Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education
Willow Springs Consolidated School District No. 108
Tuesday, February 28, 2017
Willow Springs School Library

Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Roll Call
Members present: Kent, Ristić, Weeg (in at 6:37), Estrada (in at 6:45), McSweeney, Ciota (in at 6:43) and L McSweeney

Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President, David Kent.

Acceptance of the Superintendent's Agenda
The superintendent recommends the approval of the Superintendent's Agenda.

Motion 17-69 by McSweeney, seconded by Ristić as recommended by the superintendent for the approval of the superintendent's Agenda.
Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Kent, Ristić, McSweeney, and L. McSweeney

Audience Participation
Lori Smuda, Principal, Teachers: Sue Winslow, Jaclyn Dondlinger and her Student Stella Ristić who did a presentation on "Seat Belts in Buses" with her dad Dejan and siblings Marijka, Marko and Mirenza Ristić. Along with Nick Cavaliere from Baker Tilly Virchow Krause and Mayor Nowaczyk who talked about putting sidewalks in front of the school.

Minutes
A copy of the January 24, 2017 regular meeting minutes and the January 31 special meeting minutes were included in the packets.

The superintendent recommends the approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting for January 24, 2017.

Motion 17-70 by Weeg, seconded by Ciota as recommended by the superintendent for the approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on January 24, 2017.
Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Kent, Ristić, Weeg, Estrada, McSweeney, and Ciota
Abstain: L. McSweeney

The superintendent recommends the approval of the minutes from the Special Board Meeting for January 21, 2017.

Motion 17-71 by McSweeney, seconded by Kent as recommended by the superintendent for the approval of the minutes from the Special Board Meeting on January 21, 2017.
Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Kent, Ristić, Weeg, Estrada, McSweeney, Ciota and L McSweeney

Financial Report
Auditor's report for January was in the packet.

Consent Agenda
The superintendent recommends the approval of the consent agenda.

Motion 17-72 by Ciota, seconded by Estrada as recommended by the superintendent for the approval of the consent agenda.

Consent #1
The superintendent recommends the approval of the payroll and the approval of the bills in the amount of $278,661.61 (7A-1-2), the reimbursement of the Imprest Fund in the amount of $198.00 (7B) and approval of the Activity Fund balance of $56,526.81(7C) for the month of February 2017.

Consent #2
The superintendent recommends the approval of the financial report of the auditor for the month of January 2017. Fund balances: Educational: $3,415,130; Operations & Maintenance: $470,870; Debt Service: $344,761; Transportation: $452,297; IMRF: $230,912; Capital Projects: $(111,391); Working Cash: $479,044; Tort: $685,435; and Fire Prevention & Life Safety $477

Consent #3
The superintendent recommends that the superintendent be directed to prepare the budget for fiscal year 2018.

Consent #4
The superintendent recommends the acceptance of the Honorable Dismissal Sequence List as presented.

Consent #5
The superintendent recommends the approval of out of state conference expenses in Madison, Wisconsin for Adam Lee. The total cost is approximately $275 for the conference and lodging, not to exceed $300.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Kent, Ristić, Weeg. Estrada, McSweeney, Ciota and L McSweeney

Notices and Communications
The superintendent presented the following news articles:

A-a. 1 journal article related to National and Illinois Education Issues at this time.
1. From the DesPlaines Valley News an editorial by Senator Landek stating that the Governor is calling for reform but doesn't act upon it.

A-b. 2 Newspaper and related articles related to Willow Springs School.

1. Our listing in the Des Plaines Valley News for Kindergarten Screening and Registration.
2. The District's Annual Statement of Affairs published in the Des Plaines Valley News

A-c. 0 Newspaper and related articles related to early childhood education.

Item 8B Legislative/SCOPE report: 4 Items.

1. There are 3 Alliance Legislative Reports. They focus on the "Grand Bargain" in the Senate to reach a budget compromise and the Governor's Annual State of the State Address.
2. From the Alliance a description of the SB11, the Pension Reform Bill part of the Grand Bargain. Similar plans have been deemed unconstitutional by the Illinois Supreme Court. This also calls for a cap on salaries at CPI. This would effectively end collective bargaining in Illinois schools.

