

Meeting of the Board of Education  
Country Club Hills School District 160  
Tuesday, February 21, 2016

Southwood Middle School  
18635 S. Lee Street  
Country Club Hills, Illinois

The meeting was called to order by President Young at 6:00 p.m. Upon roll call, members Thurman, Swain, Giles, Hutson, and Young were found to be present. Ms. Doss arrived at 6:03 p.m. and Ms. Allen arrived at 6:24 p.m. Also in attendance: Superintendent, Dr. Thomas, Director of Human Resources, Ms. Miller and Recording Secretary, Ms. Taylor.

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The assembly participated in the Pledge of Allegiance and District Pledge.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Closed Session**

At 6:02 p.m., it was moved by Ms. Hutson, seconded by Ms. Swain, that the Board recess to closed session to consider information regarding: (1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District; (2) imminent or probable Litigation; Upon roll call vote, the following members voted *aye*: Thurman, Swain, Giles, Hutson, and Young. Motion carried.

**Recess to Closed Session**

At 7:07 p.m., it was moved by Ms. Thurman, seconded by Ms. Swain, that the Board reconvene to open session. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted *aye*: Thurman, Swain, Giles, Doss, Hutson, Allen and Young. Motion carried.

**Reconvene to Open Session**

Upon President Young’s recommendation, it was moved by Ms. Thurman, seconded by Ms. Giles, that the Board of Education, School District 160, Country Club Hills, Cook County, Illinois, does hereby approve the agenda for the meeting of February 21, 2017. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted *aye*: Swain, Thurman, Allen, Giles, Hutson, Doss and Young. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Dr. Lawrence recognized the students that participated in the Spelling Bee. Dylan Rogers was the District winner and received recognition from SCRIPPS.

**Presentation:  
District Spelling Bee Recognition**

Mrs. Miller provided a presentation on the events of the District for the second quarter.

**Presentation:  
District Events**

Dr. Hill, Principal of Meadowview School, presented to the Board of Education and Administration, the School Improvement Plan.

**Presentation:  
Meadowview School Improvement  
Plan**

**Approval of Minutes  
and Financial Statements**

It was moved by Ms. Doss, seconded by Ms. Swain, that the Board of Education, School District 160, Country Club Hills, Cook County, Illinois, does hereby approve the open and closed minutes of its Business Meeting of January 17, 2017, its Special Meeting of January 31, 2017 and its Committee of the Whole meeting of February 7, 2017. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted *aye*: Swain, Thurman, Allen, Giles, Hutson, Doss and Young. Motion carried.

**Minutes of Meetings**

It was moved by Ms. Thurman, seconded by Ms. Giles, that the Board of Education, School District 160, Country Club Hills, Cook County, Illinois, does hereby approve the disbursement journal—including imprest, accounts payable and payroll expenditures—for February 21, 2017, and does thereby authorize payment of expenses itemized therein, to wit:

**Disbursement Journal for  
February 21, 2017**

Fund

Education	\$	245,477.46
IMRF Fund	\$	0
Operations/Maintenance	\$	111,196.87

Transportation	\$	151,923.73
Bonds & Interest	\$	750.00
Capital Projects Fund	\$	0
Tort Immunity Fund	\$	71,721.57
Fire Life Safety Fund	\$	855.00
<u>Total Accounts Payable</u>	\$	<u>581,924.63</u>

Payrolls

01/13/17	\$	202,120.98
01/27/17	\$	211,938.22

Total Payrolls \$ 414,059.20

Total Disbursement Journal \$ 995,983.83

Upon roll call vote, the following members voted *aye*: Swain, Thurman, Allen, Giles, Hutson, Doss and Young. Motion carried.

It was moved by Ms. Allen, seconded by Ms. Giles, that the Board of Education, School District 160, Country Club Hills, Cook County, Illinois, does hereby receive and cause to be placed on file financial statements—Summary of Fund Balance, Statement of Position, Statement of Revenue Accounts, and Statement of Expenditure Accounts—for the month ended January 31, 2017. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted *aye*: Swain, Thurman, Allen, Giles, Hutson, Doss and Young. Motion carried.

Financial Statements for the  
Period Ended January 31, 2017

**Reports of the  
Board of Education**

**Committee of the Whole**

Ms. Doss stated as the business chair, the committee met on February 7<sup>th</sup> and discussed facility projects, the board travel policy, expenditure reports, the superintendent evaluation, policies, and hiring updates and assignments.

