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### PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF WAUCONDA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 118 TO BE HELD AT 7:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2009 IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, 555 N. MAIN STREET, WAUCONDA, ILLINOIS (USE EVENTS ENTRANCE)

### AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA  
Items for discussion may be added to the agenda at the start of the meeting at the request of the Superintendent or any Board member upon majority approval of those members present.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF C.O.W. MEETING OF MAY 7, 2009.
6. RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE  
At this time members of the audience may address the Board regarding agenda items or any other item of interest. Each speaker will be asked to give their name and address for the record and will be limited to five minutes. Audience members wishing to speak during the meeting to a particular agenda item should raise their hand to be recognized at that time. It is the practice of the Board not to address issues pertaining to individual students or employees in open session. If you wish to address the Board on a matter pertaining to a specific student or employee, please submit your request in writing to the Board clerk before the conclusion of this meeting so that the Board can hear your comments in closed session. Thank you.
7. TECHNOLOGY PLAN 2009/10
8. SELECT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS GOALS UPDATE 2008/09
9. GRADUATION/PROMOTION EXERCISES 2010
10. SUBSTITUTE TEACHER COMPENSATION 2009/10
11. SEDOL BUDGET 2009/10
12. CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS UPDATE
13. REVISION TO BUDGET CALENDAR 2009/10
14. BOARD APPROVAL PROCESS FOR JUNE BILLS PAYABLE AND JUNE PAYROLL
15. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND BOARD MEETING PLANNING CALENDAR 2009/10
16. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IN ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS (IASB) 2009/10
17. BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION AT THE IASB JOINT ANNUAL CONFERENCE – NOVEMBER 2009
18. CLOSED SESSION
  - A. Matter Related to an Individual Student
  - B. Information Regarding the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or dismissal of Specific Employees
  - C. Review of Closed Session Minutes
19. ADJOURNMENT

DATED MAY 29, 2009

BRIAN SWANSON, SECRETARY

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Board of Education of Wauconda Community Unit School District 118 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2009 by John Armstrong, President.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Armstrong, Dato, Liddell, McHugh, Midkiff, Swanson, Weber

ABSENT:

OTHERS

PRESENT: M. Knigge, J. Feryance, D. Mikelski, Building Principals, Library Media Specialists

4. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MOTION: By McHugh second by Weber to adopt the agenda as presented.

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: By Dato second by Swanson to approve the minutes of the C.O.W. meeting of April 9, 2009 as presented.

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

6. RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

Wauconda Village Mayor, Mark Knigge, congratulated the newly elected and re-elected Board Members and extended the village's desire to continue to foster a positive working relationship with the district. Mr. Knigge spoke about his experience working with staff through community partnership programs, such as Reuse-A-Shoe, United Partnerships and Operation Click. Board Members offered their congratulations to the newly elected Mayor.

7. LINKING FOR LEARNING UPDATE

Dr. Coles stated that this presentation is an annual requirement of the Library Grant our district receives and introduced Mrs. Beltchenko.

Mrs. Beltchenko introduced the Library Media Specialists: S. Behn (WGS), A. Hodera (RCS), A. Sanecki (CCS), J. Szweda (WMS), and K. Stott (WHS). J. Janke (MMS) was unable to attend. Mrs. Beltchenko indicated that she meets with the Library Media Specialists on a regular basis. Mr. Cittadino also meets with them, as they are instrumental in implementing many of our new technology initiatives. Mrs. Beltchenko spoke about the new standards of excellence for school library media programs in Illinois and explained that they are ranked as to how they meet those standards. Mrs. Beltchenko reported that we received exemplary status for our library program and shared exactly what that means to the district and her pride in their work.

Ms. Sanecki spoke on behalf of the Library Media Specialists, offering their congratulations to Mrs. Beltchenko for being named Library Advocate of the Year through the North Suburban Library system.