Item 8C State Board of Education Correspondence: 1 Item.
Continuing correspondence with ISBE regarding the lunch program "Corrective Action Plan". The superintendent has a phone conference scheduled to further address this.

Item 8D Illinois Association of School Boards Correspondence: 0 Items.

Item 8E AERO Correspondence items: 1 Item.
Memo requesting AERO do an administrative review of physical management programs. The plan is to have the review presented to this Board at its June meeting.

Item 8F EBC Health Insurance Co-op Correspondence items: 1 Item.
The renewal meeting is March 15th. It looks like the HMO will have a modest increase in the 4-6% range. The PPO between 6-9%. Final rates will be voted upon at the meeting. Also, the superintendent is on the ballot running to be the Vice Chair of the Executive Committee of the EBC.

Item 8G Village of Willow Springs Correspondence: 0 items.

Item 8H County Clerk Correspondence: 0 items.

Item 8I Intermediate Service Center Correspondence: 0 items.

Item 8J Township Treasurer Correspondence: 1 item.
In the packet is a reprint of the memo sent to Susan Birkenmaier on January 6th. The superintendent sent it 3 times without a response. He hunted her down by telephone the week of 2/13 and was not satisfied with the response on either issue. He will do more research to determine the next step.

Item 8K

Superintendent Correspondence Received: 1 item.

1. Letter from 4th grader Stella Ristić regarding school bus safety.

Superintendent Correspondence Sent: 1 item.

1. Copy of the letter sent home with 5th graders following the shell case incident.

Item 8K-A Freedom of Information Act Requests and Notices 2 items

1. Luke Keller from Odelson Sterk, Ltd. Requesting social media and cyber bullying policies. The request was filled on January 26th.
2. "Concerned Citizens P" requesting social media and cyber bullying policies as well as social media data regarding Willow Springs election terms. The request with the assistance of our attorney was complied with on February 3rd.

Special Education
Cindy reported:

The Governing Board has not met since our last Board meeting. However, a long term property goal may be presenting itself to the Cooperative. Queen of Peace closed and the Cooperative is looking into the possibility of buying their school building. It is in the talking stage and we hope to find out more in the near future. This school building is just about in the center of the area that the Cooperative provides service to.

Principal's Report
Principal Smuda reported:

Parent Teacher Conferences were a success! Parents completed an informational, 5-point survey and the average was 4.89! Some comments are listed on her report.

The Mobile Dentist serviced 55 of our students on February 8th and 9th. The dentist and hygienists donate their time to help out the school community. They conduct exams, fill out reports, and apply a sealant to prevent more cavities. Thank you to the organization for donating all of the toothbrushes, too!

Lauren Herrera organized the annual junior high Snowflake Day on February 6th. The NAMI Institute for Mental Health gave two presentations with break-out sessions for discussion and reflection.

We had a lot of fun at the Honor Roll Assembly for grades 6th-8th. The students that received awards were able to play Minute-To-Win-It games versus the staff. There was an M&M relay race, kick the shoe onto the table, and rubber band shoot-off! It was celebratory fun! The principal also held an assembly for grades 4th & 5th. Loud music was playing while we announced the students' names and staff gave high fives! Students were able to choose a cup which held a prize!

PARCC testing begins next month. The principal has been working hard programming in rosters, accommodations, and testing sessions into the computer. We will complete testing before spring break.

Item 11A Class Size Information
Enrollment remains steady, but still many ins and outs.

Item 12A 2017-2018 School Calendar
The proposed calendar and descriptions are in the packet.

The superintendent recommends the adoption of the 2017-2018 school calendar as presented.

