

May 2, 2011

1. Roll Call - *Superintendent's office*

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Evanston Township High School was convened at 6:55 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office. Ms. Hayman presided and called the meeting to order. On roll call Ms. Colleton, Ms. Graham, Mr. Metz, Ms. Livingston, Ms. Wilkerson, and Ms. Hayman answered present. Ms. Burns was absent. Dr. Witherspoon, Superintendent, Mr. Hawthorne, Assistant Superintendent/Principal, Mr. Stafford, Chief Financial Officer, Dr. Nguyen, Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Campbell, Assistant Director of Human Resources and Ms. Rapp, recorder, were also present.

2. Closed Session: At 6:57 p.m., under Sections 2C (1) Personnel, and 2C (21) Closed Session Minutes, of the Open Meetings Act, Ms. Colleton moved and Ms. Graham seconded the motion to move to closed session. All members present voted aye; nays, none. Motion carried.

3. Open Session - N-112

4. At 7:35 p.m. the Board returned to open session in N-112. On roll call Ms. Colleton, Ms. Graham, Mr. Metz, Mr. Michael-Schwartz, Ms. Livingston, Ms. Wilkerson, and Ms. Hayman answered present. Ms. Burns arrived at 7:40 p.m.

5. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 28, 2011. Ms. Livingston moved approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 28, 2011, Ms. Wilkerson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye; nays, none. Motion carried.

6. Written Communication – were circulated.

7. Introduction of Tenured Teachers

Director of Human Relations Toya Campbell introduced department chairs and administrators who in turn introduced the following teachers who received tenure:

Denise Chaitkin
Frank Consiglio
Cristina Cortesi
Cory Gilroy
Robert Gottlieb
Deborah Hansen
Kamasi Hill
Anitra Holloway-Nelson
Julie Mallory
John Mickelson
Stacey Nord
Jane Osmelak
Jamie Reinhardt
Sandra Sarmonpal
Michelle Vazquez

Ms. Hayman congratulated and thanked the tenured teachers. She is honored to see that these highly qualified teachers have chosen to work at ETHS.

8. Review of Board Elections and Oath of Office

Ms. Hayman asked Mr. Stafford to review the election results.

A. Presentation of Election Returns – Mr. Stafford presented the official canvassed results of the election from the Cook County Clerk's office. Mr. Metz – 3009; Mr.

Baum – 3366; Ms. Colleton – 2489; Mr. Rochelle – 3021 and Ms. Hansen 606.

B. Resolution Declaring Results of Election

Ms. Wilkerson moved approval of the RESOLUTION DECLARING RESULTS OF ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education, District 202, County of Cook, State of Illinois that the returns from the regular election held on the 5th day of April, 2011, in said high school district for the purpose of electing three members of the Board of Education of said district to serve full terms, be and the same are hereby canvassed and the results thereof from the returns of said election are as follows:

(Tally of votes included in the permanent minutes)

THEREFORE, the Board of Education finds and declares that the following are duly elected members of the Board of Education, each to serve full terms:

1. Jonathan K. Baum
2. Richard Scott Rochelle
3. Mark Metz

C. Oath of Office for Newly Elected Members – Mr. Stafford administered the oath of office to Mr. Baum, Mr. Rochelle and Mr. Metz.

D. Adjournment of Retiring Board *Sine Die*

Ms. Graham made the motion to retire the Board *Sine Die*. Ms. Wilkerson seconded the motion. On roll call Ms. Colleton, Ms. Graham, Mr. Metz, Ms. Livingston, Ms. Wilkerson, Ms. Burns and Ms. Hayman voted aye; nays, none. Motion carried.

9. Recognition of Retiring Board Members

Ms. Hayman stated that Mary Wilkerson and Jane Colleton have provided 32 years of dedicated service. Board members expressed their appreciation for all the good they have done for the school and the community, for sharing their wisdom and passion and their constant concern for all students. Administrators expressed their deep appreciation for the strong voices they brought on behalf of the youth of Evanston. They will be missed. Ms. Wilkerson and Ms. Colleton felt it was an honor to serve and both will continue work they have started with different committees.

10. Comments from the Public – Mr. Farmer, President of Teachers' Council, wished them both well on behalf of Teachers' Council. Ms. Robinson, President of the Support Staff, expressed appreciation for the work that Ms. Colleton and Ms. Wilkerson have done on behalf of ETHS.

