



To: PCCS Parents and Interested Constituents

From: Myron

Re: Board Briefs, March 23, 2010 Meeting

Date: March 24, 2010

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors for March was held on March 23, 2010 in the conference area of the Comstock Building located at 1531 Jones Point Road, Grayslake, Illinois 60030. The meeting was convened at 7:02 P.M. by President, Geoff Deigan. The following members responded to roll call constituting a quorum: Steve Achtemeier, Treasurer; Tom Keenan; Geoff Deigan, President; Dr. Barb Provost, Vice President; Dr. Eric Hebert; Mark Dybas, Secretary; Dean Thorson; and John Wylie. Also present were: Kelly Lazar, Teacher Representative; Brian Greene, Principal; Stacy Gavin, Business Manager; Jennifer Ropke, PSO President; John Rizzo, Board Representative to LLC; and Myron Dagley, School Director.

Dean Thorson led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board then discussed the items on the Discussion Agenda which included:

- Review of pending legal bills from Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick, & Kohn in the amount of \$53.00.
- A second reading on proposed amended policy 900.1, Fundraising. Absent Board Member Elizabeth Stearns had sent a message requesting this policy be again reviewed by the Governance Committee, so this item was remanded to committee.
- A second reading on proposed amended policy 900.3, Maintenance/Accountability of Donor Records, was also remanded to committee at the request of Elizabeth Stearns.
- A second reading of new policy, 600.8.10, Internet Usage. No further revisions were recommended.
- The final review of the proposed FY-11 School Calendar was held.
- A first reading on amended policy 600.1, Class Size, was held with discussion centered on a slight increase being allowed to maximize enrollment given the current economic crisis facing public education in Illinois.
- A discussion regarding the possible rescission of Policy 400.5, Staff Acceptable Network Usage, since this policy would now be obsolete given the adoption of 600.8.10.

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- A discussion regarding the possible rescission of Policy 900.2 was deferred since Policies 900.1 and 900.3 were again remanded to committee.

The Board then entertained public comment. Parent Laura Fay reminded the Board that ISBE had earlier expressed concern when class sizes were being increased.

Following Public Comment, the Board adopted a resolution to adjourn into Closed Session for the following three reasons:

- Discussion of employment, dismissal, compensation of personnel.
- Review of Closed Session minutes of prior meetings.
- Discussion of pending negotiations with the forming teachers' union for PCCS.

The audience was advised that the Closed Session would last at least 45 minutes.

Upon return from Closed Session, the Board undertook review of the items on the Consent Agenda. No comments were made regarding items unless Board of Director Members asked questions or made comments about a specific report. These items included:

- The School Director's Report
- The February 2010 Financial Statements
- The Treasurer's Report
- Report of the Human Resource Committee
- Report of the Governance Committee
- Report of the Communication, Public Relations, & Fundraising Committee
- Report of the Academic Excellence in Programming Advisory Committee
- The President's Report
- The PSO Report and Financial Statements
- A review of the February 15, 2010 HR Committee Meeting Minutes
- A review of the Open Session minutes of the Board of Directors for February 23, 2010; and Special Meetings of March 11, 2010 and March 12, 2010.

The Board then adopted a resolution accepting the minutes of the HR Committee for February 15, 2010.

The Board also adopted a resolution approving without further amendment the Open Session Minutes of the Board of Directors for February 23, 2010; Special Meeting of March 11, 2010; and Special Meeting of March 12, 2010.

The Board also adopted a resolution accepting all other reports as presented on the consent agenda.

President, Geoff Deigan then called for additional public comment. The audience had diminished in size and no comment was offered at that time.

The Board then completed its Action Agenda by adopting the following resolutions:

- A resolution to authorize payment of \$53.00 to Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick, & Kohn.
- A resolution to adopt new board policy, 600.8.10, Internet Usage.
- A resolution to adopt the proposed calendar for school year FY-11 with student attendance beginning on Monday, August 16, 2010 on an early release day.

- A resolution to rescind policy # 400.5, Staff Acceptable Network Usage Policy
- A resolution authorizing entering into a contract with the New Executive Director effective July 1, 2010 as discussed in Closed Session.

President Deigan again reminded members of the audience and board members that items of new business for future agendas should be brought to either his attention or that of the School Director. A resolution to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 P.M. was then adopted. President Deigan expressed his wishes that all should have a safe and relaxing Spring Break.

Individuals with questions about these Briefs or the school in general are encouraged to contact Geoff Deigan at 312-401-4372 or Myron Dagley at 847-543-9722 or 847-558-4761. Observers are reminded that the School Calendar for the current year and next year may be found on the School's Web Site. Further, readers are advised that documents to which reference is made within the public portion of the agenda may be found on the School's Web Site.