Motion 17-73 by McSweeney, seconded by L. McSweeney as recommended by the superintendent that we adopt the 2017-2018 school calendar as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Kent, Ristić, Weeg, Estrada, McSweeney, Ciota and L. McSweeney

Item 12B District 2017 Goals
The superintendent organized the wish list generated on January 21st into categories. We can prioritize which ones to focus on for 2017.

The superintendent recommends the adoption of the 2017 District Goals as presented

Motion 17-74 by McSweeney seconded by Ristić as recommended by the superintendent we adopt the 2017 District Goals as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Kent, Ristić, Weeg, Estrada, McSweeney, Ciota and L McSweeney

Item 12C Village Collaboration
One of the goals if for more collaboration with the Village where appropriate.
There are 2 opportunities:

1. Willow Springs 125th Anniversary Celebration

The Village will be 125 years old this June. The Village is planning a large celebration on Saturday, June 17th. We've been asked to be included in the Parade. While it'll be a bit trickier because school will be out for nearly a month, we're working on getting our band in the parade. The cheerleaders will also be present. The Board would like to March in the parade and toss candy to the spectators.

2. Lions Park Softball Field

The softball fields at Lions Park are in deplorable shape. The one infield is totally overgrown with weeds. The other has so many ditches that it's not safe to play on. The District is the only group to officially use the fields.

The superintendent approached Bill Murray, Village Administrator, with a plan to share responsibility for the softball fields. That plan is in the packet. It was favorably received. He is waiting to hear what the next step is. (The superintendent briefly mentioned it to Mayor Nowaczyk at the Pancake Breakfast as well.)

What's in it for us? Safe playing fields for our kids. Display our willingness to work together with the Village on projects where we have mutual interests – showing good will. Maintaining the park will hopefully prevent a decrease in property values – more revenue for the District.

What'll it cost? If all goes according to plan, some of superintendents time in coordinating with the different groups to get the ball rolling. Also, Dan and the superintendent estimated that it would be about 3 hours of mowing a week – roughly $30/week, and let's over estimate at 26 weeks - $780.

Item 12D PARCC Testing

The PARCC testing is similar to last year. There will be just one test window with slightly fewer test sessions than last year. We will start testing on March 14 and end before Spring Break. Make-ups will happen after Spring Break. All but 5th and 6th grades will do the test online. We will use only the Chromebooks for testing.

Item 12E Policy Updates, First Reading

The summary pages are in the packet. There's a lot of No Child Left Behind to Every Students Succeeds clean up in this update. The largest policy update relates to reimbursing board members for travel/conference expenses. We will have to pass the resolution next month, as the law demands, but it will not change 108's practice as the Board has minimal expenses in this regard.

Item 13 Calendar Information

Item 14 Closed Session

The superintendent needs to go into closed session for personnel issues.

Motion 17-75 by Ciota, seconded by Weeg to go into Closed Session at 8:03 p.m. with the purpose of discussing personnel items.
Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Kent, Ristić, Weeg, Estrada, McSweeney, Ciota and L. McSweeney

Motion 17-76 by Estrada, seconded by McSweeney Board returned to open session at 8:37 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Kent, Ristić, Weeg, Estrada, McSweeney, Ciota and L. McSweeney

Item 15 Final Actions

The superintendent recommends the approval of the Minutes from the January 24, 2017 Closed Session and to keep them closed to the public.

Motion 17-77 by Ciota, seconded by Weeg as recommended by the superintendent that we approve the Minutes from the January 24, 2017 Closed Session and to keep them closed to the public.
Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Kent, Ristić, Weeg, Estrada, McSweeney, and Ciota
Abstain: L. McSweeney

The superintendent recommends that Kent & McSweeney will be on the negotiating team.

Motion 17-78 by Ristić, seconded by Ciota as recommended by the superintendent to appoint Kent & McSweeney to be on the negotiating team.
Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Kent, Ristić, Weeg, Estrada, McSweeney, Ciota and L. McSweeney

Item 16 Adjournment

Motion 17-79: Adjournment
Motion made by Weeg, Seconded by Kent
Hearing no objections so moved.

David A. Kent
President

Cynthia McSweeney
Secretary