**President's Report**

Dr. Young apologized to the employees of the District that communications aren't always reaching the board. Communication to the board can be via email or phone, as access information is located on the website.

**Report of the Superintendent of  
Schools—Action Items**

Upon Superintendent Thomas' recommendation, it was moved by Ms. Hutson, seconded by Ms. Doss that the Board of Education, School District 160, Country Club Hills, Cook County, Illinois, does hereby approve the resignation of Dr. Viola Wiley, 3rd Grade Teacher, Zenon Sykuta School, for the purpose of retirement, effective the close of the 2017-2018 school year. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted *aye*: Swain, Thurman, Allen, Giles, Hutson, Doss and Young. Motion carried.

Resignation for the purpose of  
retirement – Dr. Viola Wiley

Upon Superintendent Thomas' recommendation, it was moved by Ms. Thurman, seconded by Ms. Giles that the Board of Education, School District 160, Country Club Hills, Cook County, Illinois, does hereby approve the employment of Stephanie Cheers, as a Music Teacher, Southwood Middle School, Step 4, Lane 1: \$38,697, prorated based on start date. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted aye: Swain, Thurman, Allen, Giles, Hutson, Doss and Young. Motion carried.

Employment – Stephanie Cheers

Upon Superintendent Thomas' recommendation, it was moved by Ms. Hutson, seconded by Ms. Thurman that the Board of Education, School District 160, Country Club Hills, Cook County, Illinois, does hereby adopt the following revised and/or new policy:

Board of Education Policies - Adopt

Press Issue 93

2:125, Board Member Compensation; Expenses

Upon roll call vote, the following members voted aye: Swain, Thurman, Allen, Giles, Hutson, Doss and Young. Motion carried.

Upon Superintendent Thomas' recommendation, it was moved by Ms. Swain, seconded by Ms. Giles that the Board of Education, School District 160, Country Club Hills, Cook County, Illinois, does hereby approve Mr. David's Flooring, as the lowest responsible bidder for the Base Bid plus alternate 1, for the maple wood floor system at Southwood Middle School, in the amount of \$118,138.00, as stated in a bid opening held on January 27, 2017, and as attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Ms. Hutson asked about the quality of work and Ms. Austin along with the architects stated that it was specialty flooring that will be laid by those qualified. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted aye: Swain, Thurman, Allen, Giles, Hutson, Doss and Young. Motion carried.

Approval of Gymnasium Floor Replacement Work Bid

Ms. Thurman stepped out of the meeting to speak with Nurse Brown.

Upon Superintendent Thomas' recommendation, it was moved by Ms. Hutson, seconded by Ms. Doss that the Board of Education, School District 160, Country Club Hills, Cook County, Illinois, does hereby adopt Resolution 16-422, Resolution to Regulate the Reimbursement of all Travel Expenses for Board Members and Employees of Country Club Hills School District 160. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted aye: Swain, Allen, Giles, Hutson, Doss and Young. Motion carried.

Resolution 16-422, Resolution to Regulate the Reimbursement of all Travel Expenses for Board Members and Employees of Country Club Hills School District 160

Upon Superintendent Thomas' recommendation, it was moved by Ms. Swain, seconded by Ms. Thurman that the Board of Education, School District 160, Country Club Hills, Cook County, Illinois, does hereby adopt Resolution 16-423, Designating and Directing the Superintendent to prepare the 2017-2018 Budget in Tentative Form. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted aye: Swain, Allen, Giles, Hutson, Doss and Young. Motion carried.

Resolution 16-423, Designating and Directing the Superintendent to prepare the 2017-2018 Budget in Tentative Form

Upon Superintendent Thomas' recommendation, it was moved by Ms. Swain, seconded by Ms. Allen that the Board of Education, School District 160, Country Club Hills, Cook County, Illinois, does hereby adopt Resolution No. 16-426, Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$6,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2017A, of School District Number 160, Cook County, Illinois, for the purpose of improving the sites of and altering, repairing and equipping school buildings and facilities, the pledge of certain revenues to the payment of principal and interest on said bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay such principal and interest if the pledged revenues are insufficient to make such payment and authorizing the proposed sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted aye: Swain, Allen, Giles, Hutson, Doss and Young. Motion carried.

