

**Cary Community Consolidated School District****Board of Education**

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**Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes held on September 29, 2006**

Minutes of a Board of Education Meeting of Cary Community Consolidated School District 26, McHenry and Lake Counties, Cary, Illinois, held at the Administrative Center, 400 Haber Road, Cary, Illinois 60013

**Items on Agenda****1. Organization**1.1 Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance to Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1.3 Roll Call

Present: Randy Lawrence, Stephen Bush, Dave Ruelle, Craig Loew, Gary Wleklinski, Chris Jenner. Absent: Kristen Lewis (Arrived 5:40 p.m.)

**2. Community Input**

None

**3. Closed Session for Discussion of Specific Personnel**

Member Bush moved and Member Lawrence seconded the motion go into closed session Discussion of Negotiation Preparation and Specific Personnel at 5:34 p.m. Voting aye: All. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

Returned from Closed Session at 7:02 p.m.

**4. Adjournment**

Member Bush moved and Member Lawrence seconded the motion to end the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Voting aye: All. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

The Board of Education of Cary Community Consolidated School District, McHenry and Lake Counties, Cary, Illinois, held a special meeting on Monday, September 29, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administrative Center, 400 Haber Road, Cary, Illinois 60013.

**Public Hearing on 2006-2007 Budget****1. Organization**1.1 Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Present: Randy Lawrence, Dave Ruelle, Craig Loew, Gary Wleklinski, Kristen Lewis, Chris Jenner, Stephen Bush. Absent: None.

**2. Public Hearing for 2006-2007 Budget**2.1 Presentation of Budget

Mr. Ciserella presented the 2006-2007 board of education budget.

## 2.2 Comments From Public

Mary Ellen Spoerl asked what assumptions were made to arrive at the revenue increase in the 2007 budget. Mr. Ciserella indicated it was primarily due to new growth which does not fall under the tax cap. Ms. Spoerl asked if there was evidence of new growth such as building permits. Mr. Ruelle indicated that new growth in Cary had been approximately 10% per year over the past three years. Ms. Spoerl asked which meetings discussion of the increase in revenue took place. Mr. Ciserella indicated it was in discussions with the board. Mr. Bush indicated he didn't recall. Ms. Spoerl asked if the budget deficit reduction plan be discussed in open meeting. Mr. Loew indicated it would be discussed at the Finance Advisory and Finance Committee meetings.

Julie Birmingham, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Prairie Hill, expressed concern that they took \$5,000 of building budget and put it into capital outlay, then found out that the \$5,000 had been cut from the budget. Ms. Birmingham asked that care be taken in budget allocations.

Mark Pilut asked when the next meeting was at which the budget deficit reduction plan would be discussed.

## 2.3 Adjournment

Member Bush moved and Member Lewis seconded the motion to end meeting at 7:24 p.m. Voting aye: All. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

## Items on Agenda

### 1. **Organization**

#### 1.1 Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

#### 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance to Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### 1.3 Roll Call

Present: Randy Lawrence, Dave Ruelle, Craig Loew, Gary Wleklinski, Kristen Lewis, Chris Jenner, Stephen Bush. Absent: None.

### 2. **Community Input**

None.

### 3. **Agenda Items Requiring Discussion and Board Approval**

#### 3.1 Resolution to Adopt Fiscal Year 2007 Budget

Member Ruelle moved, member Bush seconded to adopt the fiscal year 2007 budget as presented.

Mr. Jenner said that a year and a half ago, four board members were elected who said they would take a more business like approach to running the district and be good stewards of taxpayer resources, and that it wasn't happening. He asked other board members to give serious consideration when asked to approve further things that the district didn't have the money for.

Roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Ruelle, Loew, Wleklinski, Lewis, Bush Voting nay: Lawrence, Jenner. Motion carried.

#### 3.2 Approval of TAW Repayment

Member Lewis moved, member Bush seconded to authorize repayment to Harris Bank of Tax Anticipation Warrants due on October 2, 2006, in the amount of \$4,597,323.75.

Roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Ruelle, Lawrence, Loew, Wleklinski, Lewis, Jenner, Bush. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

#### 3.3 Approval of Resignation Agreement

Mr. Smith read the following statement.

The reasons for coming to Cary 26 such as a very talented and dedicated staff, quality administration, and high levels of community support for the educational process in all areas and at all levels of the district have proven to truly exist. In a little over one year, together the staff and I have worked on many projects and undertaken many efforts to build on the positive and strengths of the district. As a result, new ways of looking at student assessment, gifted education delivery, learning center utilization, reading and math instruction have developed. Comprehensive studies of the transportation system, special services department, and levels of differentiation of instruction have taken place. Automation of the lunch program and accounting processes has been accomplished. Within the month, administrative procedures for over half of the new board policies will have been developed and that work continues. Climate studies of stakeholders have been conducted as is working conditions for support personnel to be integrated into the improvement process. Additional revenue is being sought in working with the village on a proposed transition fee ordinance, and stakeholder participation in committees and community partnerships have been expanded upon. All of this and in addition test scores reflecting student achievement are up 5 to 15 to 30 % in most instances.

With this being said, one can see the past year has truly been a success for the hard working and talented staff and administrators of the district. A special appreciation is extended to the members of the central office and my administrative team for their patience, persistence, dedication, belief, trust in our vision, and professional skill demonstrated in meeting the many challenges of this past year. The results can not be denied.

With these comments reflective of the tremendous level of success achieved in such a short period of time, it is with a high degree of emotion that I am announcing my resignation as Superintendent of Schools in Cary School District 26 effective June 30, 2007. In the best interest of the district, the announcement at this time allows the district to begin a search for a suitable replacement. Though I will be saddened to leave as superintendent at the end of this year, I am pleased with the high degree of support received from the staff and community. I am also pleased that the district on many fronts is a better organization than this time last year. From the talent existent and activities undertaken, a move from GREAT to GREATER has occurred for this school system. I anticipate that with continued efforts building on the foundations which have been laid this past year; this success can continue. I look forward to future challenges working with public school stakeholders toward leading school districts to higher levels of performance such as we have during my tenure at Cary.

Member Bush moved, member Lawrence seconded, to accept the resignation of Superintendent Mike Smith effective June 20, 2007, under the terms and conditions of the formal Resignation Agreement and attachments agreed to by the Superintendent and the Board, and to authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Agreement document.

Roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Ruelle, Loew, Bush, Lawrence, Wleklinski, Lewis, Jenner Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Loew and Mr. Smith each read statements.

**13. Adjournment**

Member Lawrence moved and Member Bush seconded the motion to end meeting at 7:41 p.m. Voting aye: All. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

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Craig Loew, Board President

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Chris Jenner, Board Secretary

Minutes approved on October 16, 2006