he presented at the last meeting would help the District build a new school without raising taxes because the bonds that the District is currently paying on would be paid off in 2014, so then, the District could use the money taxpayers are currently paying to build a new school. By doing it

this way, taxes would be kept flat until the bonds are paid off. With the help of the District’s architects, final details for this addition, including widening stairwell “C,” as Member Polke suggested, could be worked into the final details. Member Polke also asked if the District was considering the use of its reserves to help reduce the cost to the taxpayers, which Dr. Svava stated was also in his plan. The budget would be reviewed to see if we could minimize the amount of money we would need to ask for from the taxpayers. These plans will be refined and brought back to the Board for review.

Vote

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **1 (Kamely)**. The Motion **CARRIED 6 – 1**.

Michael Lewandowski	Yes
Cindy Polke	Yes
Angela Kamely	No
Lou Ann Johnson	Yes
John Lukasik	Yes
Susan L. Forbes	Yes
Ronald Svava	Yes

Remove from the Table Action Consideration #1009-06 – Approval – Resolution of Intent to Issue Working Cash Fund Bonds

Member **John Lukasik** moved, Member **Lou Ann Johnson** seconded to remove Action Consideration #1009-06 from the Table for discussion and possible action.

President Svava asked for comments from the Board regarding this topic. Member Polke stated that she did not like the idea of going for bonds in the amount of \$16 million. Discussions ensued regarding the rationale for asking for bonds in an amount up to \$16 million. Superintendent Raymond informed the Board that these bonds could be sold as Build America Bonds by working with PMA that would actually get the District a 35% rebate from the Federal government on the interest costs for these bonds. A representative from PMA, who was present at the meeting, stated that the District would receive a rebate every six months. Tom Polke interjected that he felt it was best to reduce the \$16 million amount to \$4 million because the deadline for the Build America Bonds is rapidly approaching and many school districts will be trying to meet this deadline. Attorney Eisenhammer explained that there was no need to amend the resolution at this time because there is a 30-day waiting period after approval of this resolution before another resolution would have to be passed, at which time a hard number can be applied, and then that would be the trigger for Chapman and Cutler to go out and sell the bonds for that amount. The public has the final say on this too. Ten percent of the voters could sign a petition and within 30 days you could have a referendum for this issue.

Vote

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay **1 (Polke)**. The motion **CARRIED 6 – 1**.

Cindy Polke	No
John Lukasik	Yes
Michael Lewandowski	Yes
Angela Kamely	Yes
Susan L. Forbes	Yes
Lou Ann Johnson	Yes
Ronald Svara	Yes

Announcements

Next Meeting – Regular Board of Education Meeting – Monday, October 18, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.

President Svara stated that at the last Board meeting during Closed Session that our attorney said that one option we have is to approve the agenda as a Board, and he was going to institute a process that would include approving the agenda. He said he was going to have Board members submit items they wish to put on the following meeting agenda, then that same night by consensus of the Board decide which of those items would actually be placed on the next meeting agenda. Also, there will be no more additions on our work shop agendas. Dr. Raymond stated that he would provide the Board with a form for them to fill out that will help with these agenda decisions.

The other thing that he would like to put in place was unanimously agreed to at the Self-Evaluation was that our meetings are too long. What he is going to recommend to the Board is that the recognition of students be done administratively rather than at a Board meeting and the Board could get invitations to attend if they wish. In reply to Susan's question, Dr. Raymond stated that previous Board's like the idea of recognizing students at their meetings, because it reminds the Board that this is what it is all about. Administratively, we like to see the students come before the Board to be recognized for the good things that the students do as well as recognize the staff members that are behind them. It was unanimous that somehow the meetings would be shortened. The Board will work out the details.

Another item that came out of the Board Self-Evaluation that was unanimous was to draft an agreement by the Board as to how the Board will act (Code of Conduct) at their meetings.

Member Lewandowski asked the Board to review the Positions and Resolution booklet they received and then email him as to which items he should vote in favor of at the Delegate Meeting to be held on November 20 at the upcoming conference.

Adjourn

Member **Michael Lewandowski** moved, Member **John Lukasik** seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon a voice vote being had, the vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Ronald Svara, President

Lou Ann Johnson, Secretary