11. Organization of the Board

Ms. Hayman asked Mr. Stafford to assume the role of *president pro term*. Mr. Stafford called the meeting of the new Board to order and asked for a roll call. Ms. Burns, Mr. Baum, Ms. Graham, Ms. Hayman, Ms. Livingston, Mr. Metz and Mr. Rochelle answered present.

A. Election of President – Mr. Stafford calls for nominations for the office of president of the Board of Education for a one-year term. Ms. Burns nominated Mr. Metz. Mr. Stafford asked if there are other nominations. There were none. Mr. Stafford closed the nominations and called for a voice vote. All members voted aye; nays, none. Mr. Metz was elected president and assumed the chair.

B. Election of Vice-President – Mr. Metz called for nominations for vice president for a one year term. Ms. Hayman nominated Ms. Burns. Mr. Metz asked if there were other nominations. Hearing none he closed the nominations and called for

a voice vote. All members voted aye; nays, none. Ms. Burns was elected vice president.

- C. Election of Secretary – Mr. Metz called for nomination of the Board Secretary for a one year term. Ms. Graham nominated Mr. Stafford. Mr. Metz closed the nominations and called for a voice vote. All members voted aye; nays, none. Mr. Stafford was elected Board Secretary.
 - D. Appointment of School Treasurer – Mr. Metz called for a motion to appoint Mary Rodino as the School Treasurer for a one year term with compensation of \$1000. Ms. Hayman made the motion and Ms. Graham seconded and Mr. Metz called for a voice vote. All members voted aye; nays, none. Motion carried, Ms. Rodino was appointed School Treasurer.
12. Annual Consent Agenda – Ms. Livingston made the motion that the Board approve the following resolutions:
- A. Resolution Ratifying Acts, Contracts, Policies and By-Laws
 - B. Resolution Designating Signatory
 - C. Resolution Regarding Check Signatures
 - D. Resolution Establishing Regular Meeting Dates and Place
 - E. Resolution Establishing Dates to Review Closed Session Minutes
Ms. Graham seconded the motion. All members voted aye; nays, none. Motion carried.
13. Review of Student Election and Oath of Office for Student Board Representative
- A. Resolution Declaring Results of Student Election – Mr. Stafford read the resolution declaring Jesse Chatz the Student Board of Education member for 2011-12.
 - B. Oath of Office for Student Board Member – Mr. Stafford administered the oath of office to Mr. Chatz.
 - C. Recognition of Retiring Student Board Member – Board members expressed appreciation for the work Mr. Michael-Schwartz has done on behalf of ETHS students and indicated that it was a pleasure serving with him. Mr. Michael-Schwartz thanked everyone and said it was an honor to serve beside people with such insight and dedication.
14. Regular Consent Agenda – Ms. Livingston made the motion to approve the following regular consent agenda:
- A. Approval of Bills for the period of March 25, 2011 through April 22, 2011 in the amount of one million, six hundred seventy-four thousand, six hundred sixty-six dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$1,674,666.58). And the Payroll runs of April 1, 2011 in the amount of one million seven hundred forty-five thousand, nine hundred twenty-six dollars and forty-nine cents (\$1,745,926.49); and the payroll run of April 15, 2011 in the amount of one million, seven hundred thirty-four thousand, seven hundred seventy-three dollars and forty-eight cents (\$1,734,773.48).
 - B. Approval of Treasurer's Reports for February and March, 2011
 - C. Approval of Textbook Adoptions and Deletions for 2011-12 – thirteen textbooks will be adopted for an expense to the district of \$42,990.38.

- D. Approval of IMRF Resolution for Employer Pick-Up
- E. Personnel
 - Professional Staff - Certificated*
 - Tenure
 - Appointments to Staff*
 - Administrator
 - Exempt
 - Teachers
 - Change in Status - Adjustment*
 - Teachers
 - Leave of Absence - Maternity*
 - Teacher
 - Secretary
 - Elimination of Positions*
 - Support Staff
 - Retirement*
 - Support Staff
 - Resignations*
 - Administrator
 - Support Staff
 - Addendum:*
 - Professional Staff – Certificated*
 - Tenure
- F. Approval of Cooling Tower Bid Award to Hill Mechanical Corporation at a cost not to exceed \$315,388. Hill Mechanical is a very reputable company and provided much of the mechanical work on the new wing of the Chicago Art Institute.
- G. Approval of General Construction Projects Bid to Nicholas Construction at a cost not to exceed \$605,000.

