



To: PCCS Parents and Interested Constituents

From: Myron

Date: September 2, 2009

Re: Board Briefs-September 1, 2009 Meeting

The rescheduled August meeting of the PCCS Board of Directors was held on September 1, 2009 in the Conference Area of the Anna B. Comstock Building, 1531 Jones Point Road, Grayslake, Illinois 60030. President, Geoff Deigan, convened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. The following board members answered roll call to constitute a quorum: Steve Achtemeier, Treasurer; John Wylie; Elizabeth Stearns; Dr. Barbara Provost, Vice President; Geoff Deigan, President; Eric Hebert; and Mark Dybas, Secretary. Members, Bob Bentz and Bob Creviston (excused) were absent;. Also present were Chris Hershiser, Teacher Liaison, Brian Greene, Principal; Jennifer Ropke, PSO President, John Rizzo, LLC Representative; and Myron Dagley, School Director.

Director, John Wylie led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President, Geoff Deigan then reminded everyone that this is a rescheduled meeting with a lengthy agenda and asked people to focus their comments to matters of the greatest urgency. That having been said, the staff and board began addressing the items and reports of the Consent Agenda including:

- The Director's Report including information from the Principal, Manager of Employee Benefits and Facilities, and Business Manager.
- Financial Statements for the months of June and July, 2009
- Treasurer's Report-Treasurer, Steve Achtemeier asked the Board to select a date within the next week on which to hold a special meeting to discuss and act upon possible new long term debt financing plans. By consensus, September 10, 2009 was chosen. If needed, this special meeting will be publicly posted on Tuesday of next week.
- Report of the Human Resource Committee.
- Report of the Governance Committee.
- Report of the Communications, Public Relations, and Fund Raising Committee
- Report of the Excellence in Academic Programming Advisory Committee
- President's Report
- PSO Report
- A review of the Open Session Minutes for 6-23-09 and 7-1-09 Special Meeting of the Board
- A review of the minutes of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee for 4-14-09, 7-22-09, and 7-23-09.
- A review of the minutes of the Governance Committee for 6-1-09.

Following these items, the following motions were adopted by the Board of Directors:

- A resolution to adopt the Open Session Minutes of the Board for June 23, 09 and July 1, 09.
- A resolution to adopt the minutes of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee for April 14, 2009; July 22, 2009; and July 23, 2009.
- A resolution to adopt minutes of the Governance Committee for June 1, 2009.
- A resolution to accept the other reports presented on the Consent Agenda.

President Deigan then called for public comment. Laura Fay spoke of a recent visit she had made to a new Charter High School within the City of Chicago. Chartered by District 299, the school has an environmental theme and Laura thought possibly our seventh and eighth grade students might have opportunities to interact with that school's student body.

The Discussion Agenda was then addressed as follows:

- Legal bills from the firms of Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn; Sraga Houser; and Franczek, Redelet were discussed. The largest portion of these bills was for legal services connected with the Charter Renewal.
- The Board held a second reading pursuant to adoption of Amended Policy 200.13: Frequency of Board and Committee Meetings.
- The board reviewed a document prepared by the administration to guide the steps necessary to manage board committees and the preparation for committee and board meeting agendas, packet, notices, and meeting minutes. During this conversation, it was agreed that we would investigate seeking an individual, volunteer preferably, who would attend all Board of Director Meetings, take notes, and prepare the minutes of the meeting for the Board Secretary thus permitting the Board Secretary's full participation in the meeting proceedings.
- The Board reviewed a listing of tasks to be accomplished in order to maintain compliance with the charter covenants. The administration had prepared one list and ISBE had recently submitted another nearly identical list.
- The Board briefly discussed the process for review semiannually of Closed Session Minutes. President Deigan reported on current progress in this endeavor.

Before adjourning into Closed Session, the Board entertained again public comment. Jennifer Ropke asked if she correctly remembered that a former task force on outreach had worked on behalf of the agency, and if so expressed her hope that the work of that taskforce would be reviewed and considered. Laura Fay recalled that the Board had previously used a volunteer person to take and prepare minutes for their meetings. She felt that such a plan had not worked well since the person did not have full understanding of the board issues and background.

The Board then adjourned into Closed Session to discuss personnel issues and to review Closed Session Minutes for June 23, 2009.

Upon return to Public Open Session the Board then adopted the following resolutions:

- A resolution to authorize payment of legal fees to the three law firms totaling \$12, 137.52.
- A resolution to adopt amended policy #200.13: Frequency of Board and Committee Meetings.
- A resolution to approve a one year contract for Marion Bridwell as a special education teacher, currently assigned .6 FTE for school year 2009-2010 as discussed in Closed Session.
- A resolution to approve a one year contract for Meagan Wright as a seventh grade teacher for school year 2009-2010 as discussed in Closed Session.
- A resolution adopting the Closed Session Minutes for June 23, 2009 Meeting.

President, Geoff Deigan shared one piece of correspondence to the Board requesting the board to consider starting the school year later next year, preferably after Labor Day because the early start is eroding into the summer activities of children and their families.

There being no further Public Comment, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:07 P.M.

Members of the public who may have questions about these Briefs, the meeting itself, or the School are encouraged to contact President, Geoff Deigan at 312 401-4372 or Myron Dagley, School Director at 847 543 9722 or 847 553 7095.