Resolution 16-426, Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$6,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds

Upon Superintendent Thomas’ recommendation, it was moved by Ms. Hutson, seconded by Ms. Giles, that the Board of Education, School District 160, Country Club Hills, Cook County, Illinois, does hereby approve Resolution No. 16-427 - Resolution to Provide for the Issuance of a Notice to Remedy to Kendrick Wesley. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted aye: Swain, Thurman, Allen, Giles, Hutson, Doss and Young. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 16-427, Teacher Notice to Remedy

**Recognition of Public**

Upon President Young’s recommendation, it was moved by Ms. Hutson, seconded by Ms. Thurman, that the public forum part of Recognition of Public be opened. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted aye: Swain, Thurman, Allen, Giles, Hutson, Doss and Young. Motion carried.

Public Forum—Opened

- Margo Brown inquired if the buildings will be open during construction, the board responded no.
- Robyn Washington IEA Representative asked if she can be placed on the next board agenda.

Noting that all members of the audience who wished to address the Board were offered the opportunity, and upon Dr. Young’s recommendation, it was moved by Ms. Thurman, seconded by Ms. Swain, that the public forum part of Recognition of Public be closed. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted aye: Swain, Thurman, Allen, Giles, Hutson, Doss and Young. Motion carried.

Public Forum—Closed

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools—Information Items**

Dr. Thomas reported:

Dr. Thomas recognized all certified staff with perfect attendance for the month of January. Mrs. Ronneisha Hunt-Jackson’s name was drawn for the gift card.

Perfect Attendance – Certified Staff

**Perfect Attendance Recognition**

JANUARY PERFECT ATTENDANCE – (32)

STAFF MEMBER	SCHOOL	STAFF MEMBER	SCHOOL	STAFF MEMBER	SCHOOL
JAMIE BASILE	MV	ANGELICA FAITH	MV	MICHELLE HARRIS	MV
RONNEISHA HUNT-JACKSON	MV	VALERIE HUTSON	MV	MARIA JANKOWSKI	MV
NATALIE JOHNSON	MV	STEVEN MORTON	MV	ANTHONY PETELLA	MV
MELISSA RODRIGUEZ	MV	SONJA SANDOVAL	MV	CHRISTOPHER SMITH	MV/SW
MELISSA WOJCIK	MV	DORIS BLACKWELL	SW	JASON CUEVAS	SW
DARLENE MILLER-MCCRAY	SW	DAVID POPE	SW	GEORGE HILER	SW
CARRIE WOSZ	SW	ELIZABETH SHINOVICH	SW		
KIMBERLY FRASHER	ZS	SHERLYN ATKINSON	ZS	LINDA BERDELL	ZS
KIMBERLY CRISP	ZS	VERNECIA DAVIS	ZS	MARY LANOUE	ZS
DANIELLE MONTIJO	ZS	HUYEN NGUYEN	ZS	JOSEPH PETRAITIS	ZS
LATONYA WALKER	ZS	STEPHANIE WIDEMAN	ZS	LISA JUNGER	DISTRICT

Dr. Thomas recognized all certified staff with perfect attendance for the month of January. Mrs. Ronneisha Hunt-Jackson’s name was drawn for the gift card.

Winter Parent University

Dr. Thomas informed the board of the upcoming IASB South Cook Division Meetings: IASB South Cook Division Meetings

February 25, 2017 - Understanding the Implications of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

March 9, 2017 - Responding to the Budgetary and Funding Impacts of Illinois (Plus, Pre-Meeting: Briefing for Candidates

Dr. Thomas listed the District events for the month of March. District Events - March

The state has determined that the School District will be responsible for making arrangements for the testing of lead. Lead Testing

The Board of Education has determined not to host a community forum for candidates. Community Forum for Candidates

**Supplementary Reports—  
Administration**

Mrs. Volpe was absent. Director of Student Services

Dr. Lawrence asked if there were any questions on the report that she provided the Board. There were no questions. Assistant Superintendent of CIT

Mrs. Austin asked if there were any questions on the report that she provided the Board. There were no questions. Director of Business Operations

Mrs. Miller asked if there were any questions on the report that she provided the Board. There were no questions. Director of HR, PR & Grant Writing

A special meeting will be held on March 2, 2017. The approval of the Crisis Plans will be added to the agenda and the discussion of the calendar drafts A & B will be held. Superintendent of Schools

**Supplementary Reports –  
Board of Education**

Discipline data has been included in the Board Packet

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Ms. Allen, seconded by Ms. Swain, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted aye: Upon roll call vote, the following members voted aye: Swain, Thurman, Allen, Giles, Hutson, Doss and Young. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education