An overview of the Battle of the Books was shared with the Board. The Library Media Specialists delivered a PowerPoint presentation on *Linking for Learning*. The Board complimented Mrs. Beltchenko and the Library Media Specialists on great job

#### 8. REVISION TO GRADES 6-12 MATH SEQUENCES FLOW CHART

Dr. Coles indicated that we are presenting a change to the math flow chart for grades 6-12 and will seek approval on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mrs. Beltchenko referenced the current flowchart and what is proposed for next school year. After meeting with middle school and high school math department staff, it was felt that it would be beneficial to add an additional layer of math at the high school level. Mrs. Beltchenko spoke about the proposed Algebra I + class and the rationale for adding this course. Discussion followed and Board Members raised questions regarding the differences between Algebra I vs. Algebra 1+, the placement of specific courses and the number of students taking 4 years of math.

Mrs. Beltchenko complimented the building principals for their input regarding this recommendation. Board direction was given to bring this item forward for approval.

#### 9. BOARD REVIEW OF JUNE 2009 COMMUNITY LINK BUDGET ARTICLE

Dr. Coles stated that as previously discussed, he feels it is time to share with the community, where we are in terms of the budget outlook. Dr. Coles asked for the Board's input regarding the article in the upcoming edition of the Community Link, indicating that he tried to explain school district finance, what we are facing and outline variables that may change our course.

Dr. Coles stated that Mr. Midkiff suggested changing the third paragraph on page 1 by inserting the words, "possible referendum," after new revenue sources. Mr. Midkiff thought this may entice the community to read on. The Board discussed this suggestion and a few ideas were shared. Overall the Board expressed positive comments and indicated that they felt this was important information for the school community.

Audience member, Jonathan Feryance, stated that he felt it was important for the community to know this information and made a suggestion to change the wording to be more positive in the beginning, enticing the reader to read on.

The Board directed Dr. Coles to move forward with the article for the June issue of the Community Link.

Dr. Coles thanked Mr. Harkin for his input and expertise and spoke about the possibility of the School Construction grant still coming through.

#### 10. REVIEW OF PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOKS 2009/10

Dr. Coles stated that due to a technological error, the handbooks were just provided to the Board in electronic format earlier today. Dr. Coles indicated that the Board should review them and contact him with any questions prior to the Business Meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Dr. Coles stated that we started the practice of formal adoption a few years ago at our attorneys' recommendation. Many documents included in the handbooks are already board policy, however, in certain situations we may want to cite the handbooks and it is a good practice that the board approves them each year. Each handbook has a disclaimer indicating that the wording can be changed at any time.

The District dress code was discussed. No other questions or comments from the Board at this time. The Board will review the draft handbooks during the next two weeks prior to the Business Meeting.

#### 11. UPDATE ON 2008/09 DISTRICT GOALS

Dr. Coles stated that this update will give the Board a thumbnail sketch of the progress made to date on the 2008/09 District goals. A majority of the goals are complete. Those listed with an "I" or In Process may be finished by the end of the current school year or may carry over to next year. Some goals are repeated each year.

Dr. Coles indicated he was pleased with where we are and the next update will take place at the August C.O.W. meeting. Dr. Coles spoke about the revised goals cycle pie chart.

Ms. Liddell inquired about the progress of the new Grade 6-8 Report Card and Mrs. Beltchenko provided an update.

Mr. Midkiff asked for clarification of the goals cycle, specifically when are next years goals formed. Dr. Coles provided clarification of the cycle.

#### 12. SUBMISSION OF IASB POSITION STATEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER CONFERENCE

Mr. Armstrong addressed the Board regarding the IASB Position Statements, noting that the deadline for submission of amendments or new Resolutions is June 24, 2009.

Mr. Armstrong spoke about the work of the Resolutions Committee and the process they follow.

#### 13. CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: By Weber second by McHugh to go into Closed Session at 8:05 p.m. in order to discuss Information Regarding the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees.

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

MOTION: By McHugh second by Weber to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

#### 14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: By McHugh second by Dato to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

VOTE: All members present voted aye.