Mr. Baum asked Mr. Stafford to describe the details of the IMRF Resolution for Employer Pick-Up. Mr. Stafford explained that the resolution will make the employee portion of the pick-up tax free. This early retirement incentive is designed to reduce the work force. Some of the funds for the incentives are funded by stimulus money. The reductions in staff will amount to a savings to the district of \$500,000 to \$1 million over a two to five year period.

Ms. Graham made the comment that these retirements mean we will not have to make cuts in other areas at this time.

Ms. Graham seconded the motion. On roll call Hayman, Livingston, Graham, Burns, Rochelle, Baum and Metz voted aye; nays, none. Motion carried.

15. Board and Superintendent Reports

A. Committee Reports –

Ms. Livingston reported on the Lobby Day visit to Springfield. They discussed the outstanding bills that the state still owes to districts. The School Reform bill passed out of one house.

Ms. Graham said that summer projects were reviewed at the Curriculum Forum

meeting. The ETHS Foundation is holding the annual Golf and cocktail hour on June 12.

B. Superintendent's Report

ETHS senior Tamika Taylor is one of 300 high school students in the nation to receive a \$20,000 scholarship from the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation. Congratulations to the ETHS Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering team which came in 10th in the state. ETHS students Darcy Miller, Brianna Spencer, Savannah Turner and Misha Boutiller were honored at the 2011 Evanston Volunteer Recognition Reception. Also honored were Camielle Taylor, a Northwestern student, ETHS Alum & Volunteer Intern in the ETHS Communications office and Rebecca Swan, ETHS Volunteer and coordinator for Project EXCITE. The 2011 ETHS Parent Survey is now available online. The final incoming Freshman Parent Information meeting will be held on May 18th at St. Nicholas Church. PSAE make-up exams will be held on May 11 and 12th. Other important upcoming events were mentioned.

C. New Business –

Ms. Burns would like a copy of the Parent Survey. A link to the survey will be sent to Board members. Ms. Graham asked when they will receive results of the survey. The results should be reported to the Board by summer.

Ms. Livingston requested an update on suspension data. A discussion followed on how often the data should be reported. There have been two follow-up reports this year and final report planned for June. The consensus was that a detailed report at the end of each semester would be the most informative. There are some terms in the reports that Board members would like defined. One in particular is inappropriate behavior.

Ms. Graham commented on an article in the Round Table regarding preparing middle school students for 9th grade. She hopes that ETHS administrators will be involved.

Ms. Burns said that since the Board has made a commitment to Courageous Conversations should new Board members be required to participate in some training. Board members will think about a requirement for board training and discuss it at a later Board meeting.

D. Polling the Board

- Ms. Livingston attended the march against violence. It was moving to hear many students speak. *Hairspray* was fabulous.
- Ms. Burns congratulated the two new Board members and Mr. Chatz.
- Mr. Chatz is looking forward to his term on the Board and has many ideas.
- Ms. Hayman welcomed Mr. Baum, Mr. Rochelle and Mr. Chatz. She said she could go on and on with praise for *Hairspray*. The talent is broad, the stagecraft unbelievable, and kudos to everyone involved. She asked that Board members be informed about fundraisers so that they can participate in them.
- Ms. Graham asked why the musical is only one weekend. Dr. Witherspoon said factors include the cost of royalties, costume rental

and student schedules (testing is a major concern). Ms. Graham said the march against violence was a good opportunity to address the important issues of violence. Kudos to everyone involved in *Hairspray*, it was perfect for ETHS. She attended the Family Focus event where Dr. Witherspoon was honored.

- Mr. Baum said that *Hairspray* was great. He also attended the pancake breakfast for Haiti.
- Mr. Metz thanked Ms. Hayman for two years service as president of the Board of Education. He welcomed the two new Board members.

16. Adjournment

At 9:55 p.m. Mr. Metz said that there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. The next meeting will be held on May 23, 2011.